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***Recap of 6/21/09:***

*1. For personalized Bible reading plans see* [*http://www.blueletterbible.org/reader/daily*](http://www.blueletterbible.org/reader/daily)*;* [*http://www.how-to-experience-the-bible.com/custom-bible-reading-plan.html*](http://www.how-to-experience-the-bible.com/custom-bible-reading-plan.html)

*2. Read some good theology:* ***A Survey of Bible Doctrine*** *or* ***Basic Theology*** *by Charles C. Ryrie;* ***Lectures in Systematic Theology*** *by Henry C. Thiessen (revised by Vernon D. Doerksen;* ***Know Why You Believe*** *and* ***Know What You Believe*** *by Paul E. Little.*

*3. Genesis 37 (and in fact the whole Joseph account in Genesis) is an illustration of the doctrine of the providence of God. Providence, according to* ***Lectures in Systematic Theology*** *by Thiessen (see above) is “…that continuous activity of God whereby He makes all the events of the physical, mental and moral realms work out His purpose; ….”*

*4. According to Thiessen God exercises sovereign control over: the physical universe; the animal and plant creation; the nations of the earth; and over all individuals; extending to our birth, lot in life, and death; our successes and failures; over seemingly accidental or insignificant things in life; over the needs of His people; over the destinies of the saved and unsaved; and over the free acts of humans.*

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**Genesis 31:1–36**

I. Joseph’s introduction 37:1,2

II. Jacob’s decision 37:3-4

III. Joseph’s dreams 37:5-11

IV. Joseph’s downfall 37:12-36