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Genesis

JOSEPH: FROM PRISON TO PHARAOH

Genesis 40-41

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The story of Joseph, introduced in Genesis 37, will now dominate the remainder of the Book of Genesis. Joseph will become one of the most revered and loved characters in the Patriarchal narrative. There will be direct references to him as well as allusions to him in the New Testament (Acts 7:9-16; Hebrews 11:21-22; Matthew 1-2).

LIFE IN PRISON: While in prison, Joseph attended to the cupbearer and the baker for Pharaoh. These two men had dreams and Joseph interpreted the meaning of them accurately.

LANGUISHING IN PRISON: Joseph remained in prison for two long years after the incident with the cupbearer and baker.

PHARAOH'S DREAMS: Pharaoh had two disturbing dreams than on one in his court understood. He continued to be troubled by the mystery of the dreams.

JOSEPH, THE DREAMER AND INTERPRETER: Joseph, the dreamer, was called upon to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. He gave credit to God for this unique ability!

JOSEPH'S VINDICATION: God rewarded Joseph's integrity and faithfulness and used his giftedness for the common good. A Jewish slave in charge of Pharaoh's affairs---amazing!

POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. Joseph never faltered in his faith in God!
2. God rewards faithfulness in His own way.
3. God can use all circumstances for good and His glory.