

**Theme:** THE FULFILMENT OF JOSEPH’S DREAMS

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 42:6 “And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.”*

**Texts:** 1 Samuel 20:27-33; 2 Samuel 2:1-43

By the time his brothers arrived Egypt, Joseph was the governor. Whereas Joseph had advanced so rapidly, but through much adversity, his brothers, who had enjoyed liberty and abundant material prosperity, were at the verge of being wiped out by famine. They found themselves at Joseph’s mercy. This twist of fate has characterised many evildoers both in Bible times and in contemporary days. Haman bowed before Mordecai. Also, the envious presidents and noble men of Babylon were humbled and destroyed before Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Julian the apostate was said to have been compelled to confess to Jesus at his dying moment, “Oh, man of Galilee, Thou hast conquered at last.” The atheist Voltaire attempted to wipe out the Bible and believers in God. But shortly after his death, his house was bought and converted to a Bible printing press. There is no use fighting God’s servants and their God given dreams.

Joseph recognized his brethren but they did not recognize him. A number of factors made it so. To start with, Joseph’s physical appearance must have changed a lot. He was only 17 years old when they last saw him. He was now 39 years old, a difference of 22 years. Secondly, he was dressed in Egyptian garment and not in his pretty coat of many colours they last saw him in. Thirdly, he was expected to have either died a slave or serving rigorously in the house of his slave master instead of presiding over the economy of Egypt. Fourthly, he spoke to them through an interpreter in the Egyptian language; so, from all indications he seemed to be an Egyptian. “And Joseph’s brethren came, and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the earth” (verse 6). At last, his first dream, in which he saw the sheaves of his brothers bowing to his sheaf in the field (Genesis 37:7, 8), was fulfilled. Neither could the envy and hatred of his brothers, nor the temptations and slander of Potiphar’s wife prevent the fulfilment of the dream. Indeed, the pains of Potiphar’s injustice, the prison hardship and the ingratitude of Pharaoh’s butler were not enough to kill Joseph’s dream.

What an encouragement to know that every dream that God has put within us shall be fulfilled as long as we remain faithful to God and steadfast in faith. This is also a warning to all those who oppose God’s servants and their God-given dreams. God has all power to fulfil His purpose, no matter who stands in opposition. The promise of God to all His children is that He will make us heads and not tails and we shall be above only and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13). He will do it! In Joseph, we see a picture of Jesus Christ, who was humiliated, and rejected by men. He shall appear again, not in humiliation but as the Lord of lords and King of kings. Just as Joseph was despised, persecuted and rejected, so is Jesus hated and despised by men. The time will come, however, when sinners will realize their mistake and bow before Him whom they had rejected (Zechariah 12:10). But as many sinners as will bow to Jesus today and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour, and, be washed clean by His precious blood will receive the gift of eternal life.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Revelation 8	Revelation 9
MONDAY	Revelation 10	Revelation 11
TUESDAY	Revelation 12	Revelation 13
WEDNESDAY	Revelation 14	Revelation 15
THURSDAY	Revelation 16	Revelation 17
FRIDAY	Revelation 18	Revelation 19
SATURDAY	Revelation 20 & 21	Revelation 22