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**Genesis**  
JOSEPH, THE TRUSTED SERVANT  
**Genesis 39**  
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The story of Joseph, introduced in Genesis 37, will now dominate the remainder of the Book of Genesis. Joseph will become one of the most revered and loved characters in the Patriarchal narrative. There will be direct references to him as well as allusions to him in the New Testament (Acts 7:9-16; Hebrews 11:21-22; Matthew 1-2).

**POTIPHAR'S HOUSE:** Joseph was sold and taken “down” to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, Captain of the Guard.

**PROSPERITY OF JOSEPH:** The LORD (Yahweh) was with Joseph, and he prospered in every way as a servant in Potiphar's house.

**POTIPHAR'S WIFE:** Joseph was forced to deal with a temptress, the wife of his owner.

**PHARAOH'S PRISON:** Joseph was placed Pharaoh's prison because of Potiphar's anger.

**PROSPERITY OF JOSEPH:** Joseph “prospered” in prison because the LORD (Yahweh) was with him.

## POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. Contrast between Joseph and his brothers (particularly Judah).
2. Joseph's maturity, integrity, moral courage, humility, and trust in God are on display.
3. The presence and sovereignty of Yahweh is apparent in this story.