

PROMOTED FROM THE PRISON TO THE PALACE

(Genesis 41)

I. JOSEPH: IN PRISON FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DO (Genesis 39:20-40:23)

II. JOSEPH: FROM PRISON TO A POSITION OF POWER (Genesis 41:1-57)

* Chronologically how much time had elapsed from when Joseph was first sold into slavery?

* Is it difficult to wait on the Lord?

A. God gave Pharaoh TWO DREAMS (41:1-8)

1. Once again God would use two dreams to accomplish His _____
for Joseph and the _____ of _____.
2. After a restless night, in the morning Pharaoh was _____ by the dreams he had.

B. God REMINDED the cupbearer about Joseph's ABILITY (41:9-13)

1. The time had come for Joseph to be delivered from his trial of prison, and so the _____
of the cupbearer's memory recall was absolutely _____.
2. This bit of news about a certain Hebrew who had the ability to interpret dreams was exactly
what Pharaoh _____ (and needed) to _____ at this precise moment.

C. God gave Joseph the INTERPRETATIONS and WISE COUNCIL (41:14-36)

1. Pharaoh said to Joseph, *"I have heard it said of you that _____ understand a dream, to interpret it."* Joseph's humble response was, *"It is _____ in me; _____ will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."*

* How would you respond after spending (at least) two years in a filthy dungeon?

2. The basic interpretation of both dreams was that there was going to be seven years of _____, and seven years of _____ throughout the whole land.

* What "person" did Joseph continually keep at the forefront of Pharaoh's thinking?

D. Joseph was promoted to PRIME MINISTER throughout the land of Egypt (41:37-57)

1. After 13 years of spiritual _____ and _____, Joseph was 30 years old when the Lord promoted him to second in command of the most powerful country in the world.

* Did Joseph forget the Lord once he found success? How is the answer to that question discovered in the Hebrew names he gave his two sons? (vv. 51-52)

2. Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams proved to be _____, just as predicted; after the first seven years the famine was actually _____ in nature.

* What proved to be Joseph's secret of success throughout the years?

* How can you apply this truth in your own life?