

FROM PRISON TO PALACE
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I. FIRST, JOSEPH WAS A __ IN EGYPT.

- A. Remember that the king's cup bearer forgot to help Joseph—40:23.
- B. However, he wasn't forgotten by God.
 - 1. Pharaoh had a dream two years later—41:1.
 - 2. None of his advisors could interpret the King's dreams.
 - 3. The cup bearer finally remembered that Joseph could—41:9.
 - 4. Joseph interpreted the King's dream—41:25 and 28-30.
 - 5. The King was so impressed with Joseph that he put him in charge—41:41-43,46.

II. SECOND, JOSEPH HAD A REUNION WITH HIS BROTHERS.

- A. When the famine came all the countries of the world came to Egypt to buy food—41:57.
- B. Jacob sent all his sons except Benjamin the youngest to buy food in Egypt—42:1-4.
 - 1. Joseph's brothers bowed down to him just as he had predicted in his dreams—42:6.
 - 2. Joseph recognized them—42:7.
 - 3. Why didn't his brothers recognize Joseph?—42:8.
 - 4. Joseph tested his brothers to see if they had changed—42:21-23.
- C. Later Jacob sent them back to Egypt to buy more food and this time he sent Benjamin with them.
 - 1. Joseph tested them again—43:13-14.
 - 2. Judah volunteered to go to prison in place of Benjamin—44:33.
 - 3. At this point Joseph revealed himself to his brothers—45:3-7.
 - 4. Joseph told them it was all according to God's plan—45:8.

LESSONS FOR US TODAY.

- 1. Joseph is an example of faith because he believed God would lead Israel someday out of Egypt—50:22-26.
- 2. Joseph is an example forgiveness—Eph. 4:22.
- 3. There was a purpose for Joseph's suffering.
- 4. God can bring good out of evil—50:20.
- 5. We, like Joseph, should be an example for others to follow—1 Tim. 4:12