

Genesis 41 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Humility Before Nobility.

Genesis 41:14

Joseph was seventeen when he was brought to Egypt (Gen. 37:2), and thirty years old when he stood before the king of Egypt (Gen. 41:46). God had shown Joseph in two dreams that one day he would be exalted (Gen. 37:5-11), but thirteen of his first thirty years were spent as a slave and a prisoner. If Joseph was to be a good and godly ruler he must first be humbled. Christian, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time” (1 Pet. 5:6, cf. Jam. 4:10). Read Isaiah 57:15, Matt 23:12

☐ Tuesday - Boast in the Lord.

Genesis 41:15-16

“And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.’ Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, ‘It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer’” (Gen. 41:15-16). Deflecting all credit and confessing his own inability, Joseph ascribes all wisdom and power to God. “Just as it is written, ‘Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord’” (1 Cor. 1:31). Read Jer. 9:23-24, Gal. 6:14

☐ Wednesday - The King of kings.

Genesis 41:38-49

There is strong evidence in the Bible and in the archaeological record that Joseph was in Egypt during the Hyksos dynasty; that is, six Canaanite (Semitic) kings in succession who were more favorable to their Hebrew kin than the native Egyptians. For example, whereas “Shepherds were loathsome to the [native] Egyptians” (Gen. 46:34), the pharaoh before whom Joseph stood welcomed Jacob’s family of shepherds and gave them the “best of the land of Egypt” (Gen. 45:20, cf. 47:3-7). O how wonderful is God’s provision for His people! “The Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind, and He sets over it whomever He wishes.” (Dan. 5:21); “He removes kings and establishes kings” (Dan. 2:21); and “The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes” (Prov. 21:1). Read Romans 13:1

☐ Thursday - A Picture of Christ.

Genesis 41:46

The historical account of the life of Joseph is an amazing foreshadow of the life of Christ, and here are but a few of those pictures. Each was: His Father’s beloved son (Gen. 37:3 / Mt. 3:17); Rejected by his brothers (Gen. 37:4 / Jn. 1:11); Conspired against (Gen. 37:18 / Mt. 12:14); Sold for silver (Gen. 37:26, 28 / Mt. 26:15); Became a bond-servant (Gen. 37:28 / Phil. 2:7); Was tempted (Gen. 39:7-12 / Mt. 4:1-11); Was falsely accused (Gen. 39:17 / Mt. 26:59-60); With two criminals (Gen. 40:1-3 / Lk. 23:22-23), where one received life and the other death (Gen. 40:20-23; Lk. 23:39-43); Began his public ministry at age thirty (Gen. 41:46 / Lk. 3:23); Was exalted to power (Gen. 41:40-41 / Phil. 2:9). We should read the Bible Christologically; that is, we should ask ourselves, “What does each verse teach me about Christ?” Read 1 Corinthians 2:2

☐ Friday - Fruitful in Affliction.

Genesis 41:51-52

Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh, for he said, “God has made me forget all my trouble.” And He named the second Ephraim, for he said, “God has made me fruitful in my affliction.” Christian, God will cause you to bloom where you are planted, but you must keep your eyes on the Lord. Read Rom. 5:3-4