

A BETTER DREAM ~ Genesis 41:1-57

→Scripture Reading - Genesis 37:5-11

PHARAOH'S DREAMS ~ Genesis 41:1-8

[1] When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: [7]... Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream. [8] In the morning his mind was TROUBLED, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but NO ONE COULD INTERPRET them for him.

RESTORED MEMORY ~ Genesis 41:9-14

[9] Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. ... [12] Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. [13] And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was hanged." [14] So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

PHARAOH TELLS JOSEPH HIS DREAMS ~ Genesis 41:15-24

[15] Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." [16] "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." ... [24] ... I told this to the magicians, but none could explain it to me."

GOD GETS ALL THE CREDIT ~ Genesis 41:25-32

[25] Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ...[28] "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. ... [32] The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.

JOSEPH EXPLAINS THE DREAMS WBC

- Both Dreams Have The SAME Meaning 25-26
- 7 cows and heads of grain are SEVEN years 26-27
- God is TELLING You what WILL Happen 25, 28
- 7 yrs. of ABUNDANCE Followed by 7 yrs. of FAMINE 29-31
- Two Dreams the SAME - it is SURE and QUICK 32

APPLICATION

Galatians 4:4-5 (NET) But when the appropriate time had come, God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we may be adopted as sons with full rights.

Our job is to SUBMIT to Him each day (Embrace Surrender)...
...to TRUST HIM each day (Choose to Believe)

THE JOSEPH PLAN ~ Genesis 41:33-45

[33] "And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt.

JOSEPH'S PLAN

- Start NOW vs. 33
- Put a Discerning Wise man IN CHARGE vs.33
- Appoint OVERSEERS vs.34
- COLLECT and STORE the Harvests vs.35

[37] The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. [38] So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" ... [40] YOU SHALL BE IN CHARGE of my palace, and all my people are to SUBMIT to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you."

CHANGE IN JOSEPH'S STATUS Holman OT Com

- verbal APPOINTMENT vs. 41
- giving of a signet RING vs. 42
- dressed in ROYAL ROBES vs. 42
- a GOLD CHAIN around his neck vs. 42
- public DISPLAY in a chariot with crier vs. 43
- giving NEW NAME to Joseph vs. 45
- given a WIFE vs. 45

JOSEPH CARRIES OUT THE PLAN ~ Genesis 41:46-57

[51] Joseph named his firstborn MANASSEH and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." [52] The second son he named EPHRAIM and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

APPLICATION

Luke 16:10 (NLT) "If you ARE FAITHFUL in little things, you will be FAITHFUL IN LARGE ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

Character (faithfulness) is shown in how the little things are treated - NET

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TAKE AWAY??

Genesis 41:51-52 (HCS) Joseph named the firstborn **MANASSEH**, meaning, "God has made me forget all my hardship in my father's house." [52] And the second son he named **EPHRAIM**, meaning, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Manasseh and Ephraim's names were a daily REMINDER of God's GOODNESS

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