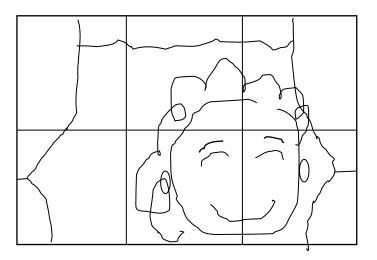
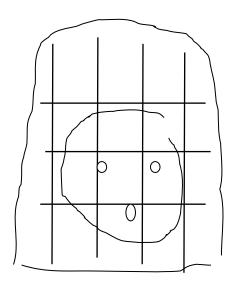
For 12 years Joseph had been away from home, in prison, for something he didn't do. While in the prison, things were prospering under his charge, but the door remained locked and he felt forgotten. But the One who counts did not forget Joseph. God's sovereign hand was continually directing events that would bring about His perfect will.





Genesis chapter 41

JOSEPH

#10, called before Pharaoh – Gen 41:1-37

Gen 41:1, Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

- 2 And lo, from the Nile there came up seven cows, sleek and fat; and they grazed in the marsh grass.
- 3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the Nile, ugly and gaunt, and they stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. 4 The ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.
- 5 He fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came up on a single stalk, plump and good. 6 Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them. 7 The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream.
- 8 Now in the morning his spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

- [1.] v:1, Pharaoh had a dream, And, according to this study, who has God allowed to interpret dreams?
- [2.] v:1-2, And 10, Write down your points about this part of the dream.
- [3.] v:3-4, Then behold, Jot down what happened next.
- [4.] v:5-7, dreamed a second time How was Pharaoh's second dream <u>similar</u> to the first?
- [5.] v:8, Now in the morning, In the morning, what did Pharaoh do and how did it turn out?

Daniel chapter 2

- 1 Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. 2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."
- [6.] v:1, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams, In the Babylonian captivity, who else would be called upon to interpret dreams?
- [7.] v:2-3, the king gave orders, What did Nebuchnezzar want to know?

#10, called before Pharaoh – Gen 41:1-37



23 "To You, 0 God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,

For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You.

For You have made known to us the king's matter."

[8.] You have made known to us, After threats of murder and mayhem, how was Nebuchnezzar's problem solved?

Back to Genesis chapter 41

9 Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of my own offenses. 10 "Pharaoh was furious with his servants, and he put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, both me and the chief baker. 11 "We had a dream on the same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream. 12 "Now a Hebrew youth was with us there, a servant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related them to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his own dream. 13 "And just as he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my office, but he hanged him." 14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they hurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

[9.] v:9-13, cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, The cupbearer's confession to Pharaoh was accurate except, what information did he leave out?

[10.] v:14, Then Pharaoh sent, You're Joseph having been called before Pharaoh. What's going through your head as you get spruced up and head into the unknown?

15 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." 16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

Pharaoh's dreams v:17-24

25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has told to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

26 "The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one and the same.

27 "The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east wind will be seven years of famine.

[11.] question [10.], As a twice born Christian, how do you handle the unknown?

[12.] v:15-16, It is not in me, To whom did Joseph give credit for interpretation?

[13.] question [12.] As a twice born Christian, do you believe God will give you the interpretation of scripture?

[14.] v:25, Now Joseph said, Right off, what two facts did Joseph say about the dreams?

[15.] v:26, dreams are one and the same, What was the meaning of the seven fat cows and good ears?

[16.] v:27, The seven, What did the seven thin cows & ears mean?

JOSEPH

#10, called before Pharaoh – Gen 41:1-37

28 "It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do. 29 "Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt; 30 and after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine will ravage the land. 31 "So the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it will be very severe. 32 "Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

33 "Now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. 35 "Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it. 36 "Let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not perish during the famine."

37 Now the proposal seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his servants.

[17.] v:28-32, the repeating of the dream, What is the meaning of this phrase?

[18.] v:33, Now let Pharaoh, In this verse, what was Joseph's advice?

[19.] v:34-35, appoint overseers, What was to be the task of the overseers?

[20.] v:36, Let the food, What was the goal in all this work?

[21.] Who was the real source of these ideas?

[22.] How can we give the Lord credit for information that we know did not come out of our own brain?

