

**Bible Study #22**  
**Community Lutheran Church**  
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1. Chapter 41
  - a. Joseph languished in jail for 2 years...
    - i. When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 41:1-4
      1. Another dream... Want to wage a guess on who interprets it?
  - b. Yet another dream for Pharaoh...
    - i. He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream. 41:5-7
  - c. No one could interpret the dream for Pharaoh...
    - i. In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him. 41:8
  - d. The cupbearer remembers Joseph...
    - i. Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was hanged.” 41:9-13
  - e. Go get Joseph NOW!
    - i. So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. 41:14
      1. He clearly needed to be cleaned up.
  - f. Joseph is humble and points to God...
    - i. Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” “I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.” 41:15-16
  - g. Pharaoh relays the dream and here is the interpretation...



the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure. 41:47-49

1. Some can dream a big plan... few can act on it.

m. Joseph has two sons

- i. Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

1. Manasseh means "forgotten"
2. Ephraim mean "twice fruitful" or doubly blessed.

n. The famine came...

- i. The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. 41:53-54

o. And this is what happened...

- i. When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you." When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world. 41:55-57

1. Notice they sold it... didn't give it away.