

The Lives of Jacob & Joseph

Life of Jacob

Recap:

- 1) When Joseph is 17 he has a couple of dreams...that his older brothers and father will be under him
 - 2) Hated because of his father's doting/favoritism
 - 3) Brothers end up selling him to a band of Midianites who are traveling to Egypt on the international trade route
 - 4) Jacob assumes he is dead...now out of his brother's hair...oh so they think
 - 5) Sold to high ranking official in Pharaoh's court – God blesses thru him
 - 6) Wife wants him, frames him – ends up in an Egyptian prison
 - 7) God bless him again – finds favor with the chief jailer
 - 8) After a lengthy time – baker/cup bearer – forgotten AGAIN!
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Genesis 41:1a

“After two whole years...”

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Genesis 41:1-13

“THEN...”

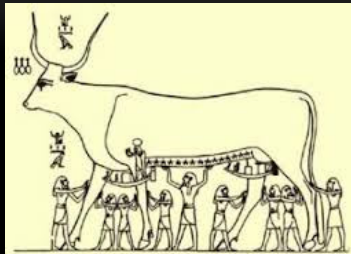
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Genesis 41:14-16

- He is speaking to god about GOD - Remember, Pharaoh WAS a god to them
 - He KNOWS he is but a conduit...for the Spirit of God to work thru
 - And man what confidence in God
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Genesis 41:24-32



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Genesis 41:33-36



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Genesis 41:37-45

And this is the 3rd time God has elevated Joseph

- 1) *Potiphar's house*
- 2) *Jail house*
- 3) *Now Pharaoh's house*

And there are some common threads in each of these cases:

- *Joseph LOOKED forgotten – for long periods of time*
 - *God looked like He left – which He clearly NEVER HAD*
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Genesis 41:46-57

- 1) Joseph became the Vizier = Prime Minister
 - 2) Once again Joseph finds himself in fine linen
 - 3) For the 2nd time Joseph goes for a ride
 - 4) God has given him his OWN family now
 - 5) Actually represented by 2 tribes
 - 6) Joseph's life given up for dead is God's conduit for life
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Joseph the "forgotten" one?

I THINK NOT!

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Closing thought:

If you are more caught up in the circumstances than God you will lose your perspective

Joseph has to draw on the times when God has shown Himself:

- *Keeping him alive in the pit*
 - *Finding God's favor working thru him with Potiphar*
 - *Finding God's favor working thru him with the jailer*
 - *Knowing God worked thru him with the interpretation of these dreams*
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