

GENESIS 41:38-45 – JOSEPH RESTORED IN EGYPT

OPEN IN	Prepare your heart to engage with the text through prayer.
PRAYER	"Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your law" (Ps.
	119:18). Pray to God to help you understand and see wonderful things
	that build you up in the faith.

INTRO

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him because of how loved he was by their father. So, they all made a plot to kill him, but Reuben—one of his brothers—convinced them to only sell him into slavery. After being sold into slavery Joseph is brought to Egypt. He begins to make a name for himself before a high official's wife attempts to have an affair with him against his will and frames him as trying to assault her when he refuses. Joseph then spend years in jail before Pharaoh has a dream no one can interpret and he is told about Joseph by his cupbearer. Pharaoh brings Joseph out of prison to him to interpret his dream, revealing the coming of a great 7 year famine, and Joseph gives Pharaoh God's answer for how to survive and even thrive during the famine. We pick up here for Pharaoh's response.

HIGHLIGHT Read the passage and highlight, circle, or underline any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Genesis 41:38–45 - And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you." ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. ⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Summarize the passage. What are the key words or thoughts? What would you title this passage (one word or short phrase)?

EXPLAIN What does this passage show you about God (Father, Son, or Spirit)? AND APPLY

How is this passage relevant for your life today?

How does this passage lead you to praise God?

RESPOND

Respond to God in prayer with how this passage has encouraged you or challenged you.

Pray to God praising Him for His perfect sovereign plan for your life. Confess the areas where you find it hard to submit and turn over control to God, and pray for God to give you joy and peace when you willingly follow Him.