

THE TESTING OF JOSEPH
(Genesis 39:1-23)

- I. Potiphar's WEALTH (Gen. 39:1-6)
 - A. His PERSON (39:1)
 - 1. Identified as an "OFFICER" of Pharaoh
 - a. Literally, EUNUCH of Pharaoh
 - b. Also signifies COURTIER or CHAMBERLAIN
 - 2. Designated "CAPTAIN of the BODYGUARD"
 - a. Literally "CHIEF of the SLAUGHTERERS"
 - b. Signifies having charge of ALL PRISONERS
 - B. His PROSPERITY (39:2-6)
 - 1. Became GREAT under JOSEPH'S management
 - 2. Due to GOD'S BLESSING of Joseph
 - 3. RECOGNIZED and REWARDED by Potiphar
 - a. Indicates Joseph's INTELLIGENCE
 - b. Indicates Joseph's INDUSTRY
 - c. Indicates Joseph's INTEGRITY
- II. Potiphar's WIFE (Gen. 39:7-18)
 - A. Attempted to SEDUCE Joseph (39:7-10)
 - 1. Invited him to her BED

2. Ignored his REFUSAL
 3. Pressured him DAILY
- B. Attempted to TRAP Joseph (39:11-12)
1. Found him ALONE and grabbed his CLOAK
 2. He SHED his cloak and RAN
- C. Decided to FRAME Joseph (39:13-18)
1. Told Potiphar he's tried to FORCE her and she SCREAMED
 2. Used his cloak as EVIDENCE
 3. Implied it was POTIPHAR'S FAULT
 - a. "YOU brought this slave to US" (v. 17)
 - b. "This is what YOUR SLAVE did to ME" (v. 19)
- III. Potiphar's WRATH (Gen. 39:19-23)
- A. May have been ANGRIER with his WIFE than with JOSEPH
- B. Put Joseph in PRISON (39:19-20)
1. He DID NOT have him EXECUTED
 2. He may not have BELIEVED his WIFE
 3. He certainly RESPECTED Joseph
- C. Saw the prison PROSPER (39:21-23)
1. Under Joseph's MANAGEMENT
 2. Due to GOD'S BLESSING