

LESSON 7

Review

Read **Genesis 38:33–37**, and stop there for a moment...

We finished our last study with a cliff hanger. Joseph gave the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams, and he adds a word of wisdom—save up enough food to get Egypt through the impending famine.

But what is going to happen next in Joseph's story? Joseph has experienced constant ups and downs in his story—it wouldn't surprise the reader to see him sent to a salt mine at this point!

But, there is still the matter the prophecy many years before! The promise of Joseph's family bowing before him in honor still has to be fulfilled! Surely, this moment at which Joseph stands before Pharaoh portends something great.

But then again, Joseph has had many disappointments. Anything could happen.

So, just imagine Joseph standing there for a moment before Pharaoh, waiting with baited breath for whatever might come next... And like a thunderclap, we read the next passage:

Genesis 41:38–45 • Pharaoh's Declaration

What does Pharaoh recognize in Joseph? _____

See **Proverbs 22:29**. How does this relate? _____

What level of authority is Joseph given? _____

In what way is Joseph over even Pharaoh? _____

In what way is Pharaoh still over Joseph? _____

Whose signet ring did Joseph wear? _____

What does this indicate? _____

The Fine Garments: *The word describing Joseph's garments here implies "white," like alabaster or marble. He is wearing a bright, glorious white linen, or maybe even silk!*

Normally in scripture, white garments signify purity and holiness. Joseph, though, is in Egypt, where godly holiness isn't a valued virtue.

What do you think Pharaoh intended with Joseph's radiant garments? _____

Compare this to **Genesis 41:14**. What is the awesome contrast? _____

The Gold Necklace: What does golden jewelry indicate? _____

The Second Chariot: *Joseph was given Pharaoh's second chariot: the first belonged to Pharaoh himself. The point is that the chariot is recognizable.*

What do people do when they see Joseph's chariot coming? Why is this important?

(Genesis 37:9) _____

Joseph is set over all the land of Egypt / he has the ultimate authority

Even though Pharaoh sits on the throne as the royal head of the nation, he has surrendered all authority to Joseph!

This is the pattern we have seen in Joseph's life—stewardship over what other's entrust to him: Jacob's flocks, Potiphar's household, the prison, and now, the whole nation of Egypt!

Compare this to **Matthew 25:20** • _____

Joseph is given a bride: Joseph has honored God with his purity and has shown respect for the marriage covenant (**Genesis 39:9**)—but surely, finding a wife wasn't high on his list of priorities in prison! What an amazing surprise it would have been for Pharaoh to arrange a marriage for him.

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Let's see how Joseph's story points us toward Jesus. Describe the connections you see in each of these passages:

Luke 2:47 _____

Isaiah 9:6-7 _____

Matthew 28:18 _____

Philippians 2:3-11 _____

Revelation 19:7 & Ephesians 5:31-32 _____
