

## Session 10

### Old Testament Survey Course

Gen 40:

Joseph in prison:

Pharaoh's butler and baker. They have dreams. Joseph interprets them both.

Butler restored and baker executed.

Joseph asks butler to remember him but he did not. 2 years go by.

Pharaoh's dreams: cows and grain. Troubled. Magicians can't interpret them.

Butler tells Pharaoh about Joseph in prison. Pharaoh sends for him.

Joseph explains that God actually interprets the dreams; not him.

Dreams are actually one dream and are an example of prophecy used for God's purposes.

7 years of plenty then seven years of famine.

Appoint manager to put one-fifth away in storage in all the cities to use during famine.

Pharaoh is amazed- **Spirit of God** is in him. Egypt is polytheistic!

Joseph becomes governor of Egypt. Only Pharaoh is higher. Puts signet ring –sign of authority and royal clothes on him.

No one can move a hand or foot in Egypt without Joseph's permission. Gets Egyptian name which means a great ruler.

Gets an Egyptian bride.

Joseph goes over all the land – builds granaries and warehouses.

Years of plenty come – huge harvests – Joseph gathers immeasurable amount of grain in warehouses near every city.

2 sons born – Manasseh (forgetful)- forgets about his problems and his father's house.  
Ephraim (fruitfulness).

Years of famine came- – severe in all Egypt and all surrounding countries. There was  
bread in Egypt. Cycle of the River changed.

All countries came to buy bread. Pharaoh says do whatever Joseph says.

Famine in The Land.

Jacob tells his sons to go to Egypt to buy food.

10 sons go. Jacob has Benjamin stay behind in case of calamity. Youngest son.

Joseph was governor and was responsible for selling the grain.

Brothers come and bow before Joseph – they do not recognize him. He recognizes them.  
He remembers dream of them bowing to him.

Accuses them of being spies. Custom of stealing from the land or attacking. Joseph  
covers the affection he feels with terseness.

Puts them in prison for 3 days. Wants to see Benjamin.

Brothers are convicted in their consciences of their crime against Joseph – how he  
pleaded with them. Feel they have to pay for his blood.

They did not know that Joseph understood them – spoke through an interpreter. Joseph  
withdrew and cried.

Binds Simeon as a hostage (since they are all in same family it guarantees that they will  
return with Benjamin).

Joseph tells them that he fears God. The True God and not the gods of Egypt.

Gives them grain and puts their money back in the sacks. Take the food back to Jacob in  
Canaan. Find the money on the way home.

“What is God doing now?” They deserved punishment but got blessing.

