

## Honor & Glory



MEMORY VERSE: "For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen."

Romans 11:36



### GENESIS 41:1-8 Dreams

1. God gave Pharaoh two dreams to help him lead his country, Egypt, and to help the Hebrew people.
  - a. The first dream had two sets of cows coming out of the Nile River. How many were there? What happened?
  - b. The second dream had two sets of grain. How did they look different? What happened that was the same in both dreams?
2. Pharaoh was greatly disturbed by these dreams. What did he do? What was the result?



### GENESIS 41:9-24 Giving God Credit

3. Verse 9 says, "Today I have been reminded of my failure." This means that Joseph was in prison for two whole years waiting on God's plan. What can you learn from this?
4. Who could not interpret the dreams? vv. 8  
Who could interpret the dreams? vv. 16  
Pharaoh wanted to give Joseph credit for the dreams. How did Joseph respond? vv. 16
5. Why is it important to give God credit for what He accomplishes through us?



- 6. God is telling Pharaoh in advance what He is about to do. What did the seven healthy cows and healthy heads of grain mean? What did the thin cows and withered grain mean?
  
- 7. What was Joseph's solution for the seven years of abundance followed by the seven years of famine? vv. 33-36
  
- 8. God not only interpreted the Pharaoh's dreams but also gave Joseph the solution to his problem. What does this tell you about God's character?
  
- 9. Do you see evidence of God's plan at work in your life?

**BELIEVE THE TRUTH**

God revealed to Pharaoh through his dreams the hardship Egypt was about to endure. God had a plan and used Joseph to interpret the dreams and share God's solution. In the same way, God has a plan for your life, and wants to use you to bring Him honor and glory

**PRAY THE TRUTH**

Dear God,  
I know that you have a plan for my life. Remind me to trust in Your timing and give me strength to follow Your lead. I want to be like Joseph and give You credit for the things that only You can do. Help me to bring You honor and glory! Amen.

**WALK IN TRUTH**



Where do you need to be giving honor and glory to God for what He is doing in your life right now?



## Genesis 41:1-46 (NLT)

### Pharaoh's Dreams

1 Two full years later, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing on the bank of the Nile River. 2 In his dream he saw seven fat, healthy cows come up out of the river and begin grazing in the marsh grass. 3 Then he saw seven more cows come up behind them from the Nile, but these were scrawny and thin. These cows stood beside the fat cows on the riverbank. 4 Then the scrawny, thin cows ate the seven healthy, fat cows! At this point in the dream, Pharaoh woke up. 5 But he fell asleep again and had a second dream. This time he saw seven heads of grain, plump and beautiful, growing on a single stalk. 6 Then seven more heads of grain appeared, but these were shriveled and withered by the east wind. 7 And these thin heads swallowed up the seven plump, well-formed heads! Then Pharaoh woke up again and realized it was a dream. 8 The next morning Pharaoh was very disturbed by the dreams. So he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. When Pharaoh told them his dreams, not one of them could tell him what they meant.

9 Finally, the king's chief cup-bearer spoke up. "Today I have been reminded of my failure," he told Pharaoh. 10 "Some time ago, you were angry with the chief baker and me, and you imprisoned us in the palace of the captain of the guard. 11 One night the chief baker and I each had a dream, and each dream had its own meaning. 12 There was a young Hebrew man with us in the prison who was a slave of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he told us what each of our dreams meant. 13 And everything happened just as he had predicted. I was restored to my position as cup-bearer, and the chief baker was executed and impaled on a pole." 14 Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh. 15 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it." 16 "It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied. "But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

17 So Pharaoh told Joseph his dream. "In my dream," he said, "I was standing on the bank of the Nile River, 18 and I saw seven fat, healthy cows come up out of the river and begin grazing in the marsh grass. 19 But then I saw seven sick-looking cows, scrawny and thin, come up after them. I've never seen such sorry-looking animals in all the land of Egypt. 20 These thin, scrawny cows ate the seven fat cows. 21 But afterward you wouldn't have known it, for they were still as thin and scrawny as before! Then I woke up. 22 "In my dream I also saw seven heads of grain, full and beautiful, growing on a single stalk. 23 Then seven more heads of grain appeared, but these were blighted, shriveled, and withered by the east wind. 24 And the shriveled heads swallowed the seven healthy heads. I told these dreams to the magicians, but no one could tell me what they mean."

25 Joseph responded, "Both of Pharaoh's dreams mean the same thing. God is telling Pharaoh in advance what he is about to do. 26 The seven healthy cows and the seven healthy heads of grain both represent seven years of prosperity. 27 The seven thin, scrawny cows that came up later and the seven thin heads of grain, withered by the east wind, represent seven years of famine.

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28 “This will happen just as I have described it, for God has revealed to Pharaoh in advance what he is about to do. 29 The next seven years will be a period of great prosperity throughout the land of Egypt. 30 But afterward there will be seven years of famine so great that all the prosperity will be forgotten in Egypt. Famine will destroy the land. 31 This famine will be so severe that even the memory of the good years will be erased. 32 As for having two similar dreams, it means that these events have been decreed by God, and he will soon make them happen.

33 “Therefore, Pharaoh should find an intelligent and wise man and put him in charge of the entire land of Egypt. 34 Then Pharaoh should appoint supervisors over the land and let them collect one-fifth of all the crops during the seven good years. 35 Have them gather all the food produced in the good years that are just ahead and bring it to Pharaoh’s storehouses. Store it away, and guard it so there will be food in the cities. 36 That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come to

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