

Welcome back to my book ~ Joseph is the speaker.

"I fully understand that God is showing you the same thing in both of your dreams," Joseph told Pharaoh. "God is showing you what he is going to do here in your land of Egypt."

"God is telling you through your dream that the seven fat cows and the seven fat well formed heads of grain mean there are seven years of abundant harvest ahead."

"God is also telling you what the skinny cows and the seven thin and withered heads of grain represent. They mean that there will be seven years of famine following the seven years of abundant harvest."

"Pharaoh, God has revealed to you what he is about to do. The next seven years will be a period of great prosperity throughout all the land of Egypt with an abundant harvest. Afterwards there will be seven years of famine so great that all the abundant harvest will be forgotten and wiped out and famine will consume the land. The famine will be so long and terrible that even the memory of the good years will be erased. God has given you a second dream to witness the truth He has shown you. These two dreams are two witnesses to impress you that what God has told you is certainly going to happen. God has decreed it, and it is going to happen soon."

"My suggestion is that you find the wisest man in Egypt and put him in charge of administering a nationwide corn storage program. Let not one ear of corn be lost for the famine will be great and devastating. Let Pharaoh divide Egypt into five administrative districts, and let the officials of these districts gather into the royal storehouses all the excess crops of the next seven years. I repeat, let not one ear of corn be lost because it will be more valuable than gold or silver, or cattle or houses. You must have enough corn so there will be sufficient to eat when the seven years of famine come. Otherwise disaster will surely strike all over Egypt."

#### **Joseph is raised from a prisoner to Second Ruler in Egypt in one day. Genesis 41:37-46**

Pharaoh and his assistants accepted Joseph's suggestions as a message from God. They then discussed who should be appointed to the job. Pharaoh was quick to say, "Who could do it better than Joseph? For he is a man who is filled with the Spirit of God and understands what his God is about to do."

Turning to Joseph Pharaoh said to him, "Because God has revealed to you the meaning of my dreams I believe you are the wisest man in this country. I am therefore appointing you to be in charge of this entire project. What you say will be law throughout all the land of Egypt and I am the only one with more authority than you." Pharaoh turned and placed his own signet ring on Joseph's finger as a token of his authority. He said to his assistants, "Put these garments on him because I want him to be dressed in the finest clothing. I want all Egypt to respect him." Then Pharaoh placed the royal gold chain about his neck and declared, "Let all that are here take notice. I have placed Joseph in control of all the land of Egypt."

Joseph was put in charge of the entire king's household. He became ruler over all the king's possessions. He could instruct the king's aides as he pleased and teach the king's advisers.

Pharaoh then gave Joseph the chariot of his second in command and wherever he went the shout was given, "Bow down."

Pharaoh declared to Joseph, "I, the king of Egypt, swear that you will have complete control over all the land of Egypt." Pharaoh then gave him a new name, Zaphnathpaaneah, meaning "He has the godlike power to sustain life." And he gave him a wife, a girl named Asenath, daughter of Potiphera, priest of Heliopolis. So Joseph became famous throughout the land of Egypt.

Now think about this. Joseph was 28 years old, innocent and forgotten in prison. Then after two years it all changed in one day's time. In the morning Joseph awakened as a thirty year old innocent and forgotten prison inmate. That night he went to bed as a thirty year old second ruler in Egypt. Wow! Think about that. Think about what God did for Joseph. Don't be so fast. Don't turn the page and continue to read. Stop and meditate on what you just read. Think about what God will do for you if you just trust Him. Give God what He wants. Take a moment and pray. Ask God to be with you as He was with Joseph.