

# **THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM**

## **WEEK 7 – Genesis 37-42 & Matthew 13-14**

**Overview** – This study is a 6 day program covering both the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). This study program is to take place on a daily basis (Monday through Saturday). The study will involve reading/studying 6 OT chapters and 2 NT chapters per week. The OT chapters will only be covered 1 time with the NT chapters being covered 3 times. Depending on reading speed, chapter length, etc., total study time should take approximately 15 to 30 minutes a day. In other words, by simply dedicating **only** about 15 to 30 minutes a day (6 days a week) to Bible study, **in roughly 2 ½ years, you will have read and studied the entire Bible.** Actually, you will have studied the OT once and the NT three times!!

**How it works** – Read, study, and/or answer questions as outlined below. Place an “x” in the blank after you have completed each day’s study. If you are unable to do the study on the set day, either try to “double up” and get back on schedule or if you get several days behind, simply skip to the current day’s schedule. If necessary you can always come back weeks or months later and study the chapters you missed. You will be able to identify any missed chapters easily if you consistently mark your studied chapters with an “x.” Practically speaking, however, this is not advisable and the student is encouraged to “stay on the daily schedule.” In short, this program will not work, if you do not commit yourself to a daily study habit. We also suggest that the student keeps the weekly study program sheets in a 3 ring binder for easy reference to chapters you have studied as well as to the questions. It is likewise necessary that everyone in the local congregation who is involved in this study program get together weekly or at least biweekly to review the questions and answers.

## **WEEK 7 – ANSWERS**

1. **Sunday** – Worship/Time With Family/Review Answers With Others
2. **Monday** –
  - 1) **Genesis 37 – Read & Answer Below**
    - a) How old does Genesis 37 say Joseph was at this time? (17 years old, vs. 2)
    - b) Who did Israel (or Jacob) love more than all his other children? (Joseph, vs. 3)
    - c) How many dreams did Joseph dream? (two, vs. 5, 9)
    - d) Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers who were feeding the flocks. Per Genesis 37:14, Jacob sent Joseph “out of the vale of \_\_\_\_\_, and he came to \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebron, Shechem)
    - e) Per Genesis 37:11, what was the real problem the brothers had with Joseph? (The envied him)
    - f) Which of the two brothers are specifically mentioned as not wanting to see Joseph murdered? (Reuben, vs. 21 and Judah, vs. 26)
    - g) How many pieces of silver was Joseph sold for? (Twenty pieces, vs. 28)
  - 2) **Matthew 13 – Read Only**
3. **Tuesday** –
  - 1) **Genesis 38 – Read & Answer Below**
    - a) Which son of Jacob is mentioned in Genesis 38:1? (Judah)

- b) Judah's friend, the Adulamite, was named \_\_\_\_\_? (Hirah, vs. 2, 12)
  - c) Judah's wife (the daughter of Shuah) had 3 sons. Their names were? (Er, Onan and Shelah, vs. 3-5)
  - d) Was Er righteous or wicked? (wicked, vs. 7)
  - e) What Old Testament woman is mentioned in Genesis 38:6? (Tamar)
  - f) According to Genesis 38:14, why did Tamar set-up and carry out the plot mentioned? (Because Judah did not give her Shelah, his 3<sup>rd</sup> son, in marriage (to raise up seed) as he had promised, vs. 8, 14, 26)
  - g) Judah himself connected harlotry and fornication with honor or shame? (Shame, vs. 23)
  - h) Tamar's two children of Judah were named? (Pharez and Zerah, vs. 29-30)
- 2) Matthew 13 – Read & Answer Below
- a) In what manner or style did Jesus speak “many things” unto the people? (In parables, vs. 3)
  - b) In the parable of the sower, how many soils are mentioned? (4 soils – Way side, Stony, Thorns and Good Ground, vs. 4-8)
  - c) Matthew 13:15 says, “their eyes \_\_\_\_\_ have closed.” (they)
  - d) In what verse does Jesus begin his interpretation of the parable of the sower? (Verse 18)
  - e) In what verse does Jesus begin his teaching on the parable of the tares of the field? What about his interpretation of this parable? (He begins his teaching on this parable in Verse 24 and his interpretation in Verse 36)
  - f) What two verses discuss the kingdom of heaven being like a Mustard Seed? (Verses 31-32)
  - g) What verse likens the kingdom of heaven unto Leaven? (Verse 33)
  - h) Did Jesus have brothers and sisters (or more accurately half brothers and sisters)? (Yes, vs. 55-56)

4. Wednesday –

- 1) Genesis 39 – Read & Answer Below
- a) Was the Lord with Joseph or against him? (With him, vs. 2-3, 5, 21)
  - b) Whose wife tried to get Joseph to commit adultery? (Potiphar's wife, vs. 1, 7)
  - c) Did Joseph give in to her solicitations to commit sin? (No, vs. 8, 10)
  - d) Per Genesis 39:9, who is sin really against? (God)
  - e) How often did this wicked woman solicit Joseph to sin? (Day by day, vs. 10)
  - f) What did Joseph do when she grabbed his garment? (He fled—leaving his garment (i.e., outer garment or coat) in her hand, vs. 12)
  - g) What happened to Joseph after she framed him? (Joseph was put in prison, vs. 20)
  - h) Did the keeper of the prison come to trust Joseph or did he despise Joseph? (He trusted Joseph, vs. 21f)
- 2) Matthew 13 – Read & Word Study/Research
- a) What is a parable? (As I have heard stated, “It is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” The original language carries with it the idea of “throwing along side of.” It is the concept of using a story or event to illustrate a spiritual teaching or message. In other words, the spiritual is “thrown down beside” the story or event as a means of teaching the truth.)

- b) What prophecy is referenced in Matthew 13:14-15? (Isaiah 6:9-10)
- c) In the parable of the sower, how many of the soils accepted the truth initially? How many of them remained faithful? (Three of the four accepted the truth but only the good ground remained and bore fruit, vs. 20-23)
- d) What happened to the wheat in the parable of the tares of the field? What about the tares? (the wheat [representing the faithful] was gathered into the barn or saved, while the tares [representing the unfaithful] was burned in the fire or condemned to eternal punishment, vs. 30, 40-43)
- e) What is the kingdom of heaven likened unto in Matthew 13:44? What about Matthew 13:45-46? What about Matthew 13:47? (A treasure hid in a field, vs. 44 and A pearl of great price, vs. 45-46 and a Net (or Dragnet) vs. 47)

5. **Thursday** –

1) Genesis 40 – Read & Answer Below

- a) List the two people who were put in prison per Genesis 40:1-3? (The butler and the baker of the king of Egypt)
- b) Genesis 40:5 mentions both of these men as doing something. What did they do? (They dreamed a dream)
- c) Who interpreted their dreams? (Joseph through the power of God, vs. 8, 12, 18)
- d) According to Genesis 40:15, did Joseph recognize his innocence? (Yes)
- e) In accordance with Joseph's accurate interpretation, what happened to the Butler? What about the Baker? (The butler was restored to his position, but the baker was executed, vs. 21-22)
- f) Did the chief Butler initially remember Joseph after his release from prison as Joseph had asked him to do? (No, vs. 14, 23)

2) Matthew 14 – Read Only

6. **Friday** –

1) Genesis 41 – Read & Answer Below

- a) How much longer did Joseph remain in prison after the release of the Butler and before Pharaoh had his dreams? (Two full years, vs. 1)
- b) How many dreams did Pharaoh have? (Two, vs. 1f, 5f)
- c) Did the chief Butler finally remember Joseph? (Yes, vs. 9)
- d) Who did Joseph give credit to regarding his dream interpretations? (He gave credit to God, vs. 16)
- e) What did the dreams of Pharaoh mean, as interpreted by Joseph? (God was showing Pharaoh that there would be 7 years of plenty and abundance followed by 7 years of terrible famine, vs. 28-30)
- f) What did Joseph recommend that Pharaoh do in light of the famine following the years of plenty? (He said that Pharaoh needed to appoint a wise man over the affairs, vs. 33f)
- g) Who did Pharaoh appoint to this position of power and importance? (He appointed Joseph, vs. 39-41)
- h) How old was Joseph when he stood before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt? (He was 30 years old, vs. 46)
- i) What were the names of the two sons born to Joseph as mentioned in the text? (Manasseh and Ephraim, vs. 51-52)

2) Matthew 14 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Who did Herod think Jesus was at first? (John the Baptizer who had risen from the dead, vs. 2)
- b) Why had Herod murdered John the Baptizer? (Because John confronted Herod with his adulterous situation and had told Herod that it was not lawful to have another man's wife, vs. 3-4)
- c) In light of the context, is the dancing mentioned in Matthew 14:6-7 pleasing to God or displeasing to God? (Obviously it is displeasing. It resulted in a great man of God being murdered through the rash promise of a lust-filled tyrant, vs. 6-7, 9)
- d) Matthew 14:14 says that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ for the people. (moved, compassion)
- e) Did Jesus pray or not pray before the multitude ate the food he miraculously provided? (The text says, "and looking up to heaven, He blessed..." which means that He gave thanks in prayer, vs. 19)
- f) Not counting the women and children, how many men did Jesus feed with the five loaves and the two fishes? (5,000, vs. 21)
- g) After Peter's ordeal in walking on the water, what does Matthew 14:33 say that the disciples did? (They worshipped Jesus saying that of a truth He was the Son of God)

7. Saturday –

1) Genesis 42 – Read & Answer Below

- a) Who went down to buy corn in Egypt when directed by their father? (Joseph's ten brothers [that is, all of them but the youngest Benjamin], vs. 3-4)
- b) Did Joseph immediately disclose himself to his brothers who had so badly mistreated him or did he disguise himself from them? (He "made himself strange" and "spoke roughly unto them," vs. 7)
- c) Did Joseph know it was his brothers? Did they know it was Joseph? (Joseph knew it was them, but they did not know it was Joseph, vs. 8)
- d) According to Genesis 42:9, what came to Joseph's mind from his earlier years? (The dreams he had dreamed about them bowing down to him)
- e) Obviously as a means to "prove them," Joseph accuses them of being spies and puts them in prison for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (three, vs. 17)
- f) Who did Joseph tell them to bring back with them as a means of proving their words? (The youngest brother, Benjamin, vs. 16, 20)
- g) Did the brothers connect their current plight with their former actions toward Joseph? (Yes, vs. 21-23)
- h) When Joseph heard this discussion about their former actions, what did Joseph do? (He turned from them and wept, vs. 24)
- i) What did each man find in his sack of when they opened them? (They found their money that they paid for the corn, etc. with and they were afraid, vs. 35)

2) Matthew 14 – Read & Word Study/Research

- a) In light of Matthew 14:3-4, did the great prophet John "overlook" the wicked sin of adultery? (No!)

- b) In addition to Herod's "oath" and according to Matthew 14:9, what other factor seemed to have a bearing on Herod's conviction to have John the Baptist beheaded? (The text says, "AND for them which sat with him at mean." Thus it seems that pride played a large role also. In other words, he didn't want to appear weak in backing down, etc.)
- c) What does "desert place" mean in Matthew 14:13? (A "desert place" usually refers to a place that is somewhat deserted or absent from the congestions of big cities and crowded streets. It is the idea of an isolated area such as one sees in the calm of the countryside. Compare the language of Matthew 14:15, "This is a desert place,...send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages...)
- d) When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they cried out in fear. What did Jesus say to them? (He said, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid, vs. 27)
- e) Who tried and, for a time, did walk on the water with Jesus? (Peter, vs. 28-32)
- f) What happened to the diseased in the land of Gennesaret when they touched the hem of Jesus' garment? (They were healed. The text says, "and as many as touched were made perfectly whole, vs. 36)