

JOSEPH IS TESTED

Introduction: God tested Joseph in at least four areas to show that he was qualified to be the leader that would bring His people into Egypt where they would live for 400 years and become a nation.

Lesson Aim: Accept the tests of God to make you a good servant in His sovereign plan.

Bible Verse: " Study (be diligent) to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed" (2 Tim 2:15).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Joseph Tested in Relation to Morality - 39:1-23 Cross out the wrong word(s) in the statements and give the right word(s) at the end of the statement.

1. Pharaoh bought Joseph from the Ishmaelites. 39:1 _____
2. Joseph's master saw the LORD made all his dreams come true. 39:3 _____
3. Joseph's master left most of what he had in his hand. 39:6 _____
4. The wife of Joseph's master wanted him to drink wine with her. 39:7 _____
5. Joseph refused his master's wife, because it would be a sin against his master. 39:9 _____
6. His master's wife put Joseph in prison. 39:19-20 _____
7. The keeper of the prison gave Joseph the worst treatment of the prisoners. 39:22-23 _____

II. Joseph Tested in Relation to Tenacity - 40:1-23

8. The king's _____ and _____ had offended him and he cast them into prison. 40:1-3
9. _____ was put in charge of them. 40:4
10. Each man had a _____ one night, but they were _____. 40:5-6
11. They were unhappy because they had no one to _____ their _____. 40:8
12. Joseph said that interpretations belong to _____; he urged them to reveal their _____. 40:8
13. The _____ was first to reveal his _____ to Joseph and he said it meant that he would be _____ to his former position in _____ days. 40:9-13
14. Joseph asked the _____ to _____ on him and speak to the Pharaoh of him. 40:14
15. On Pharaoh's _____ the _____ was restored to his former position. 40: 20-21
16. The _____ did not _____ Joseph, but _____ him. 40:23

III. Joseph Tested in Relation to Humility - 41:1-57

17. At the end of _____ full years, Pharaoh had a dream about 7 fat _____ and 7 thin _____. 41:1-4
18. Pharaoh had a second dream. How was it like his first dream? 41:5-7
19. Who told Pharaoh that Joseph could interpret dreams? 41:9-13
20. What was God telling Pharaoh in his dreams? 41:25-31
21. Why did God give Pharaoh two dreams? 41:32
22. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh to do? 41:33-36
23. Why did Pharaoh make Joseph second in command of Egypt? 41:39
24. What did Joseph do during his first seven years as a ruler in Egypt? 41:46-49

IV. Joseph Tested in Relation to Authority - 42:1-38

25. Why didn't Benjamin go with his brothers to Egypt? 42:3-4
26. What did his brothers do when they saw Joseph, but didn't know him? 42:6; cf 37:6-10
27. What did Joseph say his brothers were? 42:9, 14
28. How were the brothers to prove that they were honest men? 42:15-20
29. How did Joseph know God was pricking their consciences? 42:21-23
30. How did Joseph show kindness to his brothers? 42:25

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