

# Journey INTO THE Bible

## Supplemental Material

Genesis, Part Two: Lesson Five

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## Captives in a Foreign Land

**T**he description of Joseph in Pharaoh's employ has affinities with the biblical books of Daniel and Esther. All three are court tales that focus on the adventures and intrigues in foreign courts. Both Joseph and Daniel are captives in a foreign land who rise to prominence in the service of foreign kings because of, among other things, their ability to interpret dreams. In the Book of Esther, Mordecai, the foster father of Esther, is also the courtier of a foreign king who honors him with all sorts of distinctions. After defeating Haman (his court rival), Mordecai is raised to the rank of number two in the Persian Empire.