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#8, What's next? – Gen 39:1-23

When God wants something to happen, it's going to happen, and He can designate what ever or who ever He wants to accomplish it!

Joseph was God's selection! Last lesson we saw him sold as a slave into an unknown land. Now, what's next?

### Genesis chapter 39

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

2 The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

[1.] v:1, down to Egypt, **How** would it add to Joseph's troubles if he didn't understand the spoken language?

[2.] v:2, successful man, **Why** shouldn't Joseph just fight what is happening, rebel and kick up a fuss?

**officer**, OT:5631 (saw-reece'); from an unused root meaning to castrate; a eunuch; by implication, valet (especially of the female apartments), and thus, a minister of state: KJV - chamberlain, eunuch, officer. Compare OT:7249.

**bodyguard**, OT:2876 (*tab-bawkh*'); from OT:2873; properly, a butcher; hence, a lifeguardsman (because he was acting as an executioner); also a cook (usually slaughtering the animal for food): KJV - cook, guard.

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

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Gen 39:3, Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. 5 It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the Lord's blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. 6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

7 It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. 9 " There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

10 As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her or be with her. 11 Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. 12 She caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

[3.] v:3-6, As Potiphar watched and experienced Joseph's work, what was going on?

[4.] v:6, Joseph was handsome in form and appearance, **Right out of the blocks things were working out for Joseph. How could this fact matter?**

[5.] v:7-9, this great evil, **If Joseph was in the wrong here, how might he have corrected the problem before it happened?**

[6.] v:10-12, the men of the household, **Write your description of these guys and describe their probable duties.**

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13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed. 15 "When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside." 16 So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. 17 Then she spoke to him with these words, " The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; 18 and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

19 Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, " This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned.

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

[7.] v:10-12 again, So you are Joseph. From the following, choose the best way you can avoid this situation is:

- a) Stay out of the house.
- b) Clue Potipher in on the problem.
- c) Wear tighter fitting clothes.
- d) Make sure the men of the household follow you around.

[8.] v:10-12 again, You probably don't want to think this way but, . . . Who is allowing what?

[9.] v:13-18, Suppose you had to counsel this gal. What's her real problem?

- a) Wants something to tell the neighbors over the back fence.
- b) Hates Jews.
- c) Lack of attention by her husband.
- d) Wanted to converse with the men of the household.

[10.] v:19, heard the words, Describe how the master was diligent to hear both sides of the story?

[11.] v:20, put him into the jail, From what we know so far, why didn't Potipher just execute Joseph?

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21 But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

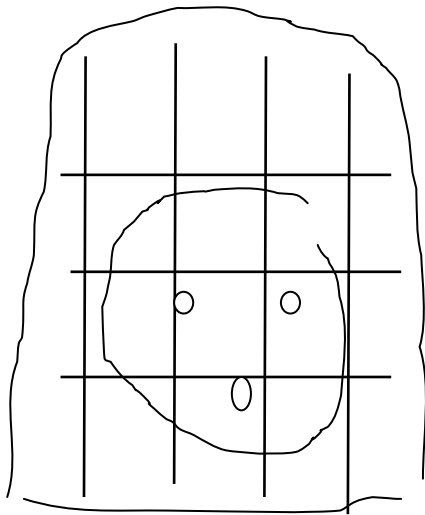
22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.

23 The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper.

[12.] v:21, gave him favor, **Be honest now, if you were Joseph would you have noticed a pattern developing here?**

[13.] v:22, chief jailer, **Noticing the same thing as Potiphar, what action did he take?**

[14.] v:23, "prosper". **This is the same word that is used in Ps 1:3. Look at the context of Ps.1 and describe to whom it applies.**



What could possibly happen to me next? Where is all this leading?