

## JOSEPH PART 3

### OVERCOMING DISAPPOINTMENT/THE GOD WHO NEVER FORGETS

#### GENESIS

40:1-3 THE CHIEF BUTLER AND BAKER ARE SENT TO PRISON AND ASSIGNED TO JOSEPH'S CARE.

#### 39:20-23

Joseph was still learning the lessons of leadership. And one of the lessons that is critical to the matter of overcoming is the lesson of patience. Though Joseph was unjustly imprisoned again, he went about the business of being useful where he was. He faithfully served and patiently waited because he was learning that he was not there by accident. He was not forgotten. God not only remembered, but He had a plan for Joseph that included a tour of duty in the prison of Egypt of our lives. Nothing happens by accident. Everything occurs for a purpose.

4 -7 AFTER SOMETIME JOSEPH NOTICED THE BUTLER AND THE BAKER SUDDENLY HAD A DISTURBED DISPOSITION. JOSEPH ASKED THEM WHY? GOD GIVES ALL INTERPRETATION.

8 – 23 DREAMS ARE THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE BAKER THE CHIEF CUP BEARER DISTURBED DISPOSITION AND THEY DON'T KNOW THE MEANING. JOSEPH ASSURES THEM THAT GOD KNOWS THE MEANING TO EVERY DREAM. EACH REVEALS THEIR DREAM TO JOSEPH AND HE RENDERS HIS INTERPRETATION FOR BOTH. IN THREE DAYS BOTH OF JOSEPH'S INTERPRETATIONS OF THEIR DREAM COME THROUGH BUT THE CHIEF CUP BEARER FORGOT JOSEPH.

#### GENESIS 41:1-8 PHAROAH'S DREAM

9 – 16 JOSEPH REMEMBERED

PHAROAH ASKS HIS WISEST MEN INTERPRETATION OF DREAM AND THEY COULD NOT DO IT. TWO YEARS AFTER JOSEPH INTERPRETED CUPBEARER AND BAKERS DREAM HE IS REMEMBERED.

Joseph was abandoned this time by a friend, not an enemy, and for a long time, not a short one. It would have been easy for him to succumb to disillusionment and disappointment. But those are the results of putting our trust in men-and Joseph's trust was in the Lord. Even though the butler had forgotten Joseph, God hadn't. These are the times that build into us the indispensable character quality of patient trust. James 1: 2-4 says that this can be learned only through trials. James teaches that without patience there will be no maturity, and without trials, delays, and disappointments there will be no patience. It has been said that a man is not a hero because he is braver than anyone else but because he is brave longer. Joseph had overcome treachery, temptation, and now, disappointment. The lessons of becoming an overcomer were taking shape in his life and he was finally ready for God to use him in a special way.

#### **GOD INTERPRETS ALL DREAMS**

This exposes a significant principle in our spiritual living. Pharaoh was troubled by spiritual things that were beyond his grasp. But there was great danger in seeking spiritual answers in the wrong places.

#### **17 – 32 PHAROAH RETELLS JOSEPH HIS DREAMS AND JOSEPH GIVES PHAROAH GOD'S INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

#### **33-37 SUGGESTED PLAN OF ACTION QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

#### **41-57 JOSEPH IN CHARGE OF EGYPT**

#### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS Excerpts RBC Ministries**