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**Year 4 Bible Study Genesis Chapter 39, 40, 41**

**For the questions below Highlight or change the font colour to choose the correct answer.**

* Monday : Read **Genesis 39: 1-23** and answer the questions:

****Joseph a Slave in Egypt**

*1Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. 2The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3And his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. 4So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. 5So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6Thus he left all that he had in Joseph’s hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate.*

**Question 1**

What important job did Potiphar give Joseph? 

*8But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. 9There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”…………………………..But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. 13And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, .................................................16So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. 17Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; 18so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside.”*

*19So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me after this manner,” that his anger was aroused. 20Then Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king’s prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. 21But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.*

**Question 2**

1. Did Joseph agree to sin with Potiphar’s wife?
2. How did Potiphar punish Joseph?

**Question 3**

Did Joseph continue to be successful when he was in prison? Which verse in the passage supports your answer?

* Tuesday: Read **Genesis 40: 1-15** and answer the questions:

### The Prisoners’ Dreams

 *1 It came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. 2And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker. 3So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. 4And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.*

*5Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man’s dream in one night and each man’s dream with its own interpretation. 6And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. 7So he asked Pharaoh’s officers who were with him in the custody of his lord’s house, saying, “Why do you look so sad today?”*

*8And they said to him, “We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.”*

**Question 4**

What reason did the prisoners give to Joseph for looking sad one morning?

1. They missed their jobs
2. They wanted to get out of prison
3. They didn’t have an interpreter to give them the meaning of their dreams

**Joseph interprets a dream for the chief butler**

*9Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, “Behold, in my dream a vine was before me, 10and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. 11Then Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.”*

*12And Joseph said to him, “This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. 13Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. 14But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. 15For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.”*

**Question 5**

Fill in the missing words

In the butler’s dream, there were branches on the vine & the butler pressed the

grapes in

* Wednesday :Read **Genesis 40: 16-23** and answer the questions:

**Joseph interprets a dream for the chief baker**

*16When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, “I also was in my dream, and there were three white baskets on my head. 17In the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.”*

*18So Joseph answered and said, “This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days. 19Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you.”*

**Question 6**

Again the 3 baskets symbolise three days, but what does Joseph say will happen to the baker in three days?

a) He will return to his old job in the palace

b) He will be hung and birds will feed on his head

c) He will remain in prison and feed the birds

**Joseph interpretations of the dreams come true**

*20Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. 21Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand. 22But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.*

**Question 7**

After the dreams become a reality and the baker is killed and the butler returns to his role working for Pharaoh, what does the butler forget to tell Pharaoh as Joseph had asked him? (This relates back to verses 14-15)

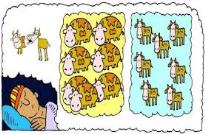
a) To spare the baker’s life

b) About Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams

c) That Joseph was wrongfully imprisoned

* Thursday :Read **Genesis 41: 1-13** and answer the questions:

**Pharaoh’s dream**

*****1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river. 2Suddenly there came up out of the river seven cows, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow. 3Then behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ugly and gaunt, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river. 4And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke. 5He slept and dreamed a second time; and suddenly seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good. 6Then behold, seven thin heads, blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them. 7And the seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads. So Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, it was a dream. 8Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.*

**Pharoah calls for Joseph**

*9Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: “I remember my faults this day. 10When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, 11we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. 13And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.”*

*14Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. 15And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.”*

*16So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”*

**Question 8**

*Remember back in last week’s Bible Study when we read about the bulter. This was the same butler in chapter 40 who was in prison with Joseph. He had dreamed a dream and Joseph had told him its meaning which later came true. Joseph hadn’t asked for anything in return but to be remembered and only now did the butler remember him before Pharoah!*

Do you think it was all part of God’s plan that the butler had met Joseph in prison and was now speaking of him before the Pharoah?

* Friday : Read **Genesis 41: 17-36** and answer the questions:

**Joseph interprets dream for Pharoah**

*17Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: “Behold, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river. 18Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow. 19Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt. 20And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows. 21When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were just as ugly as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly seven heads came up on one stalk, full and good. 23Then behold, seven heads, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them. 24And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads. So I told this to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.”*

*25Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do: 26The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years; the dreams are one. 27And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine. 28This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. 29Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; 30but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. 31So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. 32And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.*

**Do you know what is meant by famine?**

It means a severe food shortage. This can be caused by lack of rain to help crops (fruit and vegetables) grow. There is very little or no grass to feed the animals.

**Question 9**

Joseph was the only one who could interpret the dreams because God revealed to Joseph what they meant.

In Pharoah’s dream what did the animals and the wheat in the picture below represent?

**Seven heads of good full wheat**



**Seven thin ugly cows**



**Seven heads of withered, thin wheat**

**Seven thin ugly cows**

Seven good cows

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| **Seven thin ugly cows(**Hint: Verse 27) |  |
| **Seven good cows (**Hint: Verse 26) |  |
| **Seven heads of withered, thin wheat (**Hint: Verse 27) |  |
| **Seven heads of good full wheat(**Hint: Verse 26) |  |

**Question 10**

Joseph is very clear in his explanation of the dream. He continually points to God and takes no credit for himself. His ability to interpret dreams was a GIFT from God and he used it for His Glory as we read here.

What other gifts does God give to his people?

Read I Corinthians 12:8-10 below

*8for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.*

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of healings
5. Working of Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Distinguishing between spirits
8. Different kinds of tongues(language)
9. Interpretation of tongues(language

Through whom are these gifts given?

**Joseph gives Pharoah advice of how to prepare for the famine.**

*33“Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. 35And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”*

**Question 11**

Joseph was a very young man compared to the honourable Pharoah and here he is giving him advice! Amazing what we can become in the hand of God!

What does Joseph advise Pharoah to do in order to prepare for the famine?

1. leave everything to God and sit back
2. tell the people to flee Egypt and find food for themselves
3. appoint a wise man to collect enough food over the seven plentiful years to provide for the people over the seven years of famine
4. tell the people to store up food for themselves

* Saturday: Read **Genesis 41: 37-49** and answer the questions:

### Joseph’s Rise to Power

*37So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”*

*39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In as much as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” 41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”*

*42Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” 45And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.*

*46Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. 48So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. 49Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.*

**Question 12**

Why did Pharoah choose Joseph?

1. he was wise
2. he was discerning
3. in him was the Spirit of God
4. all of the above

* Saturday: Read **Genesis 41: 50-57** and answer the questions:

**Joseph has children**

*50And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. 51Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: “For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father’s house.” 52And the name of the second he called Ephraim: “For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.”*

**The famine was severe in all lands**

*53Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, 54and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.” 56The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. 57So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands.*

**Question 13**

Joseph had soon become the most important man in all the land and all people were coming from near and far to seek bread in the famine.

Did Pharoah trust Joseph or was he worried he would take his place?

**What to do when you finish your Bible Study.**

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