



GENESIS
Chapters 39–41: Pharaoh’s Dreams

Chapter 39– Joseph Seduced

1 **Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt** – See Gen. 37:36 This Pharaoh was probably Sesostris II (1897-1879 B.C.).

Chronology From Joseph To Exodus

1446	Year of the Exodus from Egypt
<u>+430</u>	Year the Israelites were in Egypt
1876	Year Jacob and his family moved to Egypt (after 2 years of famine; Gen. 45:6)
<u>+ 2</u>	Portion of the seven-year famine before Jacob moved to Egypt (Gen. 45:6)
1878	Year the seven-year famine began
<u>+ 7</u>	Years of abundance
1885	Year Joseph was taken out of prison and made second-in-command (at age 30; Gen. 41:47)
<u>+ 13</u>	Years Joseph was at Potiphar’s house and in prison
1898	Year Joseph was sold to Egypt (at age 17; Gen. 37:2, 28)

9 **How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?** – See Psalm 51:4, 1Corinthians 10:13

The Secret Of Joseph’s Success

Trusted in God	Cheerful Service
Accepted Conditions	Diligent work
Had a pleasant personality	Dependable
Witnessed about God	Efficiency
Had high moral standards	Trustworthy
Was loyal	Guided by God
Resisted Temptation	Wise administration
Showed concern for others	God’s blessing

PATTERN OF VICTORY

Refuse to sin against: Master	Genesis 39: 8
Marriage	Genesis 39:9
God	Genesis 39:9
Avoid the place of temptation	Genesis 39:10
Run Away from temptation	Genesis 39:11

Chapter 40 – The Cupbearer and The Baker

1-2 **the cupbearer and the baker** – bread and wine?

8 **Do not interpretations belong to God?** – Joseph recognized the dreams from God. 3 days to cupbearer’s restoration and baker’s execution.

Chapter 41 – Pharaoh’s Dreams

1-4 **Pharaoh had a dream** – The first of two

5-8 **magicians and wise men** - Occult. See Exodus 7:8-13

9-13 **Today I am reminded of my shortcomings** – Romans 8:28

16 **God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires** – Glory to God.

25 **God has revealed to Pharaoh** – God reveals to this pagan king.

34 **take a fifth of the harvest** – From 10% to 25%

45 **Zaphenath-Paneah** – Revealer of secrets, Savior of the World.

46 **Joseph was thirty years old** – He was 17 when sold into Egypt – 13 years have passed.

50-52 **Manasseh** - “to forget”.
Ephraim - “fruitful” or “faithful.”

57 **And all the countries came to Egypt** – This sets the stage for Jacob’s family to come down to Egypt.