## The Story — Chapter 3 Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharoah Number Puzzle

- 1. Take the age at which Jacob died, and subtract from it the age at which Joseph died.
- 2. Add the number of sheckels of silver that Joseph's brothers received for selling him to the Ishmaelites.
- 3. Subtract the number of Fat Cows in Pharaoh's dream.
- 4. Add the number of sons born to Joseph and his wife.
- 5. Subtract the number of sons that Jacob originally sent to Egypt to buy grain.
- 6. Now add ANY number from 1 to 57. You should have a two digit number. Call this number X.
- 7. Add the two digits together and subtract from X to get a number called Y.
- 8. Now add together the two digits of Y to get a number called Z.
- 9. Now divide Z by 3 to get your final number.

What is the significance of this number in the Bible?

Try this puzzle again, adding in different numbers in step six.

## Answers:

Step 1: 
$$147 - 110 = 37$$

Step 2: 
$$37 + 20 = 57$$

Step 3: 
$$57 - 7 = 50$$

Step 4: 
$$50 + 2 = 52$$

Step 5: 
$$52 - 10 = 42$$

Some of the significances of the number three in the Bible are:

God is Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

God's attributes are three: omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.

People mentioned in threes:

Ham, Shem, and Japheth.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Saul, David, and Solomon.

Noah, Daniel, and Job.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Peter, James, and John.

Three is a number of RESURRECTION, for it was on the third day that Jesus rose again from the dead.

Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest.

Jesus was crucified at the 3rd hour and died at the 9th hour;  $3 \times 3 = 9$ .

There were 3 hours of darkness that covered the land while Jesus was dying, from the 6th hour to the 9th hour.

There are 27 books in the New Testament, which is  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  — or completeness to the third power  $(3^3)$ .