

JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAMS — GENESIS 41

PHARAOH'S DISTURBING DREAM — v.1-7

- Two years after the chief butler and chief baker's dreams were fulfilled, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, dreamed two dreams.
- Pharaoh was troubled and called his magicians and wise men to interpret the dreams, but they could not.

JOSEPH SUMMONED BY PHARAOH — v.8-14

- The chief butler approached Pharaoh and told him about a Hebrew man who had interpreted his dream in prison. Joseph is summoned by Pharaoh.

JOSEPH COMES BEFORE PHARAOH — v.15-16

- Joseph quickly shaved and changed clothes before meeting Pharaoh.
- Pharaoh told Joseph he heard he could interpret dreams. But Joseph told Pharaoh it was God who would provide the interpretation, not him.

PHARAOH TELLS JOSEPH HIS DREAM — v.17-24

- In the first dream, 7 healthy cows came up out of the Nile River, followed by 7 skinny and ugly cows. The 7 skinny cows ate the 7 healthy cows but remained just as skinny as before.
- In the second dream, 7 healthy ears of grain grew and were joined by 7 ugly ears of grain that swallowed up the 7 healthy ears.

JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAM — v.25-32

- The 7 healthy cows and the 7 healthy ears of grain symbolized 7 years of abundance.
- The 7 skinny cows and the 7 withered ears of grain symbolized 7 years of famine.
- Egypt would experience 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of severe famine.

JOSEPH GIVES ADVICE TO PHARAOH — v.33-36

- Joseph encouraged Pharaoh to appoint a wise man to store up food during the 7 years of abundance so the nation would not starve during the 7 years of famine.

JOSEPH'S PROMOTION TO A POSITION OF GREAT AUTHORITY — v.37-45

- Pharaoh decided Joseph was the man he needed for the job.
- Pharaoh made Joseph the second most powerful man in the land of Egypt.
- Joseph was given an Egyptian wife and a new name, *Zaphenath-paneah*.

THE SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY — v.46-52

- During the 7 years of abundance Joseph gathered grain in storehouses.
- During the years of abundance Joseph had 2 sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

THE SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE — v.53-57

- At the end of the 7 years of abundance, the famine began.
- The Egyptians and those from surrounding nations came to Joseph to buy food.

