

**Joseph Interprets Prisoners' Dreams (Genesis 40)**  
**For the week of January 30, 2022**

**Observation** (Read Genesis 40:1-8)

Describe in your own words what is happening. (Note the timeline in verse 1)

**Interpretation**

While Joseph was in Egypt, who did he serve/attend and what positions did they hold?

Genesis 37:36, 39:1

Genesis 39:21-23, 40:3-4

Genesis 40:1-2

Do you think this is important? Why?

What do verses 6-7 say of Joseph?

What significance do you see in the conversation of verse 8?

**Application**

When times are not how you had hoped, do you see God's hand at work? Why or why not?

When you are in difficult circumstances, is it easy or difficult to see the needs of others? Why?

**Observation** (Read Genesis 40:9-15)

What are the three sections of these verses? Why are they happening?

### **Interpretation**

Why do you think the cupbearer trusted Joseph enough to share his dream?

Note the immediacy of Joseph's explanation (verses 12-13). What does this mean to you?

Read Joseph's plea in verses 14-15. How do you view Joseph's explanation and request (accusatory, victimization, neutral, skewed, good, bad, factual, embellished...)? Why?

In verses 14-15, is Joseph putting his faith in man, God or both? Why?

### **Application**

Are you using your gifting for God? Why or why not?

Do you know what your gifting is? Why or why not?

When experiencing a wrongdoing, are you more likely to express emotional embellishment or factual neutrality? Why?

### **Observation** (Read Genesis 40:16-19)

What is happening?

### **Interpretation**

Compare and contrast both dreams and interpretations.

### **Application**

When the truth is hard, are you willing to share it, not share it, minimize it...? Why?

**Observation** (Read Genesis 40:20-23)

*Fun Fact: Pharaoh's Birthday could either be his physical birthday or the day he became Pharaoh/"divine."*

What is happening?

**Interpretation**

Why are verses 20-22 important in this narrative?

Why do you think the cupbearer forgot Joseph?

**Application**

Have you ever felt forgotten? If so, how did it impact you and were you able to navigate through it?

Read the following verses and describe God's character of remembrance and comfort.

Deut. 31:8

Ps. 73:23-26

Ps. 94:14

Ps. 98:3

Ps. 136:23

Is. 41:10-13

Is. 43:25

Heb. 8:12