

JOSEPH IN PRISON

Genesis 39:21 - 41:45

For the second time, Joseph had been greatly wronged, with the result that now he was not just a slave, but also a prisoner held on a false charge. Yet notice what was still true of Joseph even in this place, and what happened as a result of his being there:

A. Joseph's Position in Prison: Read Genesis 39:21-23

1. Although Joseph had been falsely accused and was being falsely punished, what wonderful fact was still true of him? Genesis 39:21a

2. Therefore, what two things did the Lord do for him? Genesis 39:21b, c

3. What did the keeper of the prison do because of this? Genesis 39:22a

4. Notice the extent to which the keeper of the prison trusted Joseph: Genesis 39:23a. What did God do concerning all that Joseph did? Genesis 39:23c, d

B. Joseph's Encounter with the King's Butler and Baker: Read Genesis 40:1-8

1. Why were the king's butler and baker placed in the same prison where Joseph was? Genesis 40:1-3

2. Who was given charge over the butler and baker? Genesis 40:4

3. After a time, what did both of them do in the same night? Genesis 40:5

4. When Joseph saw them the next morning, what did he notice? Genesis 40:6

5. After Joseph had discovered why they were so sad (Genesis 40:7, 8b), what did he tell them? Genesis 40:8d

C. Their Dreams and the Fulfillment of Them: Read Genesis 40:9-23

1. Be able to tell what the butler had seen and done in his dream: Genesis 40:9-11

2. What did Joseph say his dream meant? Genesis 40:12, 13

3. What did Joseph ask the butler to do for him? Genesis 40:14

4. Be able to tell what the baker saw in his dream: Genesis 40:16, 17

5. What did Joseph say his dream meant? Genesis 40:18, 19

6. On the third day after the butler's and baker's dreams, what three things happened? Genesis 40:20-22

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- a. 20 _____
- b. 21 _____
- c. 22 _____

7. In spite of all that had happened to the butler, what did he do after this? Genesis 40:23

D. Pharaoh's Dreams: Read Genesis 41:1-13

1. How long did Joseph continue to be held a prisoner? Genesis 41:1a

2. At the end of this time, what happened? Genesis 41:1b

3. Be able to tell what Pharaoh saw in his two dreams: Genesis 41:1-7

4. When he told these dreams to all his wise men, what happened? Genesis 41:8

5. About this time, what did the chief butler remember? Genesis 41:9-13

E. Joseph Before Pharaoh: Read Genesis 41:14-45

1. What did Pharaoh immediately do? Genesis 41:14

2. When Pharaoh said he had heard that Joseph could interpret dreams, what did Joseph tell him? Genesis 41:16

3. After Pharaoh told his dreams to Joseph, what did Joseph say both the kine (cattle) and the ears represented? Genesis 41:26

4. What two things did the dreams show that God was about to send in Egypt? Genesis 41:28-32

5. Therefore, what did Joseph advise Pharaoh to have a man do during the seven years of plenty? Genesis 41:33-36

6. Who was chosen for this position and for what two reasons? Genesis 41:39, 40b, 38c, 39c

7. Notice how Joseph was treated after this: Genesis 41:40c-45

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did it pay Joseph to remain true to God throughout all his trials, temptations and sufferings? Did the wrongs done to him benefit him in any way? Without them, would he have been available when Pharaoh needed him?

2. What is God able to do concerning any wrongs which may ever be done to me? (See Romans 8:28)
