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GENESIS 41:25-36

LESSON: GOD WARNS PHAROAH THROUGH DREAMS—October 5, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

CHAPTER 41:1-24 ¹After two years Pharaoh had two dreams. In the first dream he was standing beside the river Nile. Seven fat cows and seven thin cows were eating the grass. Then the seven thin cows ate the fat cows. In the second dream he saw seven fat and seven thin ears of corn. The thin ears of corn ate the fat ones. When Pharaoh woke up he was worried. He sent for all the wise men. None of them knew what the dreams meant. Then the butler remembered Joseph. He told Pharaoh. Pharaoh sent for Joseph. He told him his dreams.

LESSON:

I. GENESIS 41:25-32

41:25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. God has the power to give His servant understanding and insight. Joseph was given the power to see into the terrible trial that was coming upon the Egyptians. Three things are necessary to gain spiritual understanding and insight.

1. Living in God's Word and Obeying His Word.
2. Praying and Seeking God's face: living in a spirit of prayer.
3. Trusting God to give us understanding and Insight through His precious Holy Spirit.

²Verse 25 Pharaoh had dreamed two dreams, but they both meant the same thing. Most dreams just come from the imagination. But this time, Pharaoh's dreams came from God. God was using the dreams to warn Pharaoh. And God placed Joseph in Egypt to help Pharaoh in this particular situation.

41:26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. In verses 26-27 Joseph showed Pharaoh the meaning of the dreams. The seven good cows and the seven good ears referred to seven years of plenty.

41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. While this next dream is interpreted, it's not good news. The seven thin and ugly scrawny cows, and the seven thin ears withered by the east wind are seven years of famine. This is the God of the Israelites warning the Pharaoh of Egypt of what **HE'S** about to do, and no one can stop the Real God for He is so strategic in everything He does!

41:28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/stories/stories-from-the-book-of-genesis/genesis-41v1-40-pharaohs-dreams/>

² <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/genesis-mwks4-lbw.htm>

<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>





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unto Pharaoh. In verses 28-32 Joseph gives the prophecy about the future a second time. He emphasized that this matter was God's decision. Pharaoh served false gods and he used magic. But Pharaoh's false gods could not save him now. And no magic could stop the troubles that would affect Egypt. The dream and the message will come to pass!

41:29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:— For the second time Joseph is unfolding the prophecy of the seven years of plenty that's going to happen throughout the land of Egypt.

41:30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;— Repeating all of it again: After the seven years of plenty, there will arise 7 years of famine, when there will be no food, and the inhabitants of Egypt will forget the plenty, for the seven years of famine will consume; ravage and ruin the land.

41:31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. People will not remember the plenty because of famine that will follow. It will be so severe and grievous that the good years would be forgotten.

41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. And Pharaoh's dream was doubled, meaning that God has decided this thing. God will soon make it happen. Events will happen as God said and planned!

God could have sent enough rain to prevent the famine. But he did not do that. He sent the famine and he warned people about it. The famine was a part of God's plan. Because of the famine, Jacob and his family moved to Egypt. And in Egypt, Jacob's descendants became a nation. So, we can see the reason why God sent the famine. Usually, when God sends a famine or a flood, we do not know the reason.

II. GENESIS 41:33-36

41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Joseph posed the answer to Pharaoh. God is so wise as He allowed Joseph to be in that very place at that special and particular time. God's timing is so unique, till we can't even begin to question it at any time! Joseph tells Pharaoh to find a discreet (discerning) and wise overseer, and set him over; put him in charge over the land of Egypt for this particular task. He is to appoint one he can trust. The right man would be a Deliverer; the wrong man could become a tyrant!

41:34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. In Pharaoh appointing officers over the land, they would set up a division of duties under a number of commissioners or duties, that is, appointing many other overseers. One man alone would not be able to do the job. He would need other men to work under his authority. Pharaoh could order them to do what they had to do. God



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tells Joseph to instruct Pharaoh: *"Let him appoint officers over the land, and collect one fifth of every crop harvested in the land of Egypt (the produce) in the seven plenteous years."* They would store as they gave out in the time of plenty. God made this plan and showed it to Joseph! God planned it, and of course He has the strategy for it to work to a tee.

41:35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. God had warned Pharaoh because God did not want the people to suffer. Pharaoh could arrange to store food. Then, food would still be available when the harvests were poor.

- They would store and save the grain under the centralized authority of Pharaoh.
- They would store the grain in cities scattered all over Egypt to more easily handle the distributions when the famine struck.

41:36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

- They would keep the food (grain) in reserve for the country to use during the seven-year famine.

So, the inhabitants of the country shall not die for the lack of food, and the land would not perish through the famine!

God has the power to equip us, and speak through us as we try to help others. We may feel what we have to say is worthless, but if we belong to God; if we are truly followers of His, He will help us! He will give us understanding and wisdom and speak through us. Thus, we must never fear to speak, and help people! He will allow you to make yourself available.

SUMMARY:

25 In this verse Joseph is about to tell Pharaoh this dream Pharaoh has had, in which no other person can interpret to him. God has the power to give His servant understanding and insight. Pharaoh had dreamed two dreams, but they both meant the same thing. So, he tells Pharaoh that the dream is one. **26** In this dream God showed the two dreams the seven **good** cows and the seven **good** ears, and Joseph said it referred to seven years of plenty. **27** While on the other hand, the seven **thin** cows, and the seven **thin** ears are referring to seven years of famine. The God of the Israelites warned the Pharaoh of Egypt of what He's about to do, and no one can stop the Real God! **28** The dream and the message will come to pass! **29** Again Joseph is unfolding the prophecy of the seven years of plenty that will happen throughout the land of Egypt. **30** But don't forget that there shall arise after the plenty, seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall



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consume the land; ravage and ruin the land. **31** The famine will be so severe and grievous that the good years would be forgotten. **32** And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God would shortly bring it to pass. **(41:25-32)**.

33 Joseph tells Pharaoh to find a discreet (discerning) and wise overseer, and set him over; in charge over the land of Egypt for this particular task. **34** God tells Joseph to instruct Pharaoh: *"Let him appoint officers over the land, and collect one fifth of every crop harvested in the land of Egypt (the produce) in the seven plenteous years."* **35** And let them store and save the grain under the centralized authority of Pharaoh in those good years, and let them keep food in the cities scattered all over Egypt to more easily handle the distributions when the famine struck. **36** And that food shall be stored for the land against the seven years of famine, so that the inhabitants of the country would not die for the lack of food, and the land would not perish through the famine! **(41:33-36)**.

APPLICATION:

Do you have the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation? Ask for it, for we need God's Spirit of Wisdom in whatever God wants to reveal to us. God is giving us Wisdom and Revelation through His Word by the power of The Holy Spirit as our Guide and Counselor. Remember, it's always God's Way!