

Genesis 41:25-33, 37-40, 50-52

Love versus Bitterness

1. Joseph went into Egypt as a **s**_____ .

 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar (*PAHT ih fuhr*), an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites (*ISH mee uh lights*), which had brought him down thither.

Genesis 39:1 (KJV)

2. Who was the number **2** person in charge of Potiphar's Palace?

 And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

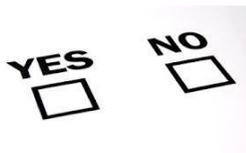
Genesis 39:5 (KJV)

3. How did Potiphar react when his wife lied to him that Joseph tried to sexually assault her? _____

 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

Genesis 39:19 (KJV)

4. Are you surprised that Potiphar opted to place Joseph in prison instead of having him executed?



 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

Genesis 39:20 (KJV)

5. Who was the number ② person in charge of the king's prison?

 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.
Genesis 39:23 (KJV)

6. Generally, when a person is placed in prison, what is the first question they ask? _____

 ¹³ Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. ¹⁴ But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:
Genesis 40:13-14 (KJV)

7. Why do you think it took ② years before the chief butler mentioned Joseph's name to Pharaoh? _____

 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.
Genesis 41:1 (KJV)

8. Why do you think God decided to show the Pharaoh what He was about to do? _____

 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.
Genesis 41:25 (KJV)

9. Give the interpretation of the Pharaoh's dreams by completing the chart.

The Pharaoh's Dreams	
Seven Good Cows	
Seven Good Ears of Corn	
Seven Thin and Ugly Cows	
Seven Empty Ears of Corn	

 ²⁶ The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one. ²⁷ And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.
Genesis 41:26-27 (KJV)

10. When the seven years of famine come, tell how the people will view the past seven years of plenty. _____

 ²⁹ Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: ³⁰ And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
Genesis 41:29-30 (KJV)

 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous.
Genesis 41:31 (KJV)

11. Why was the Pharaoh given **2** dreams referring to the same situation?

 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
Genesis 41:32 (KJV)

12. What advice did Joseph *recommend* to the Pharaoh as a solution to the forthcoming problem? _____

 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.
Genesis 41:33 (KJV)

13. How did the Pharaoh and the people respond to Joseph's recommendation? _____

 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.
Genesis 41:37 (KJV)

14. Give the theological perspective of the Egyptian people.

a. Monotheism

b. Polytheism

 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?
Genesis 41:38 (KJV)

15. Give the difference between *Persons of Faith* and *Christians*.

Persons of Faith believe in a higher spiritual authority.

Christians believe in a higher spiritual authority and that authority is _____

 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none so discreet and wise as thou art.*
Genesis 41:39 (KJV)

16. Who was the number **2** person in charge of the affairs in Egypt?

 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.
Genesis 41:40 (KJV)

17. What does the name *Manasseh* mean? _____

 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh (*muh NASS uh*): For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.
Genesis 41:51 (KJV)

18. What does the name *Ephraim* mean?

 And the name of the second called he Ephraim (*EE fra ihm*): For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.
Genesis 41:52 (KJV)

19. Circle the persons that you think Joseph was presented with the opportunity to become **bitter** toward.

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| •Jacob | •Potiphar | •Potiphar's Wife | • Pharaoh |
| •Joseph Brothers | • Pharaoh's Butler | •God | |

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²⁸ This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

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Genesis 41:37-40 (KJV)

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Genesis 41:50-52 (KJV)

⁵⁰ And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath (*ASS eh nath*) the daughter of Poti-pherah (*poh TIH-fih ruh*) priest of On bare unto him.

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