

**FROM THE PRISON  
TO THE PALACE**  
**Genesis 41**

**INTRODUCTION**

Joseph's time in prison has shown God's providence and sovereignty. Joseph had no idea what detours and delays were needed to realize God's plan for his life. *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10a.* Now in Genesis 41, God's foreknowledge rises to the surface as Joseph goes **From The Prison To The Palace**.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Genesis 41 carefully. After 2 years in prison, Scripture records Joseph's release, being placed in high government position, the blessing of marriage and birth of 2 sons, and his faithful service in years of plenty and famine – all known in advance by the Lord. All happening at exactly the right time. Beloved, hasn't the Lord brought YOU **From The Prison To The Palace**? *Selah*

*Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let's begin.*

- I. Genesis 41:1-8. Pharaoh's dreams and his magicians. Pharaoh's wise counselors and advisors could not help explain his dreams. Troubled in his spirit, Pharaoh knew these dreams were significant and needed interpretation. Who's available to help?
- II. Genesis 41:9-13. The butler remembers Joseph (finally). People forget but God never forgets – He hears the cry of the humble. *Psalm 9:11-12* Joseph kept trusting while he was waiting, even though it may have seemed that conditions would never change. *Psalm 130:5* God was not stalled, but was lining him up for things than he could not imagine. *Psalm 105:18-22*
- III. Genesis 41:14-16. It's God who will answer Pharaoh. Not concerned about himself, Joseph used this as a platform to boast in the Lord. Give God credit for what He does – it will work out for you. *Daniel 2:19-22, 28, 46-48*
- IV. Genesis 41:25-32. Recognize God's foreknowledge. Pharaoh repeats his dreams in verses 17-24. Foreknowledge is knowing in advance, seeing what's ahead. God sees your future. *Psalm 139:16, Jeremiah 1:4-5,*
- V. Genesis 41:33-36. Joseph is not promoting himself, but God and His wisdom. Joseph gave Pharaoh instructions of what to do. He promoted God's wisdom, without drawing attention to himself. Don't be prideful or ambitious if God chooses to find you useful. Joseph knew where this word of wisdom came from, and was humble. *1 Peter 5:5b-7*
- VI. Genesis 41:37-41. Joseph's "wait training" finally comes to an end. After 13 years, notice the Lord's swiftness when He comes through. *Psalm 27:14, Isaiah 40:21, Lamentations 3:25*
- VII. Genesis 41:42-53. Joseph's new position and family. God exchanges Joseph's filthy rags of prison for linen robes of the King in the palace. Beloved, has the Lord brought you up **From The Prison To the Palace** too? *Psalm 40:1-2*

**CONSIDER .....** Joseph's life of prison lessons can be summed up with his new name, and the names of two sons.

- o Zaphnath-Paaneah. Mysteries revealed – God speaks and God lives. *Genesis 41:28 & 32, Psalm 105:20-22*
- o Manasseh. God has made me forget – all the pain, rejection, past. *Genesis 41:51, Psalm 30:11-12*
- o Ephraim. Fruitful – born in affliction, God causes great fruit. *Genesis 41:52, Psalm 119:67 & 71, Romans 8:18*

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" *Romans 8:28-31**

**PRAY .....**

- o as you wait on the Lord that you would trust in His sovereignty and His timing.
- o that your heart would trust that the Lord has a plan for your life and is in the process of bringing that plan to pass.
- o for opportunities to share with others the truths of His sovereignty, His plan, His wisdom in our lives.
- o for the Hope for Puerto Rico community outreach.
- o for upcoming holiday season, that the Lord would be magnified and exalted in each of our hearts.