
JOSEPH

17 He sent a man before them— Joseph— who was sold as a slave. 18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. 19 **Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.** 20 The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free. 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions. 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, and teach his elders wisdom. Psalms 105:17-22

1) The Prophecy – Genesis 37:1-11

- Joseph has a prophetic dream of greatness. The number “2” is the number of “witness.” Joseph receives 2 dreams that say the same thing. God is determined to fulfill the dreams.
- *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare. I Timothy 1:18*
- *A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones. Proverbs 14:30*
- *Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but who is able to stand before jealousy? Proverbs 27:4*

2) Favor as a slave – Genesis 39:1-6

- *For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield. Psalms 5:12*
- *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. Colossians 3:23*

3) Favor as a prisoner – Genesis 39:19-23

- Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10 NIV

4) Joseph had to wait for his prophetic word to come to pass

- After interpreting the butler’s dream, he was in prison for two more years – Genesis 40:20-23, 41:1
- *But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

5) Joseph forgives his brothers – Genesis 50:15-21

- *26 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 27 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:26-27*
- *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28*

