

JOSEPH'S EXALTATION
(Genesis 41:1-57)

- I. Pharaoh's DREAM (Gen. 41:1-32)
 - A. The DETAILS of the dream (41:1-7)
 - 1. Occurred TWO YEARS after the RELEASE of the cupbearer
 - 2. Came as a PAIR of RELATED dreams
 - B. The DISTRESS of Pharaoh (41:8-13)
 - 1. BAFFLED his ASTROLOGERS
 - 2. REMINDED the cupbearer of JOSEPH
 - C. The DISCOVERY of an INTERPRETER (41:14-32)
 - 1. BROUGHT Joseph from PRISON
 - a. Denied PERSONAL ABILITY
 - b. GLORIFIED GOD
 - 2. TOLD Joseph his DREAM
 - 3. HEARD Joseph's INTERPRETATION
 - a. It was a MESSAGE from GOD
 - b. It revealed seven COMING years of BOUNTY
 - c. It revealed seven FOLLOWING years of FAMINE
- II. Joseph's PROMOTION (Gen. 41:33-57)
 - A. Joseph's ADVICE to Pharaoh (41:33-36)

1. Select the RIGHT MAN as ADMINISTRATOR
 2. Provide him with GOOD ASSISTANTS
 3. Give them authority to collect 20% of all PRODUCE during the years of BOUNTY
- B. Pharaoh's ASSIGNMENT for Joseph (41:37-45)
1. RECOGNIZED Joseph's QUALIFICATIONS
 2. APPOINTED Joseph PRIME MINISTER
 - a. Made him SECOND-IN-COMMAND of Egypt
 - b. Gave him the royal SIGNET and VESTURES
 - c. PUBLICLY proclaimed his AUTHORITY
 3. Gave Joseph an EGYPTIAN NAME: Zaphenath-paneah
 4. Gave Joseph an EGYPTIAN WIFE: Asenath
- C. Joseph's ACTIVITY as PRIME MINISTER (41:46-57)
1. Gathered the FOOD from all EGYPT
 - a. Stored it in the CITIES where it was COLLECTED
 - b. Accumulated so MUCH that accurate records were IMPOSSIBLE
 2. Had TWO SONS by Asenath
 - a. Manasseh: "FORGETTING"
 - b. Ephraim: "DOUBLY FRUITFUL"
 3. Oversaw DISTRIBUTION during the years of FAMINE
 - a. PREPARED when they came
 - b. SOLD to ALL who had NEED