



## Scripture References for Day 17

(All verses NKJV except where noted)

### Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, for *I am* God, and *there is* no other; *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me,

### Genesis 37:12-36

Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding *the flock* in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup> Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. <sup>15</sup> Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup> So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding *their flocks*." <sup>17</sup> And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

<sup>18</sup> Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.

<sup>19</sup> Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming! <sup>20</sup> Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" <sup>21</sup> But Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him." <sup>22</sup> And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit which *is* in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

<sup>23</sup> So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph *of* his tunic, the tunic of *many* colors that *was* on him. <sup>24</sup> Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit *was* empty; *there was* no water in it. <sup>25</sup> And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry *them* down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit *is there* if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh." And his brothers listened. <sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by; *so the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. <sup>29</sup> Then Reuben returned to the pit, and indeed Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup> And he returned to his brothers and said, "The lad *is* no *more*; and I, where shall I go?"

<sup>31</sup> So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. <sup>32</sup> Then they sent the tunic of *many* colors, and they brought *it* to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it *is* your son's tunic or not?" <sup>33</sup> And he recognized it and said, "*It is* my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup> And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to

be comforted, and he said, “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.<sup>36</sup> Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh *and* captain of the guard.

### **Genesis 39**

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.<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.<sup>5</sup> So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.<sup>6</sup> Thus he left all that he had in Joseph’s hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.<sup>7</sup> And it came to pass after these things that his master’s wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, “Lie with me.”<sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand.<sup>9</sup> *There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”

<sup>10</sup> So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her.

<sup>11</sup> But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house *was* inside,<sup>12</sup> that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.<sup>13</sup> And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,<sup>14</sup> that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, “See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.<sup>15</sup> And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside.”<sup>16</sup> So she kept his garment with her until his master came home.<sup>17</sup> Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me;<sup>18</sup> so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside.”

<sup>19</sup> So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me after this manner,” that his anger was aroused.<sup>20</sup> Then Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king’s prisoners *were* confined. And he was there in the prison.<sup>21</sup> But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.<sup>22</sup> And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who *were* in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.<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.

### **Psalms 105:16-20**

Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread.

He sent a man before them—Joseph—who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go

### **Genesis 50:20**

But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

### **Romans 11:33 (Phillips)**

Frankly, I stand amazed at the unfathomable complexity of God’s wisdom and God’s knowledge. How could man ever understand his reasons for action, or explain his methods of working?

**Psalm 37:5**

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring *it* to pass.

**Psalm 73:24**

You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

**Revelation 3:7-8**

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, ‘He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens’: ‘I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

**Deuteronomy 1:33**

...who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

**Psalm 90:1**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Psalm 91:1**

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**Psalm 31:20**

You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man;  
You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

**Psalm 36:7-8**

How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

**Psalm 65:3**

Iniquities prevail against me; *as for* our transgressions, You will provide atonement for them.

**Psalm 27:4-5**

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

**John 15:5**

I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**Psalm 23:6**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



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