

JOSEPH: FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE! – Part 1

Genesis 41:1-32

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1. THE LORD MOVES PHARAOH TO DREAM! – vv. 1-8

a) Pharaoh’s Disturbing Dream – vv. 1-8a - The dream had the most important elements it took to run his Egyptian Empire: The Nile River (water) Livestock and Grain (food).

b) Pharaoh’s Magicians Distressed by The Dream – v. 8b – If they could not interpret, the penalty was death (Nebuchadnezzar: *Daniel 2:1-12*).

2. THE LORD MOVES THE CUPBEARER TO REMEMBER! – 9-13

The cupbearer, knowing what is about happen to the magicians and wise men, remembered someone who can interpret dreams! God reminded the cupbearer about Joseph, before Pharaoh took action!

3. THE LORD MOVES JOSEPH OUT OF PRISON! – vv. 14-24

a) The Call – v.14a - The court officials from the palace went down to talk with Potiphar, who quickly went and told Joseph about Pharaoh’s request!

b) The Cut and the Clothes -v. 14b – They shaved Joseph and gave him proper clothing, replacing his prison outfit.

c) The Coming – v. 14c - When Joseph walked into the palace and given permission to come forward, he looked around the room and there standing not too far from Pharaoh was the cupbearer.

d) The Conversation – v.15 - God went one step further and wanted Joseph to listen to Pharaoh to get him out of the perplexity of a disturbing dream!

e) The Confession – v. 16 – Joseph was humble. God is the one who is working through him to minister to Pharaoh. **17-24** Pharaoh relates the same dreams to Joseph:

Compare v.3 with v. 19 and v. 4 with vv. 20-21

	SUBJECTS	DRAMA/TRAMA	MEANING	REPEATING
Pharaoh’s 1st Dream	7 Cows Sleek and Fat	7 Ugly & Gaunt Cows ate the Sleek and Fat Cows	7 years of plenty will be overtaken by 7 years of severe famine	v. 32b God has ruled it so and it will happen shortly. Numbers 23:19
	7 Cows Ugly and Gaunt			
Pharaoh’s 2nd Dream	7 Ears of Grain Plump and Good	7 Ears of Grain Thin/Scorched ate the 7 Ears of Plump and Good	7 years of plenty will be overtaken by 7 severe years of famine	
	7 Ears of Grain Thin and Scorched			

4. THE LORD MOVES JOSEPH TO INTERPRET! – vv. 25-32

a) The Dream is Prophetic – The future has good news and bad news!

b) The Dream is Problematic—a famine is coming; you don’t have time! **v.32**