



# GENESIS

## From Pit to Palace Genesis 41:1-52

1. Read Genesis 40:1-14, 23; Genesis 41:1-13. How much time has elapsed since Joseph's interpretation of the cup-bearer's dream and his subsequent return to Pharaoh's court? How would you describe Joseph's situation during that time? Read Lamentations 3. How might the cries of Jeremiah have been a fitting prayer for Joseph during this time? How might they be of help when we feel forsaken?
2. Read Genesis 41:14-16. Note carefully Joseph's response to Pharaoh's request to interpret his dream. How might he have been tempted to respond differently? How do most people respond in the presence of power? What does Joseph's response tell us about his fear of man? His fear of God? What does it tell us about where true power lies?
3. Read Genesis 41:17-32. Note the following phrases:
  - a. "God has told..." v25
  - b. "God has shown..." v28
  - c. "...determined by God" v32
  - d. "God will...bring it about" v32

Read Job 42:2; Daniel 4:35; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 33:10-11; Psalm 135:6-7; Proverbs 16:1; Proverbs 19:21; Proverbs 21:1; Isaiah 46:9-10; Ephesians 1:11; Matthew 8:27. What do these passages tell us about God's sovereignty over the affairs of the world? Over the affairs of our lives?

4. Read Genesis 41:33-46. Here we see the astonishing elevation of Joseph from prisoner to prince. But if we zoom out in our Bibles, that's not all we see. Explore the passages below. What parallels do you see between the life of Joseph and the life of Jesus? Much of Genesis up to this point has been the story of how the seed of the promised Savior has been preserved. In what ways do we see the character of the promised Savior portrayed?

<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Parallel/Portrayal</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
Genesis 37:18-20		John 7:5
Genesis 37:28		Matthew 26:14-16
Genesis 39:7-12		Matthew 4:1-11
Genesis 39:19-20		Luke 23:1-4
Genesis 40:12-13		Luke 23:42-43
Genesis 41:16 NKJV		Isaiah 9:6 John 14:27 John 16:33
Genesis 41:38		Isaiah 11:2 Matthew 3:16
Genesis 41:39-42		Mark 16:19 Acts 5:31 Romans 8:34 Hebrews 1:3 1 Peter 3:22
Genesis 41:43		Isaiah 45:23 Philippians 2:9-10
Genesis 41:46		Luke 3:23
Genesis 41:48-49		John 6:35

5. Read Genesis 41:47:52. At this point, Joseph's clothing was Egyptian, his name was Egyptian, his language was Egyptian, his wife was Egyptian, and his father-in-law was the leading Egyptian idol worshipper. Was Joseph's faith in greater or lesser peril now than it was when he was in prison? What do the Hebrew names given to Joseph's sons tell us about Joseph's heart through all of this?