Lesson 28
Joseph the Hebrew-Israelite Rules & Dominate Egypt
The 7 Years of Plenty
Genesis 41:32-53; Genesis 37:7-11; Psalms 105:16-22

By interpreting the Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph was seen as very wise and discreet. (Recite-Through Joseph and the Pharaoh's two dreams, God's word was established and confirmed that a seven-year famine will surely happen)! Believing the spirit of God was in Joseph, the Pharaoh of the land of Egypt prepared for the seven-year famine. The Pharaoh made Joseph the Ruler over all the land of Egypt. Even the officers Joseph suggested to the Pharaoh to be put in charge of gathering the food, Joseph ruled over them also! (Recite-Joseph ruled as a king)! God truly was getting Joseph ready to rule something greater; to rule and save lives. Only upon the throne will the Pharaoh be greater than Joseph. Joseph's words were as the law of the land. (Recite- The Pharaoh then gave Joseph the ring from his finger, nice clothes, and put a chain of gold about Joseph's neck). Joseph rode in the second chariot of the Pharaoh. (Recite- They said, 'bow the knee,' as Joseph was made ruler over Egypt only second to the Pharaoh). Now, does this sound familiar? Remember Joseph's dreams? Currently, the people of the land of Egypt are bowing down to Joseph as he is now their ruler! Soon, all of Joseph's family will come and bow the knee to Joseph; just as Joseph saw in his dreams of the sheaves of crop and as with the sun, moon and the eleven stars! Joseph now rules and dominate the entire land of Egypt. No one in the land could speak against Joseph nor raise their hand to hurt him without answering to the Pharaoh! (Recite- Joseph, now the Governor of Egypt, he not only ruled Egypt's senators, but taught them how to be wise). (Recite- The Pharaoh then gave Joseph an Egyptian wife named Asenath). Remember, (Recite- The Egyptians comes from the bloodline of Ham, one of Noah's sons). (Recite- The children of Ham have very dark skin). (Recite- Joseph and his family comes from the bloodline of Shem, also one of Noah's sons). (Recite- We, the children of Shem have skin color from light brown to dark brown). So Joseph married a woman of the same color, but of a different bloodline. Since all males carries the bloodline seed, Joseph's children with his Egyptian wife are now of Joseph's bloodline which are now of the bloodline of Shem.

Now, the land had begun to produce much food from the fields such as corn. (Recite- There was so much corn, it was as the sands by the sea and couldn't be counted). Every city in the land of Egypt had storehouses. (Recite- The storehouses are buildings where they put the corn). God had confirmed His word He established in the first part of the Pharaoh's dreams of the seven well- fed cows and the seven good ears of corn. When the famine comes, they will eat the corn from the storehouses and not starve and die.

To Joseph, the Hebrew-Israelite, of the bloodline of Shem, two sons were born unto him two years before the famine was to come by his Egyptian wife Asenath. (Recite- The first son's name was Manasseh). Manasseh means, 'For God hath made me to forget all my toil, and all my father's house'. Joseph was no longer a slave under the burden of hard labor; once hated by his brothers. (Recite- The second son's name was Ephraim). Ephraim means, 'For God hath caused me to be fruitful and multiply in the land of my affliction'. To be fruitful and multiply means to have babies. Joseph now has two children in a strange land where he went from a slave to a ruler! Two years after Joseph's children were born, the seven years of plenty ended. God establishing His word through the Pharaoh's dreams by Joseph, the time had now come for God to confirm His word He established concerning the second part of the Pharaoh's dreams of the seven skinny cows and the seven thin ears of corn. The time of the seven-year famine has arrived!

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Lesson Review Questions

1. How was God's word confirmed that a famine was coming?

(A) By the Pharaoh having two of the same dreams (B) By the butler (C) By the baker

2. Who was the only one greater than Joseph in all of Egypt?

(A) Potiphar (B) Jacob **(C) The Pharaoh of Egypt**

3. What three things did the Pharaoh give to Joseph?

(A) A car, house and a watch **(B) A ring, nice clothes and a gold chain** (C) A rug, a sword and shoes

4. What did the Pharaoh have Joseph to ride in?

(A) An airplane **(B) The second chariot** (C) The first chariot

5. As Joseph was made the second ruler over all of Egypt, what did all the people do before Joseph?

(A) Bowed to Joseph (B) Chase Joseph (C) Threw Joseph in a pit

6. Who did Joseph tell Pharaoh to put in charge of gathering the food before the famine came?

(A) Slaves (B) Soldiers **(C) Officers**

7. Joseph gathered so much corn that it was as what?

(A) The sands of the sea (B) As the dirt on the ground (C) The water in the sea

8. What was the name of Joseph's wife?

(A) Asenath (B) Rebekah (C) Sarah

9. What is the name of the places where Joseph had food saved before the famine came?

(A) Doghouses **(B) Storehouses** (C) Smokehouses

10. What was the name of Joseph's first son?

(A) Manasseh (B) Noah (C) Seth

11. What was the name of Joseph's second son?

(A) Job (B) David **(C) Ephraim**

Bonus Question: What did Joseph teach Egypt's senators? **Answer: How to be wise.**

Bonus Question: Two years after Joseph's children were born, what happened? **Answer: The seven years of plenty ended.**

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