

In The Beginning

Joseph the Dream Interpreter

Joseph's encounter with the king's servants... Gen.40

Joseph, still imprisoned, is joined by whom? 40:1-4 Comment?

The king's cupbearer and his baker. Both have enraged the king.

After a time in jail what ("coincidentally") happens to both of them? vs.5

They both have troubling, different dreams and are perplexed over the interpretation.

Joseph who is "in charge" offers to interpret. What's the first? vs.6-15 What does Joseph ask?

That the cupbearer will be restored to his position in 3 days. He asks to be remembered.

What's the interpretation of the second dream? vs.16-19

The baker would be hanged and the birds would eat his flesh in 3 days. Not 'pleasing'.

And what was the result on the 3rd day? vs.20-23

Exactly fulfilled as Joseph said. However the cupbearer forgot about Joseph...

What do you think was in Joseph's mind (during 2 more years)? 41:1

Now the plan of God begins to unfold...Gen.41

What does the Lord do to set the stage for Joseph? 41:1-8

Pharaoh has (2) perplexing dreams of 7 cows and 7 ears of grain. No one able to interpret.

Comment on vs.8. Who are the magicians?

The magicians are skilled in witchcraft, leaders of the ungodly 'religion' of Egypt.

Now, at just the right time, the cupbearer does what? vs.9-13

He remembers Joseph, who accurately interpreted dreams, before Pharaoh.

After being called by Pharaoh to explain the dream, what is Joseph's response? vs.14-16

He makes it plain any interpretation would be from the true God. Good or bad...

After hearing his dreams what does Joseph clearly declare to Pharaoh? vs.17-25

He understands the dream to be God showing Pharaoh what He was going to do.

And what is his interpretation and recommendation? vs.29-32; vs.33-36

7 yrs of super abundance followed by 7 yrs of severe famine. Put a wise man in charge!

What does Pharaoh, by the Lord's hand, recognize? vs.37-39 Comment?

This ungodly monarch recognizes that the Spirit of God is upon Joseph. Greatly favored.

Describe the position Joseph now is given. vs.40-45

Second only to Pharaoh! Authority and power. From despised to exaltation!

Comment on Psalm 105:1-24 What's the 'big picture' here?

God is bringing Israel to Egypt to grow to a full nation. Joseph is 'sent ahead'!

What types of Christ are seen in all this? ICor.15:20-28; Phil.2:5-11

First despised, then exalted to rule over all, except the Father. God's plan is perfect!
