





And the **gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows**. When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for **they were just as ugly** as at the beginning. So I awoke.



Genesis 41:17-21

And the **thin heads devoured the seven good heads**. So I told this to the magicians, but **there was no one who could explain it to me.**



Genesis 41:22-24

Indeed **seven years of great plenty** will come throughout all the land of Egypt; but **after them seven years of famine will arise**, and **all the plenty will be forgotten** in the land of Egypt; and the **famine will deplete the land**. So the **plenty will not be known** in the land because of the famine following, for it **will be very severe**.

Genesis 41:27-31 (NKJV)

"Now therefore, let Pharaoh 1. **select a discerning and wise man**, and **set him over** the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him 2. **appoint officers over the land**, to **collect one-fifth** of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. And let them **gather all the food** of those good years that are coming,

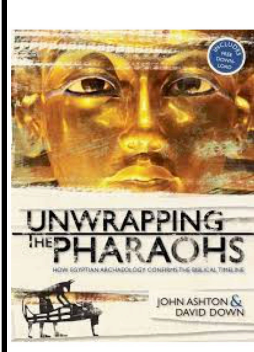
and 3. **store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh**, and let them **keep food in the cities**. Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the **seven years of famine** which shall be in the land of Egypt, 4. that the land **may not perish** during the famine."

Genesis 41:33-36

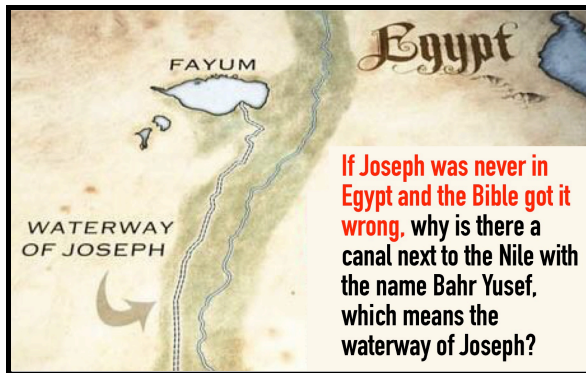
God's Perfect Timing!

It is amazing that the Pharaoh believes he is picking a man to accomplish his will, but what is really happening is that **God is moving in the heart of Pharaoh**, "Like the rivers of water; turning it to wherever He wishes" to pick **His man, Joseph**, to **accomplish His will, to further His plan**.

When you give **somebody the responsibility** to **accomplish specific tasks**, you must also **give that person the authority** and the **resources necessary** for that person to **accomplish the tasks**.



"Sensostri I is known to have had a **vizier**, or **prime minister**, by the name of **Mentuhotep**, who wielded extraordinary power, and some scholars have identified this vizier with the Biblical **Joseph**."



And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. Joseph called the name of the firstborn **Manasseh**: "For God has made me **forget** all my toil and all my father's house."

Genesis 41:50-51

And the name of the second he called **Ephraim**: "For God has caused me to be **fruitful** in the land of my affliction."

Genesis 41:52

But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning **Himself.**

Luke 24:27

JOSEPH IS A REMARKABLE PICTURE/ TYPE OF JESUS CHRIST.

- Was a shepherd.
- Loved by his father.
- Sent unto his brethren.
- Hated and rejected by his brothers.
- Prophesied his coming glory.
- Endured unjust punishment from his brothers.
- Sentenced to & delivered from the pit, though the one with the power, knew he should not go.

- Sold for pieces of silver.
- Handed over to the Gentiles.
- Regarded as dead, but raised out of the pit.
- Made a servant.
- Went to Egypt (the world).
- Tempted severely, but did not sin.
- Falsely accused.
- Made no defense.
- Cast into prison, and numbered with sinners and criminals.
- Endured unjust punishment from Gentiles.

- Associated with two other criminals; one is pardoned and one is not.
- Showed compassion.
- Brought a message of deliverance in prison.
- Wanted to be remembered.
- Shown to have divine wisdom.
- Recognized as having the Spirit of God.
- Betrayed by friends.
- Glorified after his humility.
- Honored among Gentiles while still despised & forgotten by his brethren.

- Given a Gentile bride.
- Was 30 years old when he began his life's work.
- Became the only source of bread for the world.
- The world was instructed to go to him and do whatever he said to do.
- Was given the name "God Speaks and He Lives."