

Last week: The butler and the baker are imprisoned. They both have God given dreams, Joseph inquires of God the meaning of the dreams. Joseph tells the butler

that after 3 days "his head would be lifted up and his position restored". And to the baker he tells that after 3 days the baker would be hanged, and such his head would be lifted off.

Genesis 41:1-4: (two years later): Pharaoh has a dream (again God inspired) and he sees 7 cows come up out of the river. They were plump, fine looking, and they grazed in the meadow. Next he sees 7 more cows come up out of the river and these a skin and bones and look very weak and malnourished. These second 7 cows devoured the first 7 cows. - Then Pharaoh wakes up.

Genesis 41:5-7: On another night he dreamt the same type of a dream but instead of it being cows it was 7 heads of grain on a stalk, that were full and ripe being consumed by 7 heads of grain that were thin and beggarly looking after and east wind had "blighted" the 7 weak heads of grain. ("East wind" in the

Bible is often associated, or symbolizing divine judgement, destruction, and spiritual devastation. And since absolutely positively, unequivocally, centers around Israel in the Bible land in secular life; hence we live in the "west") the east would be the scorching Arabian deserts which are known for being brutally hot and dry. Winds from there withered crops, ruined harvests, and brought intense physical discomfort.) Again proof that the Bible is authentic! We live in the "Western Hemisphere" compared to Israel and we live in the year 2026 which is based on 2026 years since the birth of the King of Israel (our Savior) Jesus Christ. No one in their right mind can dispute that!

Genesis 41:8: Pharaoh is freaking out. He knows the dreams have significance and so he calls on the only ones he thinks can answer what the meanings of the dreams were; all the magicians.

Genesis 41:9-13 The butler remembers Joseph but he forgets the most important thing. He forgets that Joseph made it clear that not he, but God who is the author of the dreams, could give their interpretation. Joseph by himself can do nothing. We by ourselves can do nothing. But all those who intended to give God

the glory for what was about to happen, they moved mountains (crumbled city walls), were able to have up to 115 9,650 foot walls of water obediently stand at attention, bring the

dead back to life and all of the other miracles that are listed in the 66 Books of God's Word and that we, God's people, have done in order that He might be glorified. (see Scriptures Acts 9+19) note: Peter and Paul used the same guaranteed formula (that I use): ① Are you asking it as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ? ② Is it God's Will that the prayer be answered (quote Scripture back to Him)? ③ Will God be glorified by the prayer coming to be (will the answered prayer leave people praising God)?

- Like the fellowship Sundays in June, July, August of any given year.

Genesis 41:14-16 Again, just like last time. Joseph gives the glory to God for his ability to interpret dreams. And again his faith bashing state, "God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. HE HAS FAITH IN WHAT HAS NOT YET HAPPENED." (I forgot to mention that if anyone prays, according to the guaranteed formula above, it must be in complete faith that it will come to pass. Wishy washy faith never results in answered prayer. Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for (looked forward to), the evidence (proof) of things not (yet) seen. Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him.

Genesis 41:17-24 Pharaoh recounts the dreams and notes that none of his magicians (soothsayers, witches, fortune tellers, ... etc) were able to decipher the dreams.

Genesis 41:25-32 Joseph tells Pharaoh that both dreams are in tune with what is going to happen. And both dreams were given to let Pharaoh know that they will soon come about to be. The dreams warn of 7 great harvest years followed by 7 devastating non-harvest years so brutal that there will be no recovering from them.

Genesis 41:33-36 Joseph tells Pharaoh (God inspired advice) to select an overseer of food storage. One who puts aside 20% of all bounty for each of the 7 years and keep it for the 7 lean years.

Genesis 41:37-38 As we can see Joseph is recognized as a man of God (Criteria #1), God's will is implemented in that Joseph is lifted up to the position that God needs him to be in so that the nation of Israel can grow to the size He wants (Criteria #2), and

God is glorified when Pharaoh acknowledges what Joseph already knows when he says, "Can we find such a one as this a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" (note: look at any miracle in the Bible or in history and they will all have those 3 criteria met). (Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane only had 1).

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Genesis 41: 39-44 verse 40 says, "You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word." and verse 41 says, "See I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Think about that. Joseph, humanly speaking, should have been dead several times over. And if you look at others the same is true: (In no particular order): Moses should have been snuffed out by the first Pharaoh when he killed the Egyptian and several times over by the new Pharaoh more than 4 decades later when he told him to let his people go, repeatedly. King David should have been killed by the lion, the bear, the giant Goliath, or at least Saul's spears or other attempts to have him killed. The nation of Israel: should have been annihilated 20-30 times over in their times of rebellion and subsequent captivity, by the likes of the Ammorites, the Hittites, the Midianite and Kenites, the Philistines, the Canaanites (who made them look like grasshoppers), Haman, Hitler, Palestinians, Radical Muslims, the nation of Iran and soon every nation will stand against them or stand idly by. And some day in the future at the midpoint of the Tribulation the Anti-Christ will try to finally wipe them out. This will not totally wipe them out so he will try again at the Battle of Armageddon. Jesus Christ: Throughout his earthly ministry they tried to kill Him. He even was surrounded as He stood at the edge of the cliff, after the swine had rushed over it, only to walk right through the mob trying to kill Him without them being even able to move. And hundreds and hundreds of other historical Godly people. The same is true for you and I! We can be on a plane at 20,000 feet that loses all power, be in end stage cancer, fall off the edge of the Grand Canyon and be untouched. Immortal as long as we are in God and doing the work He has compiled for us to do. A person in God's Will doing God's work cannot be harmed until their work is complete.

Genesis 41: 45: Joseph is given an Egyptian name, Zaphnath-Paneah; which means "The God Speaks And Lives". Joseph is also given a wife from a prominent family.

Genesis 41: 46 Joseph was 30 years old, He was sold into slavery at 17 years old. So it is not out of possibilities that Joseph was imprisoned around 10 or so years.