

Torah Studies

Genesis: In the Beginning

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- Psalm 119:73-76 (NKJV)

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your
commandments.

74 Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.

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- Psalm 119:73-76 (NKJV)

75 I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right,
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.

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Introduction

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- **Chapter 37** started with the story of Joseph's dreams.
- Joseph's brothers then sold him to traders who took him to Egypt.
- In **Chapter 38** we will see the unsavory story of Judah and Tamar – who became direct ancestors of Jesus.

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- In today's Chapters:
- **Chapter 39** gives us the story of Joseph with Potiphar's wife.
- This incident will send him to prison.
- While in Prison, in **Chapter 40**, we will find Joseph interpreting dreams.

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- I. Potiphar's Wife 39:1-23
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- 39:1 Potiphar was commanding officer of Pharaoh's bodyguard.

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- 39:12 A great illustration.
- Maybe Joseph read the New Testament.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

I. Potiphar's Wife

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- 2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

I. Potiphar's Wife

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This verse is a good strategy to counter temptation.

- 2 Timothy 2:22
- Flee what hinders: Flee youthful passions.
- Follow what helps: Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
- Find others to join you in the fight: Along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

Contrasting Joseph and Judah:

- Joseph didn't want to be in that ungodly environment, but God sent him there and he did well.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

Contrasting Joseph and Judah:

- In the last chapter, Judah deliberately departed from his brothers.
- He was hanging around with the Canaanites.
- He ended up living a Canaanite lifestyle.
- Fortunately, God didn't let him get away with it.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- 39:15 There is something sad going on with Joseph and his garments.
- This is the second one he loses.
- It is also the second time he gets into big trouble without really doing anything wrong.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- 39:20 This prison was no country club, and yet God used this experience.
- 39:21-23 Joseph clearly made the best of this time there.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- Psalm 105:16-22

16 When he [God] summoned a famine on the land
and broke all supply of bread,

17 he had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron ...

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- Psalm 105:16-22

... 19 until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free ...

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23

- Psalm 105:16-22

... 21 he made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
22 to bind his princes at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.

I. Potiphar's Wife

39:1-23



Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances.

*– Viktor Frankl (1905 – 1997),
Holocaust Survivor, in his book,
Man's Search for Meaning*

II. Pharoah's Servants

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- 40:1 cupbearer An official who served drink to the king.
- This is the same position that Nehemiah later held in Persia with King Artaxerxes.
- The cupbearer and the baker had to be trustworthy individuals.

II. Pharoah's Servants

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- 40:3-4 The captain of the guard This was Potiphar, Joseph's master.
- Potiphar still trusts Joseph.
- We may wonder if he knew Joseph was innocent.

II. Pharoah's Servants

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- 40:3-4 He attended them Joseph served them, ministered to them, took care of them.
- In this place, Joseph was in charge, but he treated these men as guests.

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- Mark 9:33-35

33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

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40:1-23

- 40:13 lift up your head This expression means “to encourage, show favor, revive”
- Luke 21:28

Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

II. Pharoah's Servants

40:1-23

- 40:19 Lift up your head – from you
- Note the contrasting meaning.

II. Pharoah's Servants

40:1-23

- 40:23 The chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.
- When he got out of prison, he did not need Joseph anymore, so he didn't think about him.

II. Pharoah's Servants

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- Psalm 118:8

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in man.

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Faith and Trials

- Acts 14:19-22

19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe ...

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- Acts 14:19-22

... 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

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- James 1:2-4

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Faith and Trials

- 1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ...

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... 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire— ...

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... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.