

Genesis 41:1-57

Exalted For Purpose

Introduction:

One of the great prime ministers of England during the Second World War was the Winston Churchill. He was a captivating speaker and a prolific writer. A time when the nation was falling apart from the relentless bombing of the German air force Churchill stood strong with his people together with words of courage and confidence. Famous Quotes: “Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of confidence.” “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” During the war, he stated: “Never give in- never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.”

Joseph, was for Egypt and the surrounding nations and especially for Jacob and his sons, a great prime minister who through his God given wisdom and discernment became a blessing for the Kingdom and glory of God.

I. Divine Intervention

A. Two dreams – v.1-8

1. The magicians could not interpret – Turn To: I Cor. 2:7-16
2. Pagan Egyptians did not worship the true God – I Cor. 10:20

B. Why did Pharaoh accept Joseph’s interpretation of the dreams? Prov. 21:1

1. Joseph’s good testimony before men – v.13
2. Joseph says it’ not me who deciphers the dreams, Its God – v.16; II Pet.1:20-21
3. Joseph speaks as one having authority – Matt. 7:24-29; Mark 1:22; Col. 4:5,6

II. Given Preeminence

A. Pharaoh accepts Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams: v. 25, 28, 32, 39

B. Joseph commissioned to make Egypt’s future blessed:

1. Headship over all – v. 40 (America’s prosperity and ruin)
2. Joseph is a family man marries a wife (Asenath) and has two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

C. Joseph, a type of Christ

1. Joseph is given royal clothing – v.42,43; Phil. 2:9,10
2. Joseph is given a new name – Zaphenath- paneah meaning “the God who speaks” Isa. 9:6-7
3. Joseph’s reign spares the world of utter disaster – Psa. 93:1;96:10; Rev. 19:6