

J O S E P H

LIFE IN DREAMS

The Lord was with Joseph

- ❖ Even in the Prison 39:21
- ❖ Kindness from a jailer
- ❖ Joseph is learning new lessons...
 - ❖ Favor in eyes of jailer...
 - ❖ *chen* – *kane 69x* grace, acceptance
 - ❖ Noah 6:8; Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Ruth, Hannah, David, Esther...

Last use of *chen*

Zec 12:10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Prisoner running a jail?

- ❖ Everything put in his charge/hand *yad 39:4, 23*
- ❖ What Potiphar had done...
- ❖ Joseph again responsible for it all (22)
- ❖ Political prisoners
- ❖ What things does Joseph learn about Egypt...
- ❖ Insider secrets... *especially how not to get the pharaoh angry!*

Prosperity in a jail?

- ❖ Joseph is again put to work running it all
- ❖ “because the Lord was with him”
- ❖ All his work is made to prosper...
 - ❖ Leaving things to God brings amazing fruit
 - ❖ But time still passed in a jail – no dreams
 - ❖ Total of 11 years since he was sold

National events Ch. 40

- ❖ Cupbearer and Baker
- ❖ Offended the king – sin, miss the goal
- ❖ Both of these are personal servants
- ❖ Know and cater to the tastes and likes
- ❖ Rank, ear of the king, confidant, access

Prisoners waiting

- ❖ “furious” - Investigation into indigestion?
- ❖ Captain of the bodyguard – Potiphar (3)
- ❖ Directly puts Joseph in charge of these 2
 - ❖ What was it like... anger, betrayal, guilt
- ❖ “confinement for some time” (4)

Dreamers!

- ❖ On the same night... God in control!
- ❖ Joseph had learned their moods, needs
 - ❖ Observed and discerned – kindness
 - ❖ They had been talking to each other...
 - ❖ “in his master’s house” (7)
- ❖ Interpretations belong to God *‘elohiym*

Concerning Dreams

- ❖ 88 times in scripture
 - ❖ Judgement-Gen.20:3
 - ❖ Warnings Deut 13:1ff; Jer 23:25ff
 - ❖ Calling Judg 7 Gideon's foes
 - ❖ Eccl 5:7
 - ❖ Daniel – 1:17 and all through the book!

Tell it to me, please

- ❖ Had Joseph ever interpreted a dream?
 - ❖ Learned from Jacob? His brothers? God?
 - ❖ Joseph had learned about losing position...
- ❖ 3 vines of ripe grapes, crushed grapes, wine
- ❖ Put the cup in Pharaoh's hand...
- ❖ Fairly easy to see, now.... But an error...

Humbled man

- ❖ Joseph offers the interpretation...
- ❖ In 3 days you will be restored 'lifted head'
 - ❖ Remember me! Mention me to Pharaoh
 - ❖ Get me out of this "house"
 - ❖ Revealed past – kidnapped, Hebrews
 - ❖ I have done nothing wrong

The Baker's Tale (16)

- ❖ Encouraged by the “favorable” outcome...
 - ❖ So who goes to a negative reader???
 - ❖ Ask Jeremiah, Isaiah, “stoned” prophets!
- ❖ Three baskets of breads and foods...
- ❖ Birds picking at them! No Serving!!!
 - ❖ Is this an important thought???

Integrity at the front

- ❖ Joseph could have said something neutral
 - ❖ God is doing something more here
 - ❖ Will you be honest, even in hard things?
 - ❖ It is the KEY to his future...
 - ❖ His reputation will be salvation for all...