

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 4/30/12 TO 5/6/12**

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012 Read Genesis 36:1 to 37:36**

Moses records Esau's genealogy in Genesis 36. Then in Genesis 37, Moses again picks up the account of Israel's sons. Their plot against their brother Joseph shocks us, even more so because these men were God's chosen people! Their descendants were to become the twelve tribes of Israel, the nation from whom the Savior would be born.

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 Read Genesis 38:1 to 39:23**

Genesis 38 interrupts the story of Joseph; in fact, it could be placed in parentheses. The events show us one of the reasons God took his people to Egypt. Intermarriage with the Canaanites had begun—and Judah, the very one whom God had chosen to be the ancestor of the Savior, had become involved. Genesis 39 picks up the Joseph narrative. It includes a series of seemingly random and unjust events. But in reality, they are not random at all. God is at work in Joseph's life to create a safe haven for the Israelites in Egypt.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012, Read Genesis 49: 1-23**

Joseph's integrity lands him in prison. Because God has given him favor with the captain of the prison guard, Joseph soon finds himself in charge. One night, two of the other prisoners, both high-ranking officials in Pharaoh's royal court, awaken from troubling dreams. By grace, Joseph interprets them. His interpretations come true. Still, he is forgotten and must spend two more years in prison.

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012 Read Genesis 41:1-40**

Joseph languished in prison two more years. Then God acted in a single day. God's plan to protect the people of Israel by providing a kind of "incubator in Egypt" is nearly ready to be unveiled.

**FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012 Read Genesis 41:41-57**

Pharaoh does what she said he would do. He elevates Joseph to a position much more powerful than that of prime minister or president in our day. Joseph carries out the plan to save Egypt he outlined for Pharaoh in verses 33-46. As the years of plenty roll along, the Lord heals Joseph's personal pain. The names he gives his sons (vv. 51-52) hint at how thorough this healing is.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012 Read Genesis 42:1 to 44: 34**

Today you will read three chapters in the continuing story of Joseph. As you read, notice the test that Joseph sets up for his ten brothers. Notice too, how guilt's cold fist tightens until all the brothers realize their sin. Though more than twenty years have passed, time has not erased the debt they owe their Lord for their sins against Joseph. Note how God uses Joseph's tests to produce true repentance in the brother's hearts.

**SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 Worship in the morning and then catch up any missed readings.**