



Lesson 13

Psalm 30:5

His [the Lord's] anger lasts for only a moment. But His favour lasts for a person's whole life. Weeping can stay for the night. But joy comes in the morning.

Joseph Is Put in Charge of Egypt

Genesis 41:41–57

⁴¹So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I’m putting you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” ⁴²Then Pharaoh took from his finger the ring he used to give his official stamp. He put it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in robes made out of fine linen. He put a gold chain around Joseph’s neck. ⁴³He also had him ride in a chariot. Joseph was now next in command after Pharaoh. People went in front of Joseph and shouted, “Get down on your knees!” By doing all these things, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

⁴⁴Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh. But unless you give an order, no one will do anything in the whole land of Egypt.” ⁴⁵Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah. He gave Joseph a wife. She was Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera. Potiphera was the priest of On. Joseph travelled all over the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶Joseph was 30 years old when he began serving Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. He left Pharaoh’s palace and travelled all over Egypt. ⁴⁷During the seven years there was plenty of food. The land produced more than the people needed. ⁴⁸Joseph collected all the extra food produced in those seven years in Egypt. He stored it in the cities. In each city he stored up the food grown in the fields around it. ⁴⁹Joseph stored up huge amounts of grain. There was as much of it as sand by the sea. There was so much grain it couldn’t be measured. So Joseph stopped keeping records of it.

⁵⁰Before the years when there wasn’t enough food, two sons were born to Joseph. He had them by Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera. Potiphera was the priest of On. ⁵¹Joseph named his first son Manasseh. That’s because he said, “God has made me forget all my trouble and my father’s whole family.” ⁵²He named the second son Ephraim. That’s because he said, “God has given me children in the land where I’ve suffered so much.”

⁵³The seven years when there was plenty of food in Egypt came to an end. ⁵⁴Then the seven years when there wasn’t enough food began. It happened just as Joseph had said it would. There wasn’t enough food in any of the other lands. But in the whole land of Egypt there was food. ⁵⁵When all the people of Egypt began to get hungry, they cried out to Pharaoh for food. He told all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. Do what he tells you.”

⁵⁶There wasn’t enough food anywhere in the country. So Joseph opened the storerooms. He sold grain to the Egyptians because people were very hungry all over Egypt. ⁵⁷People from all over the world came to Egypt. They came to buy grain from Joseph. That’s because people were very hungry everywhere.

Questions

- 1 What was Joseph now in charge of? Joseph was now in charge of the _____ land of Egypt. (Gen. 41:41)
- 2 What did Pharaoh give to Joseph? Pharaoh gave to Joseph the _____ that Pharaoh used to give his official _____. (Gen. 41:42)
- 3 What did Joseph get to ride in? Joseph got to ride in a _____. (Gen. 41:43)
- 4 After Pharaoh, who was next in command? _____ was next in command after Pharaoh. (Gen. 41:43)
- 5 What did people who went in front of Joseph shout to everyone around them? They shouted, “Get _____ on your _____!” (Gen. 41:43)
- 6 Was anyone allowed to do anything in the whole land of Egypt if Joseph hadn’t given an order? (Yes/No) _____. Everyone had to _____ (rhymes with “eight”) for Joseph to give the order. (Gen. 41:44)
- 7 What Egyptian name did Pharaoh give Joseph? Pharaoh gave Joseph the name _____. (Gen. 41:45)
- 8 What else did Pharaoh give Joseph? Pharaoh also gave Joseph an Egyptian _____. Her name was _____. (Gen. 41:45)
- 9 How old was Joseph when he began serving Pharaoh, the king of Egypt? Joseph was _____ years old. (Gen. 41:46)



Since Joseph was at least seventeen years old when he was sold as a slave, this means he served up to thirteen years total in Potiphar’s house and in prison.

- 10 Did Joseph just stay in the palace to rule over Egypt? (Yes/No) _____. He travelled _____ Egypt. (Gen. 41:45–46)
- 11 Was there more food than the people needed during the seven years of plenty? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 41:47)
- 12 Where did Joseph store all the extra food? He stored it in the _____. (Gen. 41:48)
- 13 How much grain did Joseph collect in those seven years of plenty? Joseph stored up _____ amounts of grain, as much as the _____ by the _____. (Gen. 41:49)
- 14 Was Joseph able to keep records of all the grain he collected during those seven years? (Yes/No)

- _____. There was so _____ grain it _____ be measured. (Gen. 41:49)
- 15 How many sons were born to Joseph before the years when there wasn't enough food? _____ sons were born to Joseph. (Gen. 41:50)
- 16 What were the names of Joseph's two sons? Joseph's first son was named _____, while his second son was named _____. (Gen. 41:51–52)
- 17 Why did Joseph name his first son Manasseh? Joseph named his first son Manasseh because _____ had made Joseph _____ all his _____ and his father's whole _____. (Gen. 41:51)
- 18 Why did Joseph name his second son Ephraim? Joseph named his second son Ephraim because _____ had given Joseph _____ in the land where he had _____ so much. (Gen. 41:52)



Manasseh means “causing to forget,” while Ephraim means “twice fruitful.”

- 19 Was there food in the whole land of Egypt during the seven years of *drought*? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 41:54)
- 20 Was there enough food in any of the other lands? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 41:54)
- 21 Did everything happen just as God, through Joseph, had said it would? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 41:54)

Revelations 3:11

"I [Jesus] am coming soon. Hold on to what you have. Then no one will take away your crown."

- 22 In the Bible, what does God say will happen that hasn't happened yet? Jesus will _____ back soon.
- 23 Will what God says come true? (Yes/No) _____.
- 24 What are you to do while you wait? I am to _____ on to what I have in Christ Jesus.
- 25 Can anyone take away your crown if you hold on to what you have in Christ Jesus? (Yes/No) _____.

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
