

“Remember Me”  
Genesis 40

v. 1 Q. How long was Joseph in prison? What two individuals joined him in prison and why?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_... we are not given a time frame.

2. The chief \_\_\_\_\_ and the chief \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Somehow, they \_\_\_\_\_ the king.

Rashi notes that tradition says when the King received his drink there was a \_\_\_\_\_ in it and when the king bit into the bread there was a \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

It is interesting to think...if tradition is true...that God used a fly and a pebble in His \_\_\_\_\_ will to ultimately get Joseph out of prison.

vv. 2-3 Q. Where do they providentially find themselves?

A.

v. 4a Q. What was Joseph's job?

A.

If the NIV is correct in translating this “the captain of the guard,” this could be the continued kindness of \_\_\_\_\_ and another reason to believe he knew his wife was lying. However, other translations say, “chief of the \_\_\_\_\_” or “chief steward” or “prefect.”

v. 4b-5 Q. What happened?

A.

1. They both had “\_\_\_\_\_” dreams the same night.
2. The dreams each had a \_\_\_\_\_ meaning.

vv. 6-7 Q. What did Joseph notice?

A. Joseph was attentive to the point that he \_\_\_\_\_ their downcast countenance and asked them about it.

Note: It must have been something besides, “Hey, I’m in \_\_\_\_\_. What do you expect?”

v. 8a Q. How did they respond?

A.

1. We both had \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We lack the \_\_\_\_\_.

Q. What does this tell you about this subject in their culture?

A. “Staying” dreams were a \_\_\_\_\_ sign of something. They were given much more \_\_\_\_\_ than today.

Note the relevance of this on the Day of Pentecost (citing Joel 2:28).

Q. Why are such things diminished or not taken seriously in Christian circles?

A.

v. 8b. Q. How did Joseph respond?

A. There are three things to glean from Joseph's response:

1. Joseph believed that \_\_\_\_\_ of "staying" dreams came from the One who gave them: God.

Remember that dreams were considered prophetic, i.e., \_\_\_\_\_ oriented.

2. Joseph believed that God \_\_\_\_\_ people to be given the interpretation.

3. Joseph believed that God would give \_\_\_\_\_ the interpretation because:

- a. He had done so in the \_\_\_\_\_ past.
- b. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.

vv. 9-11 Q. What was the first dream?

A. Five significant elements:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ that became fruitful.
2. It had \_\_\_\_\_ branches.
3. Pharaoh's cup \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ was squeezed out.
5. He gave the juice to \_\_\_\_\_.

vv. 12 – 13 Q. What was the interpretation?

A. Within three \_\_\_\_\_ you will be \_\_\_\_\_ to your position with Pharaoh.

v. 14 Q. What was Joseph's simple request?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ me.
2. Show \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ me to Pharaoh.
4. \_\_\_\_\_

v. 15 Q. What did he state about himself?

A.

1. I was \_\_\_\_\_ taken from my home and sold into slavery.
2. Even here I was \_\_\_\_\_ accused.

Note: We tend to think that just because "the Lord was with him" it somehow made it \_\_\_\_\_ – like it was easy, even \_\_\_\_\_. Not true. The phrase merely tells us that amid the \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances he was shown kindness. But...he was still in \_\_\_\_\_.

vv. 16-17 Q. What was the next dream?

A. Three elements to this dream:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ baskets of bread on his head.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ breads.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ were eating them.

vv. 18-19 Q. What was the interpretation?

A.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ days
2. You will be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ will eat you.

v. 20 Q. What did it mean to "lift up the heads"?

A. "To lift up the head" meant to "\_\_\_\_\_." It was also a play on words. To the cupbearer, his head was lifted to a place of \_\_\_\_\_ again. To the baker, his head was lifted off his body in \_\_\_\_\_.

Note: This is the only \_\_\_\_\_ (party) mentioned in the Hebrew bible.

vv. 21-22 Q. What was the outcome for the two officials?

A.

1. The cupbearer was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The baker's body was \_\_\_\_\_ upon a wall (probably at the city gate).
3. Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ right.

v. 23 Q. What was the outcome for Joseph?

A. <sup>23</sup> "The chief cupbearer, however, did not \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph; he \_\_\_\_\_ him." (Gen. 40:23 NIV)

**Application questions:**

Q. Does God still use dreams to communicate the future? How does culture fit into this?

A.

Q. How do we respond to continual injustice, even when we've asked God for deliverance?

A.

Q. How would you counsel someone who feels like God has forgotten them?

A.

Q. How does this teach us that we can still minister to others while we, ourselves, are suffering?

A.