

Genesis 40-41 - Lesson 44

From Servant to Saviour

1. Gen 40:1-23 - The Wine and Bread

- a. These chapters test the heart of the reader - Heb 4:12
- b. *"the LORD is with him"* - significant because Christ was God in his low estate
- c. 40:3 - Joseph is numbered w/transgressors, one blessed, one cursed, there is bread and cup, there are three days, one guy died on a tree, the other is exalted
- d. 40:8 - *"interpretations belong to God? Tell me."* - Joseph knows the true God.

2. God and Dreams

- a. Divine dreams imply a spiritual realm against the zeitgeist of the day.
- b. God spoke in dreams: Abimilech, Jacob, Laban, Saul, Solomon, Neb, Daniel, Joseph Mt1:20, 2:12-22, Joel 2:28,
- c. Acts 16:9-10 - visions and dreams are different (one you are asleep)
- d. The most popular dream in the Bible is Neb's in Daniel 2:11, 16-29, 2:44-49
- e. Num 12:6-8 - God will make himself known to the prophets in dreams, but...
- f. Dreams are multitude and vanity - Ecc 5:3,7; they are not real - Isa 29:7-11
- g. People can be deceived and speak falsely of them - Jer 25:25-34, 27:9-10, 29:8-9
- h. Not all dreams come from God, the ones that do are prophetic and he interprets.
- i. People think dreams occur today because of Acts 2:17
- j. Dreams should be measured against the word of the Lord: the book he preserves.

3. Gen 41:1-24 - Pharaoh's Dream

- a. He dreams of seven cows and seven ears of corn
- b. Skeptics doubt most of the details of this story, but all have been later proven
- c. Lesson: Rom 3:4 - Let God be true, trust this book.
- d. 41:16 - It is not Joseph, but God that gives the answer

4. Gen 41:25-57 - Joseph's Rise to Power

- a. 41:25, 28 - Joseph does not take credit for the interpretation, God gives it
- b. 41:32 - God does weather here. God does what he wants to fulfill his purpose
- c. 41:33-37 - Joseph gives his advice, and Pharaoh takes it being wise
- d. 41:38-46 - Can we see a shadow of Jesus Christ in each verse here?
- e. 41:45 - Joseph lived in On, there is a 200 mile canal and coins that bear the details
 - i. "Nile" comes from the Hebrew word for stream (Nahal, Neel)
 - ii. On was the ancient Heliopolis (sun city), we have an obelisk in NYC
- f. 41:51-52 - His sons are from Egypt meaning forgetting and fruitful
- g. 41:55 - Pharaoh says the same thing Mary says in John 2:5 about Jesus