

J O S E P H

WHEN KINGS DREAM

Remember me...

- ❖ Joseph had:
 - ❖ Run the 'political prison' well
 - ❖ Interacted with high-ranking officials
 - ❖ Been out in charge of specific prisoners
 - ❖ Seen dreams in others; interpreted rightly
 - ❖ And been forgotten! Is he blessed?

God's Hand is Seen

- ❖ God becomes the KEY player now...
- ❖ It is not Joseph's skill, but God's work!
- ❖ Joseph knows it!! (41:25, 28, 32)
- ❖ Is this what God has been doing??
- ❖ God looks for the heart of faith and trust
- ❖ He also looks for the humbled heart!!

God moves Pharaoh...

- ❖ The first of many to be challenged...
- ❖ This dream contains important aspects:
 - ❖ River and Cattle – both gods of Egypt...
 - ❖ Ears of grain – Egypt was the “bread basket”
 - ❖ Picture of “devouring” Good lost to lean...
- ❖ What “eats us up”???



God has a Plan...

- ❖ Starts with Pharaoh...
- ❖ Continues by confounding magicians! (8)
 - ❖ God is greater than man...always!
- ❖ Next, he uses the cupbearer...
 - ❖ A dangerous memory – furious!?! (10)
 - ❖ Note the detail of the memory after 2yrs.

Joseph Wanted!

- ❖ The Work of God's favor...
 - ❖ Who would trust a Hebrew slave in prison?
- ❖ 14 – Joseph is delivered... for now...
 - ❖ No preparation or dream for him!
 - ❖ Are we ready for what God wants?

Servant's heart

- ❖ What if Joseph wasn't a servant??
 - ❖ People are always in need, key to God's heart, plan and Kingdom
 - ❖ Our deliverance is in their need!!
- ❖ Test of a servant?
- ❖ When you are treated like one.....!

The Dream Unfolds

- ❖ More information is given to Joseph...
 - ❖ No change in the lean when they devour
- ❖ Acknowledgement of God... (16, 25)
- ❖ Joseph speaks the truth of the matter
 - ❖ Did this help him last time???
- ❖ 7 years of plenty, 7 years of famine...

Joseph Gives Advice!

- ❖ Dream X 2 – God determined, quickly! (32)
- ❖ Plan is wise, Pharaoh at the center of it
- ❖ 7 years of Plenty, 7 years of Famine
 - ❖ Pharaoh is responsible for his people
 - ❖ He is 'Ra': represents safety, prosperity
 - ❖ And he is listening to a Hebrew slave!

Joseph's Plan

- ❖ Let Pharaoh look for a man...
 - ❖ He knew Pharaoh was not the one!
 - ❖ 11 years in prison gives you insight!
- ❖ “discerning and wise” (so who knew?)
 - ❖ Joseph had seen both sides of Egypt
 - ❖ The good and the corrupt...

Joseph's Plan

- ❖ Pharaoh appoints the overseers...
 - ❖ 1/5th of produce collected (20%)!!
 - ❖ Cities under Pharaohs authority...
 - ❖ Guarded food reserves!
 - ❖ “so that the land will not perish”
- ❖ Pharaoh and the servants are impressed!

Pharaoh's Choice

- ❖ A man with a divine spirit!
- ❖ “God has informed you...”
- ❖ Discerning and wise...
- ❖ Over my house!
 - ❖ Potiphar is right there! Bodyguard...
 - ❖ Your ‘mouth’; All my people; all the land

The Difference in ONE Day

- ❖ Pharaoh's signet ring
- ❖ Garments of fine linen (not prison rags!)
- ❖ Gold necklace of office...
- ❖ A nice new chariot
- ❖ Absolute authority! (44) Potiphar's wife...

And a new name...

- ❖ Zaphenath-paneah: “the god speaks/lives”
- ❖ AND a wife!! Asenath, Potiphera- a priest
- ❖ Joseph is now fully naturalized!
- ❖ Joseph at 30...