

## **Lesson Nine (Part #1) – Gen. 40-41: Joseph Interprets Dreams & Rises to Power in Egypt**

### **Chapter 40 – Joseph Interprets the Dreams of Pharaoh’s Officers**

1. Read vv. 1-4. Who offended Pharaoh and they were place in custody under the captain of the guard? Who attended to them there?
2. Read vv. 5-8. These two men dreamed troubling dreams. What did they consider their main problem to be? What did Joseph answer them?
3. Read vv. 9-15. Describe the cupbearer’s dream – chief points. What was Joseph’s interpretation of this dream? What favor did he ask of the cupbearer?
4. Read vv. 16-23. Describe the chief baker’s dream – chief points. What was Joseph’s interpretation of the dream? What happened to both of Pharaoh’s officers? Did the cupbearer honor Joseph’s request?

### **Chapter 41 – Joseph Interprets Pharaoh’s Dreams**

5. Read vv. 1-8. Describe the chief points of Pharaoh’s two dreams. Who did Pharaoh send for to interpret his dreams? Were they able to do so?

6. Read vv. 9-13. At this juncture, who comes forward with a possible answer to Pharaoh's problem? How does he describe Joseph?
  
7. Read vv. 14-24. When Pharaoh tells Joseph he's heard that Joseph can interpret dreams, how does Joseph answer him?
  
8. Read vv. 25-36. What are Joseph's first words to Pharaoh before he gives the dreams' interpretations? Describe the main points of Joseph's interpretation. How severe was the famine going to be? What does the "doubling" of Pharaoh's dreams indicate? What advice does Joseph give to Pharaoh in order to prepare for the years of famine?
  
9. Read vv. 37-45. What does Pharaoh command to be done for Joseph and what position does he give Joseph in his government? Why does he do this for Joseph?
  
10. Read vv. 46-52. How is the abundance of grain produced during the years of plenty described? During these years, sons are born to Joseph. What are their names? Their names have a common theme, which is?
  
11. Read vv. 53-57. When the years of famine begin, where was the famine located? What made the difference for Egypt? Who does Pharaoh tell his people to go to? Does this sound familiar? Who also bought grain in Egypt?