

From Prison to the Palace Genesis 39:19-41:57

I. Joseph in Prison – 39:19-23

1. Joseph suffers an injustice – 19-20
Put in prison for a crime he did not commit
He was in prison without a trial
There is an indefinite length of sentence
2. The Lord is with Joseph – 21
“Showed him mercy” – He is not forsaken
“Gave him favor in the sight of the keeper”
3. Keeper put Joseph in charge – 22-23
All the prisoners were under his authority
This was a direct result of God’s hand

II. God Intervenes – 40:1-23

1. Joseph has two special prisoners – 1-4
Pharaoh’s butler & baker are under Joseph
They did something to anger the king
2. Both men have dreams in same night – 5-6
They are sad, troubled by these dreams
They don’t know what they mean
3. Joseph shows concern for them – 7-8
Tells them God can interpret their dreams
4. He interprets the butler’s dream – 9-13
Within 3 days he will be restored to his position
5. Asks to be mentioned to Pharaoh – 14-15
He has been stolen from his family
He has done no wrong in Egypt
6. Joseph interprets baker’s dream – 16-19
Within three days he will be hanged
7. Dreams come true as predicted – 20-22
They are released on Pharaoh’s birthday – 20
The chief butler is restored to his position - 21
The chief baker is hanged - 22
8. Butler does not mention him to Pharaoh - 23
He forgot about Joseph
Not yet God’s time – 2 more years in prison – 41:1

III. Joseph’s Exaltation – 41:1-57

1. Pharaoh’s Dreams – 1-7
After two more years in prison for Joseph
Pharaoh had two dreams in one night
7 fat cows are eaten up by 7 lean cows
7 good stalks of grain eaten by 7 bad stalks
2. Pharaoh is troubled, wise men baffled – 8
They could not interpret Pharaoh’s dreams
3. Chief Butler remembers Joseph – 9-13
He told Pharaoh of his dreams & the butler’s
He spoke of Joseph & his interpretation

- The dreams came true as Joseph said
4. Pharaoh calls for Joseph – 14-16
Joseph gives glory to God for interpretations
 5. Pharaoh tells Joseph his dreams – 17-24
7 lean cows eat 7 fat cows; 7 lean ears eat 7 good
 6. Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams – 25-32
Two dreams are one - doubled for emphasis
7 years of plenty will give way to 7 years of famine
 7. Joseph’s wise counsel for Pharaoh – 33-36
Appoint a man with a staff to stockpile grain
Store food for the years of famine to come
 8. Pharaoh selects Joseph for this task – 37-44
He becomes the number 2 ruler in Egypt
 9. Joseph is successful as ruler in Egypt – 45-57
Pharaoh gives Joseph a wife – 45
Joseph began ruling Egypt at age 30 - 46
He gathered grain in the years of plenty – 46-49
He begins his family, with 2 sons – 50-52
Manasseh - God has made me forget my toil &
my home
Ephraim – God has made me fruitful in land of
Affliction
He fed the people in years of famine – 53-57