

Discovered:

- Joseph was sold to Potiphar, Captain of the guard, in Egypt. He succeeded in all he did & was made overseer - in charge of everything.
- Potiphar's wife wanted to lay with Joseph, he said no so she eventually falsely accused him & was thrown in jail.
- In jail, the Lord was with him & made keeper of the jail.
- Joseph interprets the cupbearer's & baker's dreams. Cupbearer would be restored & baker would be hung. Dreams come true.
- 2 years later, Joseph is remembered & interrupts Pharaoh's dreams - 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine. He recommends to Pharaoh to store up 1/5 of the produce and store it for the famine.
- Pharaoh appoints Joseph in charge of this and gives him a wife, Asenath @ 30 years old
- During the years of plenty, Joseph had 2 sons: Manasseh & Ephraim.
- During the famine, Jacob sent all his sons except Benjamin to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph recognized them & accused them of being spies, he kept Simeon and told them not to return without Benjamin. He filled their sacks with grain and gave them their money back and sent them on their way.
- When they were low on grain, Jacob sent them back begrudgingly with Benjamin & double the money with a promise from Judah to keep him safe.
- Upon their return to Egypt, Joseph fed them from his table. He filled their sacks but stuck his silver cup into Benjamin's bag. After a while, he sent his steward after them accusing them of stealing from him. Joseph tested them saying that all but Benjamin could leave. They said that they all could stay except Benjamin.
- Joseph kicked everyone but his brothers out & revealed himself to them, saying he forgave them for it was God's plan to send him on ahead to preserve your life. Go get your father & everything else and come live in Goshen near me in Egypt.
- God spoke with Israel about not being afraid of moving to Egypt, God would multiply & make into a great nation.
- Joseph continued to lead during the famine, taking money, then livestock then land as payment. Telling all to give 1/5 of harvest to Pharaoh.
- Jacob blessed Joseph's sons Ephraim & Manasseh as his own sons. Manasseh the younger would be greater.
- Jacob blesses his sons: Reuben lost birthright, Simeon & Levi would be scattered, Judah would be blessed - rulers from his tribe, Zebulun - seashore, Issachar - strong but lazy. Dan will produce judges, God warriors, Asher - yield delicacies, Naphtali - eloquent, Joseph - fruitful, Benjamin - strong but cruel. Buried in cave w/ Abraham
- Jacob dies
- Joseph dies @ 110 & was embalmed, buried in Egypt, asked that his bones taken when called back to Canaan

Help me to remember:

that you've planned out everything for your purpose. Just as Joseph was sold into slavery to prepare for the famine, you plot the events in our lives.

Lord, I ask that

you help me to see you & your will in my life, and to have a heart of forgiveness & hard work for you like Joseph.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...

the doors & windows you close & open for my role within your plan.