

“Cows Eating Cows”
Chapter 41

v. 1a Q. How long was Joseph stuck in prison after the baker and cup bearer left?

A.

Imagine the _____ and _____ of Joseph.

Q. Why does God do this to those who have remained faithful?

A.

Read Proverbs 13:12. How does this speak to Joseph's situation?

A.

Q. What event happened?

A. “Pharaoh had a _____...” (Gen. 41:1 NIV)

vv. 1b – 4 Q. What was the dream?

A.

1. He was standing by the _____.

This is significant because the Nile represented “_____.”

2. He sees seven very _____ cows coming out of the _____.

3. He then sees seven very _____ cows coming out of the _____.

4. He sees the _____ cows eat up the _____ cows.

vv. 5 – 7 Q. What was the second dream?

A.

1. Seven heads of _____ and _____ grain growing on a single stalk.
2. Seven heads of _____ and _____ [beaten] grain on a single stalk.
3. The _____ grains swallowed up the _____ grains.

v. 8 Q. What did Pharaoh do and what was the result?

A.

1. His mind was _____.

Note: This is an indication of a “_____” dream.” You vividly remember the _____ after you wake, and it “_____” with you – _____ you (positive/negative) until you get an _____.

2. Pharaoh called for those who were supposed to have _____ of these things.
3. But they could not _____ them (at least to his satisfaction).

vv. 9-13 Q. What did the cup bearer remember?

- A. He remembered Joseph's _____ to interpret dreams and the _____ of them.

v. 14 Q. What did Pharaoh do with this knowledge?

Note: Pharaoh was not concerned about _____ at this point. It indicates his desperation.

Note: Pharaoh was concerned about his _____ presence. Joseph _____ and changed his clothes. Egyptian men were clean shaven (no _____/often shaved heads/often no body hair at all).

vv. 15-16 Q. How did Joseph respond to Pharaoh?

A. "I _____, but God _____ and _____."

vv. 17 – 24 Pharaoh recounts the dream to Joseph.

vv. 25 – 28 Q. What is the interpretation?

- A.
1. The two dreams have a _____.
 2. God is showing Pharaoh the _____.
 3. It involves years of _____ followed by years of _____.

vv. 29-32 Q. What does Joseph reiterate and affirm?

- A.
1. There will be _____ of food for seven years.
 2. This will be followed by a _____ - so great that the seven years of abundance will not be _____.

3. The dream was given in _____
as a _____ of its truthfulness and immediacy.

vv. 33 -36 Q. What does Joseph proceed to do?

- A.
1. Joseph suggests that Pharaoh look for the _____ agricultural manager. (Hint, hint!)
 2. Joseph proceeds to give him a possible _____ - _____ that will put Egypt in a healthy and strong position to _____ and thrive.

vv. 37-39 Q. What is perceived about Joseph?

- A.
1. Joseph has the _____ (Elohim) in him.
 2. It is _____ in the fact that no one is so discerning and wise as Joseph.

vv. 40-41 Q. What does Pharaoh do?

- A.
1. Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of his _____ (his household).
 2. Pharaoh sets Joseph up as _____ in command – behind Pharaoh himself.
 3. Joseph is put in charge of _____ of Egypt.

vv. 42 – 44 Q. Notice what Pharaoh does?

- A.
1. He _____ declared his _____.

2. He _____ declared his _____.

v. 45 Q. What else does Pharaoh do?

A.

1. Pharaoh gave him an Egyptian _____ (assimilation/reception).
2. Pharaoh gave him an Egyptian _____...from the high priest's family.
3. Joseph set out to _____ the land and to plan. (for recognition as well).

v. 46 Q. What is significant about Joseph's age Christologically?

A.

1. It was the age that men _____ the priesthood.
2. It was the age that Jesus _____ his priestly ministry.

vv. 47 – 49 Q. What did Joseph do?

A.

1. Joseph followed through on collecting a _____ of the crops during the years of abundance.
2. Joseph brought them into the _____ where he built huge storage facilities. E.g. – Pithom, Ramases (during the time of Moses).
3. The cities collected grain from the fields _____ it (central collection).
4. There was so much grain that Joseph _____ recording the amount.

vv. 50 – 52 Q. What additions came along to Joseph and what are their significance?

A.

1. Jacob had a son, and he named him _____ which means, "One who causes to _____."
2. Jacob had another son, and he named him _____ which means, "_____."

vv. 53-57 Q. What transpired?

A.

1. The famine _____.
2. Joseph _____ the buying.
3. The famine impacted the whole _____.
4. The famine impacted the whole _____ (figuratively speaking).

Application Questions:

Q. How does time/timing impact our view of God?

A.

Q. How do we deal with the great mystery of "silence" – where it appears God isn't doing anything (to help)?

A.

Q. "All good things come to those who wait." What is this maxim really teaching us?

A.

Q. How do others help us “forget” our pain?

A.

Q. How do “humility” and “confidence” work together to bring glory to God?

A.