

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP II

A DISCERNING AND WISE MAN

Gen 41

REVIEW

Stage 1 - The challenge to grow in faith

- a. Facing family difficulties
- b. Dreams of greatness
- c. Humbled by life
- d. Learning to have faith in God's word

Stage 2 - Development of character

- a. Responsible / hard working
- b. Choosing to be upright before God
- c. Saying no to sin

Stage 3 - Growing in wisdom

- a. Purpose
- b. Prayer
- c. Pursue

Stage 4 – Fulfilling our destiny

THE DREAMS OF THE PHARAOH

1. Dream 1 Gen. 41:1-4
 - a. Seven fat cows came out from the river
 - b. Seven thin cows also came out of river
 - c. The seven thin cows ate up the seven fat cows
2. Dream 2 Gen. 41:5-7
 - a. Seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good
 - b. Seven thin heads blighted by the east wind sprang up
 - c. The seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads
3. Troubled by the dreams Gen 41:8
 - a. Called for all the wise men and magicians
 - b. No one knew how to interpret these dreams

SEEING THE LORD'S HAND AT WORK

1. The chief butler told the Pharaoh about Joseph Gen. 41:9-11
 - a. He remembered the dreams that he and the chief baker had.
 - b. Theirs came true as interpreted by Joseph
2. Joseph was sent for Gen. 41:16
 - a. Presented before the Pharaoh
 - b. Asked whether he could interpret dreams
 - c. He acknowledged that God was the One who gives him the interpretation

WISDOM TO INTERPRET DREAMS

1. Giving a wise interpretation Gen. 41:25-32
 - a. Two dreams, but one message
 - b. God showing to Pharaoh what he was going to do
 - c. The Lord will fulfil these dreams
 - i. Seven years of great harvest
 - ii. Seven years of great famine
2. Giving a wise and practical advice Gen. 41:33-36
 - a. Select a wise and discerning man
 - b. To be set over the land
 - c. To look after the produce during the years of plenty
 - d. To have a reserve during the years of famine

PHARAOH'S RESPONSE

1. Recognition of the Spirit of God in Joseph Gen. 41:37-38
Cf. Isa 11:1-2
2. Joseph was set over all the land of Egypt Gen. 41:39-41
3. He was specially honoured Gen. 41:42:44
4. He was given a wife called Asenath Gen. 41:45