

## GOD REVEALS HIS SOVEREIGN WILL

Genesis 40-41

Lesson 15b

Key verse: 41:51,52

"Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, 'It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household.' The second son he named Ephraim and said, 'It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.'"

\*SHEPHERD AND BIBLE TEACHER IN PRISON (40:1-23)

1. What was Joseph's situation when he met the king's cupbearer and baker?

What was their situation?

2. How did Joseph show a shepherd's concern for these men?

What kind of help did they need? Why was Joseph able to help them?

What did he teach them about God?

3. What was the cupbearer's dream? How did Joseph interpret its meaning?

What was the baker's dream? How was it similar to the cupbearer's dream?

How was it different? How did Joseph interpret this dream?

4. How were these dreams fulfilled? How did Joseph show himself to be an honest and fearless, and authoritative teacher of God's revealed will?

Why is it important that God's servant be clear?

5. What request did Joseph make of the cupbearer? What insight does this give us into Joseph's suffering in Egypt? How much longer did he remain in prison?

**\*A BIBLE TEACHER AND SHEPHERD TO PHARAOH (41:1-40)**

6. What did Pharaoh dream? Why was he troubled? (1-8) What moved him to seek Joseph's help? (9-13)

7. How did Joseph prepare to go to Pharaoh? What was his first response to Pharaoh's request to interpret the dreams? (15-16) What does this answer show about Joseph?

8. After listening to Pharaoh's dreams, what did Joseph teach him about God's sovereign control of nature and history? What did the dreams mean? (17-32)

9. What un-asked-for advice did Joseph give Pharaoh? How does this show his shepherd mind for Pharaoh and Egypt? Why did Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of his palace and in charge of Egypt?

**\*JOSEPH BECOMES STEWARD OF EGYPT (41-57)**

10. How old was Joseph when he became prime minister of Egypt? How long had he been in Egypt? How did Pharaoh honor him and provide for him? How did he use his

privileges? How did he exercise stewardship over Egypt? What does this show about his faith? (41-49)

11. What did Joseph name his sons? What does this reveal about his faith? How did God reveal his sovereignty over Egypt and the world? How did he use Joseph to save many lives? (50-57)