

Study Guide on Genesis 41:37-45, 50-52

Good News Bible

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 41:37-45

(Genesis 41:37) The king and his officials approved this plan,

(Genesis 41:38) and he said to them, “We will never find a better man than Joseph, a man who has God’s spirit in him.”

(Genesis 41:39) The king said to Joseph, “God has shown you all this, so it is obvious that you have greater wisdom and insight than anyone else.

(Genesis 41:40) I will put you in charge of my country, and all my people will obey your orders. Your authority will be second only to mine.

(Genesis 41:41) I now appoint you governor over all Egypt.”

(Genesis 41:42) The king removed from his finger the ring engraved with the royal seal and put it on Joseph’s finger. He put a fine linen robe on him, and placed a gold chain around his neck.

(Genesis 41:43) He gave him the second royal chariot to ride in, and his guard of honor went ahead of him and cried out, “Make way! Make way!” And so Joseph was appointed governor over all Egypt.

(Genesis 41:44) The king said to him, “I am the king—and no one in all Egypt shall so much as lift a hand or a foot without your permission.”

(Genesis 41:45) He gave Joseph the Egyptian name Zaphenath Paneah, and he gave him a wife, Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, a priest in the city of Heliopolis. Joseph was thirty years old when he began to serve the king of Egypt. He left the king’s court and traveled all over the land.

Genesis 41:50-52

(Genesis 41:50) Before the years of famine came, Joseph had two sons by Asenath.

(Genesis 41:51) He said, “God has made me forget all my sufferings and all my father’s family”; so he named his first son Manasseh.

(Genesis 41:52) He also said, “God has given me children in the land of my trouble”; so he named his second son Ephraim.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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