

THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."

**Sold, Stripped,
& Still Sustained**
Genesis 39

THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3 (There is one Hero... Jesus)
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)

Genesis 39:1-6 NKJV

1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

Genesis 39:1-6 NKJV

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.

Genesis 39:1-6 NKJV

5 So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.

Genesis 39:1-6 NKJV

6 Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.

v.1-6 God's Presence Defines Success

1. Success redefined by divine presence, not circumstance
2. Joseph prospers as a slave, Blessing spills outward to pagan Egypt (Gen 39:5; Gen 12:3)
3. Faithfulness precedes promotion (Prov 22:29)

Genesis 39:7-10 NKJV

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."

8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand."

Genesis 39:7-10 NKJV

9 There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”

10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

v.7-10 Temptation's Strategy

1. Temptation is direct, not subtle (“Lie with me”)
2. Temptation is persistent (“day by day”)

v.7-10 Temptation's Strategy

3. Sin framed as pleasure vs loyalty vs God
4. Joseph calls sin “great wickedness”
(Gen 39:9)
5. Holiness is endurance, not impulse

Genesis 39:11-12 NKJV

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.

v.11-12 Discipline of Flight

1. Temptation Escalates → Physical Aggression (James 1:14–15)
Desire → Conception → Destruction
2. Genesis 4:7 = Sin is crouching...
waiting... advancing
3. 1 Peter 5:8 = The enemy is not passive
— he pursues

v.11-12 Joseph Flees vs Negotiates

1. 2 Tim. 2:22 = Run from youthful passions
2. 1 Cor. 6:18 = Flee sexual immorality
3. Proverbs 5:8 Keep far from the door
4. Psalm 1:1-2 = Blessed avoids the path of compromise

5. Matt. 5:29–30 = Radical separation
saves spiritual life

6. 2 Corinthians 4:16–18 = Temporary loss,
eternal weight of glory

Genesis 39:13-18 NKJV

13 And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

14 that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, “See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.

Genesis 39:13-18 NKJV

15 And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside.”

16 So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.

Genesis 39:13-18 NKJV

17 Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;

18 so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside.”

v.13-18 False Accusation

1. Matthew 5:11–12 = Blessed when wrongly accused
2. Righteousness Reframed as Guilt (Isa. 5:20) ie. Calling evil good, and good evil

3. Victim Inversion & Narrative

Manipulation (Psalm 35:11)

4. Joseph Silenced Under Injustice (Psalm

38:13–14)

5. Faithfulness Does Not Guarantee

Fairness (Ecclesiastes 9:11)

6. Foreshadowing Righteous Suffering

(Isaiah 53:7)

Genesis 39:19-20 NKJV

19 So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me after this manner,” that his anger was aroused.

20 Then Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king’s prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

v.19-20 - Cost of Obedience

1. Joseph Imprisoned Through No Moral Failure (1 Pet. 2:19–20) Suffering for doing good finds favor with God
2. Likely Death Penalty Avoided (Prov. 16:9) The Lord directs outcomes beyond human intent

3. Faithfulness May Produce Suffering (2 Timothy 3:12)...All who desire godliness will face trials

4. God's Plan Advances Through Adversity (Genesis 50:20)

What was meant for evil, God used for good

Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV

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.

Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV

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.

v.21-23 - The Unbreakable Refrain

1. But the LORD Was With Joseph (Gen 39:21, 23) Presence > circumstances
2. Divine Presence Unaffected by Circumstance (Ps 139:7–10)
No place beyond God

3. Favor & Prosperity Continue in Confinement, Blessing behind bars
4. God's Blessing Is Portable (Deut 31:8)
He goes before/with you
5. Circumstances Change → God's Presence Remains (Heb 13:5)
"I will never leave you"

Genesis 39 = Experience

Genesis 50:20 = Explanation

- “You meant evil... God meant good.”
- Providence reinterprets pain
- God sovereign over human intent
- Evil never gets final word

1. Divine sovereignty ≠ Human
irresponsibility

2. Human obedience ≠ Circumstantial
ease

3. Genesis holds both:

1. God's sovereign purpose and
Man's responsible response

Takeaway 1 - Presence > Circumstances

1. Success defined by Who is with you
2. Hardship ≠ Abandonment
3. “I am with you always...” (Matthew 28:20)
4. Nothing separates from Christ’s love (Romans 8:38–39)

Takeaway 1 - Presence > Circumstances

ACTION: Begin your day intentionally:

Practice daily awareness of God's presence. Not just belief... awareness.

“Lord, You are with me in...”

Takeaway 2 - Flight > Negotiation

Obedience > Impulse

Holiness requires decisive action

You don't manage temptation — you flee

2 Timothy 2:22

Takeaway 2 - Flight > Negotiation

ACTION: Create distance from temptation

Delete the app, Change the routine,

Set the boundary, share with others...

Run don't negotiate.

Takeaway 3 - Providence > Evil

Human evil cannot derail divine purpose

God writes endings beyond human intent (Genesis 50:20).

All things work together for good (Romans 8:28)

Joseph foreshadows, Jesus fulfills

Takeaway 3 - Providence > Evil

ACTION: Entrust pain to God's sovereignty.

Start resting in ultimate trust. "Lord, I do not understand this, but I trust You are not wasting this."

Peace grows where control is surrendered.

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HEAT - THORNS - CROSS - FRUIT

Heat = pressure, trials, difficulty (Ps. 88; James 1:1-15)

Thorns = our sin, flesh response (Eph. 4-6; Heb. 4:14-5:10)

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Cross = God's gospel transformative power, changes our focus from self to Jesus, (Rom 1:16; 2 Peter 1:1-11)

Fruit = the new right, Holy Spirit, Grace-empowered response to life's struggles. (Ps. 1; Gal 5:22)