

Christ & His Bride

Lesson #30

Joseph & Jesus

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Gen. 41:8-13 The chief cupbearer then remembers Joseph, whom they had imprisoned together with the chief baker. The cupbearer recounts that Joseph had interpreted his and the baker's dreams, which came true, and that Joseph had prophesied his restoration to his position and the baker's hanging.

Gen. 41:14-15 Pharaoh summons Joseph from prison, after which Joseph is quickly groomed, shaves, & puts on clean clothes to appear before the king. Pharaoh tells Joseph that he has had a disturbing dream but that none of his wise men can interpret it.

I have heard that you possess the ability to interpret dreams.

Gen. 41:16 It is beyond my power to do this," Joseph replied.

"But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease."

Gen. 41:17-24 Pharaoh recounts his 2 dreams to Joseph.

Gen. 41:25-32 Joseph tells Pharaoh that his two dreams have the same meaning: God is showing what He is about to do. He explains that the seven healthy cows and healthy grain represent seven years of prosperity and abundance, followed by seven years of severe famine that will completely deplete the land.

Gen. 41:33-36 Joseph advises Pharaoh to find a wise and capable person to oversee a plan for Egypt's future: appoint managers to collect a fifth of the harvest during the seven years of abundance and store it in cities, creating a food reserve for the coming seven years of famine to prevent devastation. This advice provides a comprehensive strategy for the nation to manage the predictable crisis of famine that Pharaoh's dream foretold.

Gen. 41:37-44 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants,

"Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?"

³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, And all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to 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 off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; And he clothed him in garments of fine linen And put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; And they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!"

So he set him over all the land of Egypt. [type of the world]

⁴⁴Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I *am* Pharaoh, And without your consent
no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

Jesus Will Rise To A Powerful Position In The World During His Millennial Kingdom.

Ps. 26-9 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. ⁷ I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Daniel 7:13-14 I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed.

Christ's exaltation is depicted in a vision where "one like a Son of Man" comes with the clouds to the Ancient of Days, receives an everlasting kingdom, dominion, and glory from the Creator, and becomes the ruler of all nations. This event, occurring after the destruction of earthly kingdoms by the Ancient of Days, signifies Christ's divine authority and the establishment of His eternal, indestructible kingdom.

Jesus Christ Wears A Robe and Crowns

Rev. 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

His many crowns signify His sovereignty and His numerous victories and triumphs over all His enemies, which He has gained through His suffering and conflicts.

Rev. 19:13, 16 And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁶ And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

This powerful imagery portrays Jesus not as the humble servant of his first coming, but as a conquering King, an absolute ruler with piercing, all-seeing eyes and ultimate authority.

Gen. 41:45a And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah.

the god speaks and he lives, solver of mysteries or revealer of secrets
the one who furnishes the sustenance of the land

Mysteries are spiritual truths or divine secrets revealed through Jesus Christ and His apostles, which were once hidden but are now made known to God's people. These include the mystery of the Kingdom of God and its timing, the unity of Jew and Gentile in the Church, the indwelling presence of the Spirit and Christ in believers, the mystery of Godliness [I Tim. 3:16] or the Gospel of salvation through faith in Christ. These revelations offer believers full assurance and deeper understanding of God's plan, making previously hidden wisdom accessible.

Jesus Will Have A New Name in His Kingdom

Rev. 3:12 To him who overcomes... and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him My new name.

Rev. 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Isa. 9:6b and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Gen. 41:45b And he Gave Him As A Wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On.

Note: All 3 references to her say the same: Asenath, daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On.

Note: Jesus Christ will receive His bride when He is the ruler of the world.

Gen. 41:45c So Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

Gen. 41:46a And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

A shift from obscurity and adversity to recognition and authority.

This marks the pivotal moment when Joseph, after interpreting Pharaoh's dream and devising a strategy for Egypt's future, rose to a position of immense power. This renaming symbolizes his transformation from a foreign prisoner to a respected and powerful figure in Egypt.

This represents the culmination of Joseph's journey, as he is given a New Name,

a Wife from an Egyptian high-profile family, & a New Role overseeing all the land of Egypt.

At the age of thirty, after enduring years of hardship and misfortune, Joseph finds himself standing in the presence of the most powerful ruler of the time, Pharaoh.

Powerful Reminder: God's timing is always perfect.

God Prepares Before He Promotes: Joseph's journey began in his youth,

characterized by dreams and visions of greatness.

Joseph said he would be gloriously lifted up, and everyone would bow down to him.

His brothers hated him and planned to kill him because they heard about his glory.

Mark 14:62 Jesus said, "I am the Son of the Most High God.

You will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds." Jesus spoke of His coming in glory.

The moment the Pharisees and Sadducees heard it, they hated Him and plotted to kill him.

Joseph's path to fulfillment was arduous. Sold into slavery by his brothers, falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, and imprisoned for years, Joseph could easily have been consumed by bitterness and despair. Instead, he chose to trust in God's plan.

- Joseph's preparation took place during his most challenging times.
- While in prison, he was not merely waiting idly; he was being molded, shaped, and prepared for the significant role God intended for him.

- His experiences enabled him to develop wisdom, patience, and humility— traits essential for leadership.
- Illustrates the concept of active waiting. Waiting does not mean inactivity.
- During those years in prison, Joseph interpreted dreams for fellow inmates, using his gift to help others, thereby preparing his heart and mind for the greater purpose ahead.
- Keep focused on what God said about him.

How often do we find ourselves preoccupied with our circumstances, failing to see the broader picture of God's purpose? It's vital to keep our eyes fixed on the path God is forging for us, even when it seems unclear. When we're in the 'waiting' seasons of life, we need to remain faithful, seek to grow in character, and be ready for the opportunities God places before us. Powerful Truth: God is working behind the scenes, orchestrating events to ultimately bring about His divine plan. Joseph's journey from a position of lowly slavery to a position of power and influence demonstrates God's faithfulness and ability to use even the most challenging circumstances for His glory and the fulfillment of His purposes.

Gen. 41:47-49 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

⁴⁸ And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. ⁴⁹ And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

Gen. 41:53-55 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

⁵⁴ And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

⁵⁵ And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

- Joseph has the bread the people need for LIFE.

Gen. 41:56-57 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

⁵⁷ And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn; because the famine was so sore in all lands.

Joseph was the chief administrator who managed the country's resources and ensured that the population was fed and cared for during the devastating famine.

His decisions directly impacted the lives of all Egyptians.

His mediation saved countless lives and allowed his family to thrive in a new land, fulfilling the role of a shepherd to his people in a time of crisis.

Blessing The World By Giving Bread

Joseph and Jesus were brought to positions of power and salvation for their people.

Joseph provided physical provision during a famine.

When everyone came to Pharaoh with the request, "please give us bread,"

- he said go to Joseph and do what he says.

During the time of famine when the whole world was suffering, Joseph was the only source of bread for the people. Joseph blessed the world by giving them bread.

- This is a pre-shadow of Jesus, the Bread of Life, who is the only source of Living Bread for the whole world.

Jesus is the bread who came down from heaven, given for the salvation of humanity.

Gen. 42:8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they did not know him.

- They were expecting Joseph to be dead. Or a slave, at the very least.
- They did not expect to see Joseph sitting on any kind of throne.
- They forgot the dreams and prophecies regarding Joseph.

Consider the two men on the road to Emmaus who didn't recognize Jesus in Luke 24.

They didn't see Him as Jesus that night, even though they were well acquainted with the stories of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

It wasn't until Jesus explained the Scriptures to them that their eyes were opened.

Joseph's brothers didn't recognize him because they weren't looking for him.

Gen. 43:1-34 The famine in the land is severe. Jacob's sons have exhausted the grain they brought from Egypt. To get more food, the brothers must return to Egypt, but Joseph had demanded they bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, with them.

- Jacob is reluctant to let Benjamin go, fearing he will suffer the same fate as Joseph.
- Judah insists, vowing to protect Benjamin at all costs.
- Jacob finally consents. The brothers travel to Egypt, taking a present and double the money for the grain, along with Benjamin.

Arrival in Egypt: They arrive in Egypt. Joseph's steward brings them to his house.

The steward assures them not to worry about the money they found and provides them with hospitality, washing their feet and caring for their donkeys.

The Feast: Joseph arrived. They are invited to eat a feast prepared for them.

- Joseph sat them in the order of their birth which astonished them.
- Benjamin received a portion five times larger than anyone else's.

Overwhelmed by Emotion: Joseph is deeply moved, especially when he sees his long-lost brother Benjamin. He quickly retreats to his private chambers to weep over the reunion.

Gen. 44:1-34 Joseph secretly plants his silver cup in Benjamin's grain sack to test his brothers' character, which leads to Benjamin being accused of theft and sentenced to become a slave in Egypt.

Sacrificial Offer: Judah, overcome with love for Benjamin and fear for their father, makes a powerful plea to Joseph. He offers to become a slave in Benjamin's place, explaining that he cannot bear to see their father's grief if he returns without his youngest son

Changed Hearts: The brothers' response demonstrates a profound transformation from the selfish men who sold Joseph into slavery, showing a new willingness to sacrifice for one another.

Divine Providence: Joseph's actions, though a harsh test, are part of a larger divine plan to bring about reconciliation and the fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham's descendants.

Gen. 45:1-2 Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, "Out, all of you!" So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. ² Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace.

- This emotional outburst is a significant turning point as it precedes his revelation of his true identity to his brothers, who had previously sold him into slavery.

Jesus Grieves over Jerusalem

Matt. 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Joseph Told His Brothers To Come Near To Him.

³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"

But his brothers could not answer him, for they were terrified in his presence.

Terrified = #926 Bahal > Joseph's brothers are "terrified in his presence" showing how guilt and sudden revelation intertwine.

⁴ "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again,

"I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt.

⁵But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place.

⁷It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

Note: Gen. 50:19-21 But Joseph replied, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"

²⁰ But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones."

Gen. 45:6-7 This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

⁷ So God sent me ahead of you to ensure for you a remnant on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

The principle: God's saving plan is safeguarded through a surviving seed.

⁸ Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

The 1st visit: Joseph immediately recognized his brothers, but they did not know it was him.
Gen. 43:5 "You will not see my face again unless your brother is with you."

Gen. 45:3 They did not recognize him on their second visit.

Joseph Revealed His Identity to them. Then they recognized him and wept in remorse.

John 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

- The religious Jews did not recognize Him as the promised Messiah when He first came.

Matt. 23:39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say,

'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zech. 13:9 I will bring the *one-third* through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them.

I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "

- The Jewish remnant will weep and mourn at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Joseph Prepared A Place For His Family in Egypt

Gen. 45:9 -11 "Now hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately!

¹⁰ You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me with all your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you own. ¹¹ I will take care of you there, for there are still five years of famine ahead of us. Otherwise, you, your household, and all your animals will starve."

Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

In a time of scarcity and uncertainty, Joseph promises that their livelihoods and possessions will be preserved and nourished. This serves as a symbol of God's faithfulness and care for His people, even in the midst of trials and tribulations.

²¹ And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

After Joseph's revelation, the brothers returned to their father in Canaan and proclaimed the glory of Joseph in Egypt. Joseph gave all provisions for their journey.

After the Resurrection of Jesus, the eleven disciples went around proclaiming the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. In their journey, Jesus gave all the provisions.

Gen. 47:6 The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know any competent men among them, then make them chief herdsman over my livestock.

Gen. 47:27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

Dwelling in Goshen

A. Joseph Chose Goshen For His Family

Joseph told them that God had sent him ahead of them to preserve life. He wanted his family to dwell in Goshen, a fertile area known for its rich soil and suitability for grazing livestock.

➤ Goshen = drawing near; the best of the land; place of comfort and plenty

He wanted them near to him. There I will provide for you. [Gen. 45:11].

Joseph, as Egypt's chief administrator, ensured his family had everything they needed, including food and land.

In Goshen, they experienced God's provision, peace, power, protection, and proximity.

B. Distinct Identity: The location of Goshen helped keep the Israelites separate from the Egyptian society who disdained shepherds and people who worshiped God.

This prevented them from assimilating and losing their culture and religion, thereby, retaining their own cultural practices and traditions. Kept them safe from turning from God.

C. Place of Protection During the Plagues

Beginning with the 4th Plague, God made a distinction between Egypt and Goshen.

The Israelites in Goshen received supernatural protection. This highlights divine favor and underscores that God—who is sovereign over nations—shielded His people:

Goshen functioned as a literal haven where the Israelites were spared calamity, further demonstrating God's providential provision.

D. Family Migration and Fulfillment of Covenant: Part of God's Prophetic Plan

Gen. 15:13 God promised Abraham that his descendants would be "strangers in a land not their own." Goshen becomes the setting where this prophecy takes shape.

Jacob's entire clan settles there, and over time grows into a nation.

Ex. 1:7 The people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly;

they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

E. It Became a Place of Bondage Over Time

Their enslavement in Goshen occurred after they had grown to a large and prosperous population, leading a new Pharaoh to fear them and force them into labor and slavery.

It became a land of suffering.

F. Goshen Was a Temporary Refuge. It was not the final destination.

God's Plan: Deliver them, Covenant at Mt. Sinai; Enter & Possess the Promised Land
Even though Goshen was near the Promised Land, it was still Egypt and not the place God wanted His people to establish a nation.
He allowed the children of Israel to experience the misery of slavery to motivate them to move when the time came.

G. Stage for Redemptive History The time in Goshen sets the scene for the Exodus, a defining moment in Scripture that foreshadows salvation through Christ.

H. Foreshadows the Greater Deliverer: Once the Israelites became oppressed, they anticipated a liberator-Moses foreshadowing Christ.

Ultimately, the period in Goshen served God's purpose to preserve the family of Jacob, allow them to grow into a great nation, and set the stage for their eventual deliverance and journey toward the land promised to Abraham

God Will Prepare A Place For The Remnant

During the last 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of the 7-year Tribulation, the Antichrist's purpose will be to annihilate every Jew so God cannot keep His promise to save a great remnant at the end of the 7 years.
[Zech. 12:10, 13:1; Rom. 9:27; 11:25-26]

Rev. 12:14 And to the woman [Israel] were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, [3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years; 42 months; 1260 days] from the face of the serpent.

The first provision of divine deliverance figuratively portrayed as "the two wings of a great eagle." Based on two OT passages: Exodus 19:4 and Deut. 32:11-12

God's protection and deliverance of Israel is likened to an eagle who carried her to safety from the clutches of Egypt.

God performed many supernatural MIRACLES to deliver Israel out of Egypt.

God will work to deliver Israel from the clutches of Satan. [supernatural care]

Satan will be unable to reach and destroy the remnant in the place of protection and nourishment.

God promised a future earthly kingdom to Israel through covenants with Abraham and David, with Abraham's descendants receiving the land of Canaan and David's lineage being eternal. This kingdom, established through a godly king and centered in Jerusalem, was intended to extend God's reign and be a blessing to all nations.

While Christ offered the kingdom during His time, the full, physical manifestation of this promise is a future event at Christ's Second Coming.

These 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years in the wilderness will make the Jews ready to receive Christ and enter the glorious Millennial Kingdom.

Jesus Is Preparing A Place

John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Goshen, meaning to draw near, is a place of separation.

- It is a spiritual place set apart from the rest of the world.
- It represents a place of safety and plenty where we are nourished and refreshed.

In order to access Goshen, one must be willing to separate themselves from the things of this world. This includes separating oneself from their sinful ways and repenting.

The most important part of living in Goshen was not the Provision, Peace, Power, or Protection. It was the Proximity.

The most important part of our relationship with God is not the Provision, Peace, Power, or Protection. It is the Proximity to Him!

A lot of people want His hands, but they don't want to see His face.

They want the blessing, but they don't want the Blessor.

They want the healing, but they don't want the Healer.

They want the mountains but are not willing to walk through the valleys.

They want salvation, but they don't want the transformation.

Near To The Heart of God

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;

a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;

a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God. [refrain]

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.