

Study Series: Genesis

Questions about Genesis 37:1—50:26

1. Who was Joseph and what were his dreams? (37:19) How did Joseph's brothers react to his dreams? Why? What did they do to Joseph? (37:10-34)
2. What responsibilities did Potiphar give to Joseph at first? Why? (39:1-6) How did Joseph end up in jail, and how did this bad situation turn out for the best for Joseph? (39:7—41:57)
3. How was Joseph able to interpret the true meaning of dreams? (40:8; 41:15,16,28, 37-39)
4. What brought Joseph's brothers to Egypt? Describe their first meeting. What did Joseph tell them to do? (42:1-24)
5. When Joseph finally revealed who he was to his brothers, how did he explain their earlier evil action against him? (45:4-8; 50:20)
6. Compare Jacob's blessing of Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim (48:1-19) to Isaac's earlier blessing of Jacob and his brother Esau (27:1-40). How were the situations similar? Explain how Joseph's sons each became an ancestor of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, when Jacob (Israel) already had twelve sons of his own.
7. Compare GENESIS 50:20 to ROMANS 8:28. How does God bring good results out of bad situations? What examples can you think of?
8. What is the overall message of the story of Joseph in the Bible?