

17. How does Joseph's life fit into God's plan as it was given to Abraham?

18. Joseph brought Jacob and his whole family down to Egypt. This was not the promise land. How could this be part of God's plan?

19. Does God cause people to do evil and then use it for his benefit or does he allow evil and use it? (explain)

20. What do you think kept Joseph from becoming bitter or vengeful in such difficult circumstances?

21. Why did Joseph keep getting promoted even in the most unexpected circumstances?

22. Why do you think Joseph stayed in Egypt and never went back to find his family or to see his father again?

23. Why was Joseph blessed by God? What was his ultimate goal?



MATCH THE NUMBER TO THE INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Age of Joseph when he started serving pharaoh	3
Number of baskets on the baker's head	2
Number of people who had dreams in this chapter	7
Years Joseph's father, Jacob, lived.	4
Number of years Joseph spent in Jail	10
Joseph's age when he had his first dream	30
Number of Joseph's brothers who put him in the pit	20
Number of Good and Bad years in Pharaoh's dream	147
Number of shekles Joseph was sold for by his brothers	17

Dream Weaver

1. What was the purpose of the first dream Joseph had?

2. What do we learn about God from this dream and its interpretation?

3. What benefit was there in God letting Joseph know the Dream about his family in advance? (almost 20 years)
4. How much of the future does God know about? Every detail? Just a general plan? Explain your answer.
5. Do you think God caused these events to happen? Why or why not?
6. How much of your life does God control or cause to happen?
7. What was the reason the baker and cup bearer had their dreams? (What difference did it make for either to know the results?)
8. What do we learn about the future from Pharaoh's dreams?
9. Why was Joseph put in charge by Pharaoh? (Page 33)
10. Why do you think Joseph pretended not to recognize his brothers when they first came to Egypt?
11. List the Bad events that occurred in Joseph's life followed by the way God blessed him each time.
12. Why did God allow the bad events to happen? Wouldn't it have been easier to just put Joseph in charge in Egypt?
13. What do we learn about Joseph from his encounter with Potiphar's wife?
14. How long was Joseph in prison after the cup bearer was restored to his position, and what did Joseph do during this time?
15. Read Romans 8:28 and compare it to what Joseph said to his brothers after the death of his father Jacob. (page 42)
16. Joseph forgave his brothers, what does this tell us about his character?