

## The Life of Joseph: Week 8 - Chapter Seven & Eight: Summoned by Pharaoh & Executive Over the Land

### Part 1: Favorably Forgotten (Gen 40:21-23, 41:1-14)

Joseph may have been forgotten by man, but he was not forgotten by God.

The cupbearer was not \_\_\_\_\_ solely on his own \_\_\_\_\_. There was divine intervention going on behind the scenes. The cupbearer truly had no reason to mention Joseph to the King, until the King had the dreams...and the timing of the dreams were determined by God.

God could have sent Pharaoh the dreams on \_\_\_\_\_ night – of \_\_\_\_\_ week/month/year.

Why did God delay two whole years before sending Pharaoh the dreams? Because the Lord has something to teach Joseph along the way.

The Lord doesn't want Joseph to simply \_\_\_\_\_ at the destination...He wants Joseph to be certain kind a man when he arrives at Pharaoh's court.

**God is not playing time-games with Joseph.** God was waiting until Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Prime Minister. **See Isaiah 49:8, 1 Peter 5:6**

In his perfect mercy, the Lord had determined that Joseph had humbled himself \_\_\_\_\_ under the mighty hand of God and today was a favorable time to answer his cry for help. In his perfect wisdom, the Lord had determined that this day was the \_\_\_\_\_ time to exalt Joseph. In his perfect foreknowledge, the Lord had understood this day to be the day from eternity \_\_\_\_\_.

**God knew this day was the best day, and Joseph's help did not come a moment early or a moment late.** Every disappointment, every delay and every detour was \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare Joseph for this moment...When the preparation was complete, there was no need for delay or unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_... And God had Joseph rushed to the Pharaoh.

Joseph's suffering had \_\_\_\_\_ complete perseverance, character and hope...Therefore his suffering was complete. **See Romans 5:3-4**

### Part 2: Dreams of Destiny (Gen 41:8-38)

#### Personal Notes:

As in the case of the cupbearer & baker, Joseph immediately knows the meaning of the dreams innately & \_\_\_\_\_. He also knows the proper solution.

It is unknown whether Joseph was intending that he would be considered to be the 'wise & \_\_\_\_\_ man' who was placed in charge. However, I also believe that Joseph had in mind that he would need to be willing to be such a man if the Lord willed it...as he had learned to serve and serve well, all those he had come in contact with.

Joseph served Potiphar & the warden for the Lord. Joseph may have \_\_\_\_\_ that being summoned by Pharaoh would result in serving Pharaoh in some way.

### Part 3: Promoted to Prime Minister (Gen 41:37-49)

#### Personal Notes:

Joseph is the first person recorded to have been indwelt by the Spirit of God. Of course we've already sensed this to be true on the basis of his attitude, his work ethic, his purity and his treatment of others.

#### The giving of this royal robe is significant for many reasons...

- 1<sup>st</sup> it represented the end of all of Joseph's mistreatment, \_\_\_\_\_ and pain.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> it represented Joseph passing the final \_\_\_\_\_ of his preparation. He had been a faithful steward & \_\_\_\_\_ during times of PLENTY and times of DESPAIR!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> it represented the beginning of the ultimate position that God had in mind for Joseph all along.

**Joseph was now set loose to do the thing that he had been prepared by God to do over the last 13 years! All is not resolved however, as Joseph is still another 9 years and 150 miles removed from his father & family...**

### Chapter Six: Life Lessons

#1 We must remind ourselves that the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ is not our \_\_\_\_\_, and that's a good thing. (2 Peter 3:8-9)

#2 We must remind ourselves that the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ are not our \_\_\_\_\_, and that's a good thing. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

#3 We must remind ourselves that, as believers, the Lord has His hands on every moment of our lives and He is a good Father. (Jeremiah 29:11)

#4 We must realize that how we \_\_\_\_\_ matters. Our attitude, our outlook, our hope & our faith, during the delay, MATTERS! **Walking as a person full of The Spirit of God MATTERS!**

#5 During the wait, the Lord is wanting to grow our faith in Him & grow our character in order to prepare us for the 'better thing'...**even if the better thing is to go and be with him.**

#### We must ask ourselves...

- Who can I benefit & bless during this? -Who can I serve during this?
- What is the Lord trying to teach me? -Where is the Lord trying to grow me?

**It doesn't matter whether we are in a pit, a prison or a palace...**

What matters is who we ARE in a pit, a prison or a palace!

What matters is who our HOPE IS IN in a pit, a prison or a palace.