



From Pit to Palace

Oct 2

INTRODUCTION: Sold into slavery because of jealousy over Joseph's favour and dreams, made a slave in Egypt and then sold into slavery; Joseph did not have it easy, yet God was with him. Now we begin to see his dreams fulfilled, along with the biblical heartbeat of James 4:6, etc.

REVIEW: [Genesis, pt. II](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: pride,

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 39, Potiphar's Wife)

- What does this chapter teach us about God's providential care?
- About temptation?
- About injustice and the One who brings true justice?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 40, 2 Prisoners' Dreams)

- Who were the cup bearer and baker? What of God's providential timing of Joseph being in prison?
- What humility had Joseph learned? How did this help prepare him for service 'SDG' and in showing kindness?
- Why did the cupbearer forget Joseph? Who never forgets His people?

READ: Gen 41

QUESTIONS:

1. *V. 1- Joseph waits a further 2 years (sold at age 17, he is now 28 years old, v. 46). While we may wait on the Lord, He delivers His children at the right time.*
2. **In trusting God's providence, how did Joseph avoid becoming bitter?**
3. *Like previous dreams there are 2 to underscore fulfillment.*
4. *Dream #1- cows and the Nile were ancient Egyptian symbols for fertility.*
5. *Dream #2- In Roman times Egypt became the bread basket of the Empire.*

6. *Each dream has ugly (evil) and good (good) items. The second dream was a nightmare and Pharaoh was troubled so he summoned his priests (wisemen) (c.f. Ex 7:11, 22,; 8:7, 18-19). Pharaoh and the priests represent Egyptian gods. **That they were at an end to understand the dreams teaches us???** (v. 15 and 24).*
7. *Finally, the cupbearer remembers the Hebrew slave. How is God's timing perfect?*
8. **How does this story exemplify verses like James 4:6? (How was Jesus brought low and exalted, Phil 2?)**
9. *The King bestows great blessing but Joseph reminds Pharaoh where this comes from, v. 16, 25, 28, 38. (1 Cor 4:7). **Why ought we to have a selfless SDG attitude?***
10. **Like Moses and Daniel, how does Joseph act like a prophet, pointing proud rulers to the true King? How can we?**
11. **What is the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams? How does this begin to fulfill Joseph's own dreams?**
12. *How does Joseph's wisdom to spurn death and choose life echo Deut 30:15?*
13. *Joseph is a wise man offering sound advice. **How can we fulfill this in our own age?***
14. *Vv. 38-40- **How had God prepared Joseph for this role of 'prime minister'? (How is He preparing us?)***
15. *Despite marrying (lawfully) and having children, his wives probably have some faith in this man's God. Joseph also gives his children Hebrew names; he hadn't forgotten his promised family like Ishmael and Esau! **What prophetic significance might their names have?***
16. **How is Joseph an ideal man, doing —in part—what Adam should have done and foreshadowing who Christ would be and who we are called to be?**
17. **How ought we to live the Christian life in times of abundance and want?**
18. **V.54- How does this set the stage for the final fulfilment of Joseph's dreams? (How is it Messianic, Ps 72:12-17?, Jn 2:1-11, 6:51?)**

NEXT WEEK: Oct 9- Joseph Tests His Brothers, Genesis 44