

"The Lord was with Him"
Genesis 39

v. 1a Q. Where was Joseph taken?

A.

v. 1b Q. Who is his new master and why is this important?

A.

1. Potiphar was in a place of _____ authority.
2. Potiphar was the head of Pharaoh's _____.

v. 2 Q. What do we learn about Joseph?

A.

1. The Lord was _____ with him in all he did.
2. This was the _____ of his prosperity.
3. His prosperity brought him from the regular _____
_____ into the _____.

vv. 3-4 Q. What impact did the above have on others?

A.

1. The master saw that a _____ hand was upon him.

Note: The use of the LORD (_____ – covenant name) would not have been used by Potiphar. This is from a _____ perspective.

Rashi says, "the name of his God was _____ in his mouth." He spoke of him often in a public manner – _____.

From an Egyptian perspective, the language would probably be closer to what Nebuchadnezzar will use for _____, i.e., “the _____ of the gods is in you.” (Dan. 5:14). [Polytheistic]

2. Potiphar recognized that it was his god that gave him _____.
3. Joseph received _____ treatment because of this.
4. Joseph was brought into a _____ position – his attendant.
5. Joseph was put in _____ of Potiphar’s household.
6. Potiphar _____ him with everything he owned.

v. 5 Q. What is the significance of the descriptions? Cp. 12:2-3.

- A. Further affirmation/_____ that the Lord is blessing Joseph because of the divine _____, and in connection – all that Potiphar owns.

v. 6a Q. What was the result of the blessing?

- A. Potiphar trusted Joseph _____ in that the only thing he worried about was deciding what he was going to _____.

v. 6b Q. How was Joseph like Pastor Dan?

- A.

Note: This is the only time that a _____ description of a man is given in this way. Other citations of such were given of _____ and _____. Such notations usually lead to trouble.

v. 7 Q. How did this get Joseph in trouble?

A. He caught the _____ eye of the lady of the house, and she gave him an _____ invitation.

v. 8a Q. How did Joseph respond to the seductress?

A.

vv. 8b-10 Q. What three reasons does Joseph give for his refusal?

A.

1. He was not willing to break the _____ Potiphar has in him to administrate all he has.
2. Even though Joseph has a _____ privilege, Potiphar's wife is _____ of those privileges.
3. This would be a _____ against God.

Q. The Ten Commandments of God prohibiting adultery would be another 300 years coming so how can this be a "sin before God"?

Answer: We have already seen in the example of both Abraham and Isaac that "_____" seemed to be a _____ societal contract with boundaries. In other words, the pagans, seem to recognize what God formed in the beginning as a _____ institution that should not be violated. This is what Joseph is referring to.

Note: This is the only time that the name “_____” is used. It speaks of God's _____/power over His creation.

v. 10 Q. What is indicated in the verse?

A. She repeatedly tried to _____ him, and he repeatedly _____ her.

v. 11 Q. What opportunity presented itself?

A. Joseph found himself _____ in the house with her.

v. 12 Q. What did Potiphar's wife do?

A. She took _____ of the situation and, unfortunately for Joseph, ended up with potential _____ evidence in her hand.

vv. 13-14 Q. What do you notice about the accusation?

A.

1. She started by tapping into a larger _____ to arouse a greater _____ and for personal _____. [Hebrew]
2. Then...she makes the personal _____.

Note: This is the first time since _____ (14:13) that the ethnic terminology of “_____” is used. It will not be used again until the birth of _____ and the Exodus.

vv. 15-16 Q. What is central to the accusation?

A.

Q. What is ironic about this?

A. It was a _____ (coat) that got him in this mess.

vv. 17-18 Q. What do you notice in terms of her words to her husband?

A. The accusation is about _____ but more aptly directed toward her _____.

Why? Because Potiphar _____ brought the "insult" by bringing a man who would not _____ to her whims.

v. 19 Q. What was Potiphar's response?

A.

Note: Speculation exists that Potiphar's _____ was not directed to Joseph but toward his _____ who, in falsely accusing Joseph, lost her husband a great _____. Evidence of this exists in that he did not have Joseph immediately _____ – which would have been the case. But to save face, Potiphar removed him.

v. 20a Q. Where did Potiphar place him?

A.

v. 20b-21 Q. What common theme emerges?

A.

v. 22 Q. How did that work out in a practical way?

A. The same _____ with the warden as he had with Potiphar – place of _____ – accept he's in prison.

v. 23 Q. What was the source of Joseph's blessings?

A. His _____ - _____ God.

Application questions:

Q. How do we resolve the issue of God blessing someone by apparently causing/allowing great tribulation in their lives?

A.

Q. What do we need to remember about God in this particular context?

A.

Q. How does our blessing in such difficult times become our witness?

A.

Q. How is this witness reflected in our public refusal to sin against others and God?

A.