

Hope in Love

A close-up photograph of a lit oil lamp. The flame is bright yellow and orange, with a blue base. The lamp is dark and appears to be made of metal or stone. The background is black, making the light from the lamp stand out.

Genesis 41:45-52



Genesis 41:

45 Then Pharaoh named Joseph Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

46 Now Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. 47 During the



Genesis 41:

seven years of plenty the land brought forth abundantly. 48 So he gathered all the food of *these* seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields. 49 Thus Joseph stored up grain in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring *it*, for it was beyond measure. 50 Now before the year of



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THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN JOSEPH'S LIFE

LOVED



HATED/SOLD

PROMOTED



ACCUSED/PRISON

HONORED
BY
PHARAOH



HOW DO YOU HANDLE THE CHANGES OF LIFE?

Joseph has changed:

- New name – “revealer of secrets”
- Convict’s rags to robes of linen, power
- Ring of authority on his hand
- “discerning and wise” – over the house
- Homage paid to him + Chariot
- A wife of prestige – priest of On

Joseph and love

- His mother's death
- His father's "favor"
- His brother's hatred
- Potiphar's wife's demands
- All limited and failed loves

Marriage

- Marriage completed assimilation
- Egypt bond
- Joseph goes out into the land (46)
 - He has much to learn about it
 - Organizes collection and storage

Joseph's blessing

- Before the year of the famine (50)
 - During years of abundance, work
- 2 sons – specific about parentage
 - Manasseh – “causing to forget”
 - All my troubles all my father's household
 - Ephraim – “be fruitful”
 - Fruitful in the land of affliction



Heart alive:

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Joseph's New School

- He learns to love as a husband
- He learns to love as a father
- Israel teaches him about priorities
- Gains a double portion through sons

Joseph's heart

- God is healer and holder
- He knows the broken and sad
- He gives opportunities to love
- "God so loved..."

