

## Genesis 39:1-4

- <sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.
- <sup>2</sup> **The LORD was with Joseph**, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

## Genesis 39:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> And his master saw that **the LORD was with him** and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.
- <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.

## Genesis 39:23

<sup>23</sup> The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

## 1 Samuel 16:16-18

- <sup>16</sup> Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."
- <sup>17</sup> So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

## **1 Samuel 16:16-18**

<sup>18</sup> Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."

## Genesis 41:33-34

- <sup>33</sup> "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a **discerning** (*'bin'*) and **wise** (*'chakam'*) man, and set him over the land of Egypt.
- <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

## Genesis 41:38-40

- <sup>38</sup> And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"
- <sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as **discerning** ('*bin*') and **wise** ('*chakam*') as you.
- <sup>40</sup> You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

## Daniel 1:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,
- <sup>4</sup> young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

## Daniel 1:17-20

- <sup>17</sup> As for these four young men, **God gave them knowledge ('madda') and skill in all literature and wisdom**; and Daniel had **understanding ('bin')** in all visions and dreams.
- <sup>18</sup> Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

## Daniel 1:17-20

- <sup>19</sup> Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.
- <sup>20</sup> And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.