Proverbs 16:4

The LORD has made everything for its own purpose,

1 Peter 2:21

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you,

Jer 29:11 - ¹¹ For I know the plans that I have for you, says the LORD, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

"Plans" - machashebeth = An Invented Purpose, a Plot, a Storyline

Psalm 139:13

¹³ For You formed my inward parts;

You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your books they all were written,

The days fashioned for me,

When as yet there were none of them.

Bottom Line

"Gods PLANS & PURPOSES for our Lives is a PROCESS. DESTINY is not a DESTINATION, it's a DAILY DECISION"

Genesis 37:1

37 Now Jacob (Israel) dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. ² This *is* the history of Jacob (Israel).

Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. ⁵ Now Joseph had a dream.....

1. The VISION finds its VOICE (is Birthed)

¹⁸ Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! ²⁰ Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" ²³ So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph *of* his tunic, the tunic of *many* colors that *was* on him. ²⁴ Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit *was* empty; *there was* no water in it.

2. The VISION is Tested by Trials, Temptations and Transition

²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by; so *the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and **sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty** *shekels* **of silver**. *(Trials)*, And they took Joseph to Egypt

⁷ And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." *(Temptations)*

⁸ But he <u>refused</u> and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master has committed all that he has to my hand.

¹¹ But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, ¹² that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

²⁰ Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, (*Trials, Transition*) a place where the *king's prisoners* were confined

3. The VISION must stay VERTICAL to Stay Alive

39:21 ⁻ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

²² And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who *were* in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. ²³ The keeper of the prison did not look into anything *that was* under *Joseph's* authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made *it* prosper.

^{40:8} And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *them* to me, please."

//-→ The VISION must stay VERTICAL to Stay ALIVE

41:1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years,

REMEMBER - - - > The <u>VISION</u> is Tested by Trials, Temptations and TRANSITION!

¹⁶ So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace." (VISION must stay VERTICAL)

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. So he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I *am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and *there is* no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you *that* you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

^{40:37} So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

4. The VISION that remains VIGILANT will ALWAYS be VICTORIOUS
 Bottom Line (One Thing) "Gods PLANS & PURPOSES for our Lives is a PROCESS. DESTINY is not a DESTINATION, it's a DAILY DECISION"
1. The VISION finds its VOICE (is Birthed) 2. The VISION is Tested by Trials, Temptations and Transition 3. The VISION must stay VERTICAL to Stay ALIVE 4. The VISION that remains VIGILANT will ALWAYS be VICTORIOUS
//-→ Most Believers would like to be known by their FAITH, but many resist the tedious journey of being FAITHFUL.
//-→ Gods Compass for Life is NOT information, it's TRUTH.
//→ IT's ALWAYS <u>RIGHT</u> to do what's right , EVEN if it turns out <u>WRONG</u>