

“Dream On!”

Genesis 40:1-23

Introduction

I The Prologue

- A. The king of Egypt was **offended**: - Gen 39:10
 - 1. By the chief cupbearer
 - 2. By the chief baker
- B. The king was **angry** with them
 - 1. He put them in custody
 - a. In the house of the captain of the guard
 - b. In the prison where **Joseph** was confined - Gen 39:20
 - 2. He assigned them to the captain of the guard
 - a. Who assigned them to Joseph
 - b. And Joseph **attended** them - Mk 10:45

II The Dreams

- A. The cupbearer and baker had a **dream** - Job 33:14-18
 - 1. Each in the same night
 - 2. Each with a meaning of its own
- B. The cupbearer and baker were **dejected**
 - 1. Joseph took **notice** of their condition - Phil 2:4
 - 2. Joseph **asked** about their situation - Gen 41:16
 - a. There was no one to interpret the dreams - Dan 2:10
 - 3. Joseph **pointed** them to God - Gen 41:16

III The Interpretations

- A. The cupbearer **told** Joseph his dream
 - 1. He saw a vine with three branches
 - 2. The vine budded, blossomed and bore fruit
 - 3. He squeezed the grapes into Pharaoh's cup
- B. Joseph **interpreted** the cupbearer's dream
 - 1. In 3 days you will be restored - Deut 18:21-22
- C. Joseph made a request:
 - 1. **Remember** me
 - 2. Show me kindness - Josh 2:11-12
 - 3. **Mention** me to Pharaoh - Lk 23:41-42

- 4. Get me out of prison - Prov 16:9
- D. The baker told Joseph his dream
 - 1. He saw 3 baskets of bread on his head
 - 2. The birds were eating the bread
- E. Joseph **interpreted** the baker's dream - Gal 3:13-14
 - 1. In 3 days you will be beheaded and hung on a **tree**
 - 2. The birds will eat away your flesh - Acts 20:26-27

IV The Fulfillment

- A. Pharaoh's birthday was on the 3rd day
 - 1. He gave a **feast** for his officials
- B. Pharaoh lifted the head of the cupbearer and baker
 - 1. He **restored** the cupbearer to his position
 - 2. He **hanged** the chief baker - Ps 105:18-19
- C. Pharaoh was never informed of Joseph
 - 1. The chief cupbearer **forgot** Joseph - Prov 13:12

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. Have you ever had a dream from God? What were the details? Has God brought your dream to fulfillment?
- 2. Take a moment to imagine yourself in Joseph's shoes: sold by your siblings into slavery and then unjustly imprisoned for a crime you didn't commit. What would be your reaction?
- 3. What does Joseph's example teach you about his character? About his relationship with God? About his sense of destiny? How can you apply what you've discovered to your own life?
- 4. How do you normally react to life's struggles and disappointments? How should you respond? [Hint: Read Rom 5:1-5; 1 Pet 1:3-9; 4:12-16; James 1:2-4; 1 Thess 5:16-18]
- 5. Thank God for His promise to be with you and to never leave or forsake you. Ask the Holy Spirit for strength to persevere as you wait patiently for His deliverance [Ps 27:13-14].

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