

From Prison to Prime Minister of Egypt (Gen 41)

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INTRODUCTION

Egypt and the reliability of the Nile

(41:1–8) Pharaoh Had Two Dreams which None Could Interpret

(41:1–4) Pharaoh's first dream was about seven gaunt cows eating seven fat ones

(41:5–7) Pharaoh's 2nd dream was about 7 thin heads of grain cows eating 7 plump ones

(41:8) Pharaoh was troubled because no advisor could interpret the two dreams

(41:9–36) Pharaoh's cupbearer remembered Joseph, told Pharaoh about him interpreting dreams, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams (giving all credit to God), and advised Pharaoh about the next fourteen years

(41:9–13) The cupbearer remembered Joseph & told Pharaoh that he explained dreams

(41:14) Pharaoh summoned Joseph so he could interpret the two dreams

(41:15–16) Pharaoh said that he heard about Joseph interpreting dreams; Joseph said that God is the interpreter of dreams

(41:17–24) Pharaoh told Joseph his dream of the 14 cows and the 14 heads of grain

(41:25–32) Joseph interpreted the dreams as both saying God will most certainly give Egypt 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of severe famine

(41:25–27) Both dreams were one: The seven fat cows represent seven abundant years in Egypt, the seven gaunt cows represent seven years of severe famine in Egypt

(41:28–31) Both dreams were one: The 7 plump heads of grain represent 7 abundant years in Egypt, the 7 thin heads of grain represent 7 years of severe famine in Egypt

(41:32) The repeated dreams expresses certainty that God will bring the dreams to pass

(41:33–36) Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint a wise man to set up a plan for storing surplus grain for the seven abundant years in preparation for the seven years of famine

(41:37–57) Pharaoh perceived that God made Joseph wise, so he appointed him as his second in command over Egypt, gave him a wife who bore Manasseh & Ephraim

(41:37–45) Pharaoh gave Joseph authority over Egypt, renamed him & gave him a wife

(41:46–49) Joseph was the second in command over Egypt during the 7 abundant years

(41:50–52) Joseph had two sons, Manasseh & Ephraim

(41:53–57) Egypt & foreign nations came to Joseph for food during the 7 year famine

SUMMARY