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- Genesis 37:1-40:23
- Matthew 2:13-15
- Genesis 16:1-4; 41:33-46
- Mark 9:14-29
- Galatians 6:7-9; 1:13-2:2
- John 6:4-7
- Luke 24:13-49
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- Acts 19:11-20; 8:14-23
- Acts 22:3-5
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There is no doubt in my mind that we live in one of the most important prophetic times in history. I am sure many men over the centuries have made that claim, but if I had to make my argument for the case I would say we are at the crossroads for two massive reasons. In the United States and by extension globally, because of the position the U.S. holds in the world, we have come to this great divide. On one side we have those who will boldly proclaim that there is One God, and that He has revealed His image to us, first in Genesis when He made man and woman in His image, told them to marry and to be fruitful as a family, and then again He revealed Himself through His One and only Son. On the other side we have bold declarations that gender is fluid, and therefore there is no definitive distinction between a man or a woman. Marriage is irrelevant and certainly, even if considered, is not reserved for the union of a man and a woman, which of course has redefined the family. And then there is the assault on being fruitful, with the mass annihilation of the unborn child. These violations add up to the very denial of His image. This concludes with one side saying, "There is One God and He has One Son," and the other saying, "There is no God."

Then we have the people of God, Israel, throughout history, with a reputation of killing the prophets. When the conviction of their words reached Israel, in many cases, instead of repenting, they

simply killed the messenger. Today, in the church we have done much the same. The Church was originally established on the Apostles and Prophets with Christ as the Chief Cornerstone, and yet today, the church is run by Pastors only, with almost zero Prophetic oversight. This has yielded a divided church with minimal power in the world. The Prophetic authority must come back into the church to re-establish the Separation of Powers needed for the Body of Christ to finish what we are here to do.

At present, the Supreme Court of the United States is about to make a choice whether to intervene in the 2020 presidential election or not! The Separation of Powers in our government (three branches) was modeled after the Scriptures, the King, the Priest, and the Prophet. Today in the church that would translate to the King of Kings, the Pastoral, and the Prophetic. In government, the King is the Executive Branch, the Priest is the Legislative Branch, and the Prophetic is the Judicial Branch. The Supreme Court will either fulfill its Prophetic duty or it will not. Either way, you, the church must be ready! Are you ready? Today's teaching will help you prepare to see with prophetic eyes.

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“But **remember me when it is well with you**, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. For indeed **I was stolen away from the land** of the Hebrews; and also **I have done nothing** here that they should put me into the dungeon.”” *Genesis 40:14-15 NKJV*

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Yet the chief butler **did not remember Joseph**, but forgot him.” (Genesis 40:23 NKJV) “Then it came to pass, at the end of **two full years**, that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river.” (Genesis 41:1 NKJV) “Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: “**I remember** my faults this day.” (Genesis 41:9 NKJV) “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.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “**See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.**”” (Genesis 41:40-41 NKJV) “Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did **not know Joseph.**” Exodus 1:8 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. If you consider the key figures throughout the entirety of Scripture, and search for those who have the most content in which their lives are the center of attention, who comes to mind? Well of course Y'shua would be number one, and no doubt there is Abraham and Moses. And David is a central character with much content focusing on him and his son Solomon. Also, you can argue that three quarters of the book of Acts has Paul at the center of the action. And there are prophets who penned long books, but those were more about the prophecy than the prophet. And, Joseph has thirteen chapters in Genesis, more than one quarter of the first book the Bible, in which the events of his life are center stage. That says something! We can easily agree that, of the half dozen or so most prominent figures in the Bible, Joseph is one of them.
2. We begin now with the area of Scripture that just might be the deepest and richest prophetic soil in the entire bible—the narratives about the life of Joseph. Four portions starting today and until the end of Genesis have Joseph as the focal point.
3. This portion follows Joseph from Canaan to Egypt to prison. In addition, this week's reading contains the story of Judah and

Tamar. You can see last year's teaching on this portion here:

[Influencing Atmospheres](#)

4. We start out and see that Joseph brings his father a bad report about his brothers while they were tending the flocks.
5. We learn that Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age through his favorite wife and true love Rachel.
6. Jacob gives Joseph a special robe and when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.
7. Joseph has two dreams that make his brothers hate him even more: "Your sheaves of corn gathered round mine and bowed down to mine; and the sun and moon and eleven stars bowed down to me."
8. Even Jacob questioned him about the dreams, "Will your mother and I bow down to you?" Of course, in the end, this all happens just as in the dreams.
9. Joseph is then sent to check on his brothers pasturing the flock in Shechem?
10. His brothers plot to kill him; "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!" " Genesis 37:20 NKJV

11. Reuben convinces them to not take his life but, instead, recommends they throw him into this cistern so he can rescue him later and take him back to his father.
12. In a compromise they sell him to the **Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver**, who then take him to Egypt.
- a) **Memory Lane:** Ishmael was the one jilted by Jacob's father Isaac, and Jacob jilted his own brother Esau, and Esau ultimately married one of Ishmael's daughters, so the line of Ishmael has in it both Ishmael and Esau, the two brothers jilted by the Isaac—Jacob—Joseph line!
- b) Besides Ishmael being Esau's uncle, he also becomes his father-in-law! Remember, back in Genesis 28, Esau saw that his father Isaac considered Canaanite women unacceptable. So, he takes two more wives, one of them the daughter of Abraham's oldest son Ishmael, the one "supplanted" by Isaac! Remember, Ishmael is Isaac's half brother, therefore Esau's uncle. Both Jacob and Esau marry their first cousins. Jacob ultimately marries his Mother's brother's (Laban's) daughters (Leah and Rachel) and Esau marries his father's brother's (Ishmael's) daughter (**Mahalath**)! "*So Esau went to Ishmael and took **Mahalath** the daughter of Ishmael, sister of Nebajoth...*" Genesis 28:9

c) Chapter 36 recounts the entire family line of Esau and his sons. We see that Esau took wives in Canaan and his five sons were born in Canaan: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. These five sons became the “Chiefs of Edom” in Mt. Seir. Esau is synonymous with Edom as Esau is the father of the Edomites. **Note:** Reuel was Ishmael’s grandson born to his daughter Basemath—“and **Basemath**, Ishmael’s daughter, sister of Nebajoth.” Genesis 36:3

d) **Scholarly question:** are Mahalath and Basemath the same women? Most scholars believe they are one and the same as chapter 36 also mentions Esau’s other wives by different names than those of chapters 26 and 28. They are possibly “renamed” as descriptive of the chief character traits they display, a common occurrence in Scripture. The debate does however go on, did Esau have 3 or 6 wives? Some scholars believe they are two separate woman as both Jacob and Esau both marry their first cousins. Jacob married two cousins, his Mother’s brother’s (Laban’s) daughters (Leah and Rachel), so maybe so did Esau. Just food for thought.

13. Joseph’s brothers take his fancy robe and put goat blood on it to show Jacob, so they can convince him Joseph was killed by a wild animal.

14. Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

SHIFT GEARS—CHAPTER 38, ALL EYES ON JUDAH—Oh Boy!

15. Judah leaves his brothers, meets the daughter of a Canaanite man, marries her and has a son, Er.

16. Er, his firstborn, eventually marries Tamar.

17. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD puts him to death.

18. Judah tells his second born Onan to sleep with his brother's wife and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to raise up offspring for your brother. [See the Law of the Levirate marriage—Deut. 25:5-10, also see the question posed to Y'shua in Matthew 22:23-33; (28) "Whose wife of the seven will she be?"]

19. But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he **spilled his semen** on the ground to avoid providing offspring for his brother.

20. What he did was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death also.

21. So Er, the firstborn is dead, and now Onan the second born is dead—Move on to Shelah, the third son!

22. But the third son is too young, so Judah tells Tamar to wait until **Shelah** grows up... But he REALLY does not want to give his third son for fear he will die too, just like his brothers.

23. So Tamar goes to live in her father's household.
24. And when Shelah was grown and still not given to her...she plots a way to have children!
25. This is what she does after Judah's wife dies (her ex-mother in law)—What Drama!
26. After Judah had recovered from his grief, he goes to Timnah on sheep-shearing business. Tamar hears he is coming so she disguises herself as a prostitute and positions herself so he would encounter her on the way.
27. She was not happy that Shelah had now grown up, yet she had not been given to him as his wife.
28. Judah fornicates with her and in exchange he promises to send her a goat. Tamar requests his **seal and its cord, and his staff to can hold in her possession as a guarantee of payment.**
29. Judah sends the goat when he gets back home, so he can have his pledge returned from the woman, and finds there hasn't been any shrine-prostitutes in the area.
30. Judah decides to let her, whoever she was, keep what she has and forget the whole thing, so he does not get exposed.
31. About three months later Judah was told, 'Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.' Judah says to, 'Bring her out and let her be burned to death!'

32. As she was being brought out, she sends a message to her father-in-law. 'I am pregnant by the man who owns these (and she shows the **seal and cord and staff**). He did not sleep with her again. **MIND YOU, Y'SHUA COMES FROM THE LINE OF JUDAH!**

33. Twins are born as a result (like Jacob and Esau), and there is BIRTH CONTROVERSY. Zerah sticks his hand out first and is "tagged" with a scarlet thread, but then he draws back and Perez come out first!

NOW BACK TO JOSEPH

34. Yahweh was with Joseph in EVERYTHING and he prospered.

35. Potiphar saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

36. Joseph found favor and was made overseer of Potiphar's house, and all that he had he put under his authority.

a) *"So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field." Genesis 39:4-5 NKJV*

b) ***NOTICE THIS WAS JUST LIKE JACOB AND LABAN:**

“Laban said to him, “Do me this favor. I’ve discovered by a divine sign that the LORD has blessed me because of you,”

Genesis 30:27

37. **STAYING RIGHTEOUS!** Potiphar’s wife attempts to seduce Joseph multiple times and he refuses to participate. He realizes what favor he has and resists over and over again to violate his master’s trust **nor to sin against Yahweh.**

38. Joseph is falsely accused and imprisoned, but again Yahweh prospers him and Joseph finds great favor with the warden.

a) *“But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.”* Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV

39. THE DREAMS OF CHAPTER 40 SET THE STAGE FOR JOSEPH’S GREAT PROPHETIC CALL LATER ON! (JOSEPH’S 2ND DREAM ENCOUNTER)

- a) 1ST (The two dreams in chapter 37 showing all members of Joseph's family bowing down to him—sheaves of grain and the sun, moon and stars.)
- b) 2nd (The two dreams, one of the baker, one of the cupbearer, here in chapter 40.)
- c) 3rd (The 2 dreams that tortured Pharaoh in Chapter 41)

40. Pharaoh's chief cupbearer [wine] and chief baker [bread] are sentenced to **the same prison** with Joseph and they are assigned to Joseph who is IN CHARGE!

41. The two men have dreams the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own [opposite meanings].

42. Joseph notices their disturbance the next morning and their anxiety as they have no one to interpret their dreams. In steps Joseph "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

- a) *"And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they were sad. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look so sad today?" And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.""* Genesis 40:6-8 NKJV

43. INTERPRETATIONS: The chief cupbearer's dream means that within three days Pharaoh will **lift up his head and restore him to his position.**

a) **KEY FAITH GLITCH: Joseph attempts to do something HIMSELF to get released!** *"But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon."* Genesis 40:14-15 NKJV

44. The chief baker's dream means that within three days Pharaoh will **lift off his head and impale his body on a pole. And the birds will eat away his flesh.**

45. Three days later was **Pharaoh's birthday** [Reminds me of the tradition to release a prisoner on a leader's birthday like the offer to release either Yahshua or Barabbas.]

46. The **chief cupbearer** is restored to his position, and **the chief baker is impaled** just as Joseph said to them in his interpretation.

47. *"Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him."*
Genesis 40:23 NKJV

ONE VERSE TWO FULL YEARS

1. Joseph's Journey of Preparation—Prepped for Power

A. Dreams of Power

(1) It all started at 17 years old!

(a) "This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being **seventeen years old**, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father." Genesis 37:2 NKJV

(2) "So he said to them, "**Please hear this dream** which I have dreamed:" Genesis 37:6 NKJV

(a) "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed **your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.**" Genesis 37:7 NKJV

(b) "Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, **the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.**" Genesis 37:9 NKJV

B. Foolish Testimony

(1) Wrong Timing—Bad Result

- (a) “Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and **they hated him even more.**” Genesis 37:5 NKJV
- (b) “And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” **So they hated him even more for his dreams** and for his words.” Genesis 37:8 NKJV
- (c) “So he told it to his father and his brothers; and **his father rebuked him and said to him,** “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” **And his brothers envied him,** but his father kept the matter in mind.” Genesis 37:10-11 NKJV

C. Sold into Slavery

- (1) This is what happens when you tick off a lot of people!
- (a) “Come therefore, **let us now kill him** and cast him into some pit; and **we shall say, ‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’** We shall see what will become of his dreams!”” Genesis 37:20 NKJV
- (b) “But **Reuben** heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, “**Let us not kill him.**” And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on

him”—that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.” Genesis 37:21-22 NKJV

- (c) “So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they **stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. [Here they take off his garment as he is stripped from his current position as he is about to have a shift...later the new garment he gets from Potiphar is what is used to accuse him of rape, and he makes yet another shift in position.]** Then they took him and cast him into a pit.

And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.”

Genesis 37:23-24 NKJV

- (d) “So **Judah** said to his brothers, “**What profit is there if we kill our brother** and conceal his blood? **Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites**, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh.” And his brothers listened. Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and **sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver**. And they took **Joseph to Egypt**.”

Genesis 37:26-28 NKJV

1. **Prophetic Moment:** The Savior must come our of Egypt.

2. **Joseph:** “And God sent **me [Joseph] before you [to Egypt]** to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.” Genesis 45:7 NKJV
3. **Israel:** ““When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.” Hosea 11:1 NKJV
4. **Y’shua:** “Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, **flee to Egypt**, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and **departed for Egypt**, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “**Out of Egypt I called My Son.**”” Matthew 2:13-15 NKJV

(2) Rise in Stature-his new position!

- (a) “Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.” Genesis 37:36 NKJV
- (b) “And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then **he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority.** So it was, from the time that he had made him **overseer** of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. **Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand,** and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance." Genesis 39:3-6 NKJV **[Notice that Joseph had to be stripped of his "last garment" to step into this new position. Painful but necessary!]**

D. Sent to Prison

(1) "Lie with with me!"

- (a) **From Genesis 39:7-16 Potiphar's wife tries to get Joseph to commit adultery with her, but he refuses. Then she get's him alone and makes her ultimate move. When he runs from her she is humiliated and, in her humiliation, she lies to have him punished. This sets the stage for Joseph's next phase of preparation: "Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to**

me to mock me; so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that **he left his garment with me** and fled outside.”” **[First he was stripped of his garment by his brothers, a death of self necessary for Joseph to step into his new position, and now again his is stripped of his garment as he is about to shift into yet another position!]** Genesis 39:17-18 NKJV

1. **New Creation:** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17
NKJV
 2. **New Man:** “and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:24 NKJV
 3. **No longer I who live:** “I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV
- (b) **From Slave, to Favor, to Prison:** “So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, “Your servant did to me after this manner,” that his anger was aroused. **Then Joseph’s master took him**

and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison." Genesis 39:19-20 NKJV

(2) Rise in Stature—his new position!

(a) "But **the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison**. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, **because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.**"

Genesis 39:21-23 NKJV

E. A Preemptive Move—attempting to shift positions on your own!

(1) **You are clearly with me Yahweh; look at what favor I had in Potiphar's house and in Prison:**

(a) "And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand."

Genesis 39:3 NKJV

(b) "The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was

with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.” Genesis 39:23 NKJV

(c) **So, I MUST BE READY!**

- (2) After Joseph interprets the dreams of the King’s wine-bearer and chief baker, he says this to the wine-bearer:
- (a) “But **remember me** when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and **get me out of this house.**” Genesis 40:14 NKJV
- (3) Not so Fast—It’s not about you—Not quite ready—The final preparations are needed: One Verse Two Full Years
- (a) “Yet the chief butler **did not remember** Joseph, but forgot him.” Genesis 40:23 NKJV
- (b) **It’s not of yourself!** “For by grace you have been saved through faith, **and that not of yourselves;** it is the gift of God, **not of works, lest anyone should boast.** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**” Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV
- (c) “Then it came to pass, at the end of **two full years,** that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river.” Genesis 41:1 NKJV

F. Now it’s Time

- (1) I remember now!

- (a) “Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: “**I remember** my faults this day.” Genesis 41:9 NKJV
- (2) Rise in Stature—**13-14 years of preparation!**
- (a) “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.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “**See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.**”” Genesis 41:40-41 NKJV
- (b) **Notice he is clothed in New Garments for his new position:** “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.” Genesis 41:42 NKJV
- (c) “**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.” Genesis 41:46 NKJV
- (d) **Remember he was 17 when this all began:** “This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being **seventeen years old...**”
Genesis 37:2

G. This is Enough Already—I’ll Take it From Here

- (1) Other times when man said, “I’ll take it from here.”

- (a) **Sarai to Abraham (Hagar and Ishmael); Thirteen years after the promise to Sarai and still no child:** “Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, “See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. **Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.**” And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. Then Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived [**Ishmael**]. And when she saw that she had conceived, **her mistress became despised in her eyes.**” Genesis 16:1-4 NKJV
- (b) **This one comes out only by prayer and fasting:** “And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?” Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he

foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. **So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.**" He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him.** And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and

he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "**Why could we not cast it out?**" So He said to them, "**This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.**" Mark 9:14-29 NKJV

(2) Don't give up; Don't grow weary

(a) "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. **And let us not grow weary while doing good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:7-9 NKJV

(b) "And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV

1. Summary: ONE VERSE TWO FULL YEARS

2. The preparation for what God would ultimately use Joseph for all started at 17 years old with Joseph's two dreams, in which his family bowed down to him.
3. Notice throughout the entire journey of preparation that Joseph must be stripped of the garments he is wearing and clothed in new garments, before he is

ready for the next level of authority he is about to be given! Even when he lands as second in command over all of Egypt he is clothed in new garments.

4. His brothers were already jealous because of how their father favored him, and these dreams made it worse.
5. His brothers plotted to kill him and to tell their dad he was killed by a wild beast, but ultimately settled for selling him into slavery to Ishmaelites for 20 shekels of silver.
6. Joseph lands in Potiphar's house and is put in charge and then lands in prison after being falsely accused of rape by Potiphar's wife. In prison he is put in charge as well. All along the way those around him recognized that he had God's favor in all he did.
7. In prison God leads him to interpret the dreams of two of Pharaoh's servants sent their for different reasons. He tells the cupbearer that he is going to be restored to honor, yet to the baker he gives the unfortunate news that he will be executed.
8. As the cupbearer is being released, Joseph asks him to "remember him" and bring his case before Pharaoh, as he is innocent.

9. The cupbearer does not remember him UNTIL two full years later when Pharaoh is being tormented by dreams no one can interpret. It is then that the cupbearer is reminded of Joseph.
10. In the next portion we will explore those dreams and interpretations and Joseph's amazing rise to power. But this week we want to explore those two years EXTRA that Joseph spent in prison between his asking to be remembered and when he was actually remembered.
11. What took place in those two years is very likely the final preparation in Joseph's life to be capable of handling the power he was going to be given.
12. He was about to go from a leadership role in prison to the second in command of the most powerful nation in the world. That takes some serious preparation!
13. At the end of this section we explore a few samples of the complications that arise when we try to jump into action before we are ready. One is when Sarai "preempted" God's plan to give her a son and offered her maidservant Hagar to Abraham. This resulted in Ishmael (these are the people Joseph was sold to.)

and the other example is when Y'shua's disciples are unsuccessful battling with a demon because they have not prepared themselves with prayer and fasting.

14. We ended with the encouraging message to not grow weary in the process; in due time things ALWAYS work out!

A PATTERN OF PREPARATION

2. Learn from the past—preparation takes time!

A. This is a Test!

- (1) The Feeding of the 5,000 is told in all four gospels: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14, but only in John do we see the reason!
 - (a) **“Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.** Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing **a great multitude coming toward** Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **But this He said to test him [Philip], for He Himself knew what He would do.”**
John 6:4-6 NKJV
 - (b) What was his reaction?

1. "Philip answered Him, "**Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient** for them, that every one of them may have a little."" John 6:7 NKJV
 2. "But He said to them, "**You give them something to eat.**" And they said, "**We have no more than five loaves and two fish**, unless we go and buy food for all these people."" Luke 9:13 NKJV
 3. "But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**" And they said to Him, "**We have here only** five loaves and two fish."" Matthew 14:16-17 NKJV
 4. Of course what we see next is the miraculous provision from heaven as a few loaves and fishes feed 5000 men plus women and children with more left over than at the start!
- (c) What was their answer supposed to be and how does it related to Joseph?
1. **Prophetic Moment:** notice the imagery in the narrative of the feeding of the 5000 in the "end" of the age narrative of Y'shua!
 2. "And this gospel of the kingdom **[the great power and authority that will be displayed as heaven manifests on earth]** will be preached in all the world

as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **[the End is a Passover]**”

3. ““Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, **to give them food in due season? [bread when they are hungry during the famine]** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **[doing what Joseph PREPARED to do]**”Matthew 24:45-46 NKJV [See Genesis 41:33-45]

B. The Road to Emmaus TEST

- (2) From Luke 24:13-24 Y’shua explains things to two men who are clearly not ready to see!
 - (a) “Then He said to them, “**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe** in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**” Luke 24:25-27 NKJV
- (3) From Luke 24:28-35 they have their eyes opened to see!
 - (a) “**Then their eyes were opened** and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He

talked with us on the road, and **while He opened the Scriptures to us?**” Luke 24:31-32 NKJV

(4) From Luke 24:36-43 He appears to them again, and they are STILL NOT READY!

(a) “Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But **they were terrified and frightened**, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “**Why are you troubled?** And why do doubts arise in your hearts?”
Luke 24:36-38 NKJV

(5) From Luke 24:44-49 He OPENS THEIR EYES and explains how they must WAIT FOR THE POWER and then they will be ready!

(a) “And He **opened their understanding**, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.” Luke 24:45 NKJV

(b) “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high. [when you are prepared]**” Luke 24:49 NKJV

C. What will you do with that power—you can’t handle it!

(1) Asking for power too early! First learn to SERVE!

(a) “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from

Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "**Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.**" But Jesus answered and said, "**You do not know what you ask.** Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; **but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.**" And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great **exercise authority** over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; **but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.** And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the **Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**"

Matthew 20:20-28 NKJV

(2) Not Everyone who appears to be exercising power...

- (a) ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?**’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”
Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

(3) It will kick your A _ _!

- (a) “Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. **Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus** over those who had evil spirits, saying, “**We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.**” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, “**Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?**” **Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.** This became known both to all Jews and

Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” Acts 19:11-20 NKJV

(4) I’ll pay for it!

(a) “Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”** But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because **you thought that the**

gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”” Acts 8:14-23 NKJV

(5) You can't handle it yet!

(a) ““I still have many things to say to you, **but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”” John 16:12-13 NKJV

(b) See the entire **Upper Room Discourse** in John 13-17, Notice this too is at the time of Passover and notice all the promises that come with preparation]

1. **Greatest works:** ““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do,** because I go to My Father.”” John 14:12 NKJV

2. **All Peace:** “Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives do I give to you. Let

not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27 NKJV

3. **All Power:** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**” (John 15:7 NKJV) “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive,** that your joy may be full.” John 16:24 NKJV
4. **All Joy:** ““These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that **your joy may be full.**” John 15:11 NKJV
5. **All Truth:** “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”John 16:13 NKJV
6. **All Protection:** “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that **You should keep them from the evil one.**” John 17:15 NKJV
7. **All Oneness:** “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one** just as We are one:” John 17:22 NKJV
8. **All Perfection:** “I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect** in one, and that the world may

know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” John 17:23 NKJV

D. Moses’ Preparation!

(1) 80 Years!

(a) “And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, **and he became her son**. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”” Exodus 2:10 NKJV

(b) “At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father’s house for **three months**. But when he was set out, **Pharaoh’s daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians**, and was mighty in words and deeds **[first phase of preparation like Joseph in Potiphar’s house.]**. “**Now when he was forty years old**, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel... “**And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush**, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai **[second phase of preparation like Joseph in prison.]**.” Acts 7:20-23, 30 NKJV

- (c) **“And Moses was eighty years old** and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.” Exodus 7:7 NKJV
- (2) Consider all of Elijah’s training.
 - (a) Elijah faces many challenges and testing moments from his calling to his being taken up by God (1 Kings 17-19)

E. Paul’s quintessential training and testing!

- (1) Pedigree
 - (a) **““I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today. I persecuted this Way to the death,...” Acts 22:3-5 NKJV [First phase of training.]**
 - (b) **“though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. Philippians 3:4-6 NKJV [First phase of training.]**
- (2) Paul’s training even after all his preparation—14 years!

(a) “For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. **[First phase of training.] But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me;** but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus **[For his second phase of training]. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter,** and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother. (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. But they were hearing only, “He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.” And they glorified God in me.” Galatians 1:13-24 NKJV

(b) **“Then after fourteen years** I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.” Galatians 2:1-2 NKJV

[Second phase of training took 14 years!]

(3) What did his years look like after that?

(a) “Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: **in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—** besides the other things, what comes

upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.”

II Corinthians 11:22-28 NKJV

- (b) “It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: **I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.** And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.** For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.” II Corinthians 12:1-6 NKJV

- (c) “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, **a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.** And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for

you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my
infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in
needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake.
For when I am weak, then I am strong.” II Corinthians
12:7-10 NKJV

(4) The preparation of Joseph—14 year

(a) “This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being **seventeen years old**, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.” Genesis 37:2 NKJV

(b) “**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.” Genesis 41:46 NKJV

(5) Pharaoh’s Dreams—14 years

(a) “Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do: **The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years;** the dreams are one. And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after

them are seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine.”

Genesis 41:25-27 NKJV

(6) Time to take them promised land—14 years

(a) **Special Note:** many scholars believe it took Israel 14 years to “possess” the promised land after they crossed the Jordan River

1. Summary: A PATTERN OF PREPARATION

2. There are many examples of preparation periods being needed by those called by God before they can successfully step into what God has for them.
3. Y’shua challenged His disciples with feeding thousands of people, knowing the only way to do so was to call down heaven to earth. They failed.
4. On the road to Emmaus and the following encounters with other disciples, we see they were not capable of comprehending what they were seeing UNTIL they had their eyes opened.
5. John’s and James’ mother asked Y’shua to place her sons in “power positions” and they were not ready! They must learn to be servants first!
6. Those who attempt to hijack the power of God will be exposed!

7. Try to enter into spiritual warfare as a phony and you will get your butt kicked.
8. Try to pay for the power and you will be stiffly rebuked.
9. You cannot possibly handle all Y'shua has for you before the right time.
10. In the Upper Room Discourse, Y'shua promises the Holy Spirit that will give us all truth and so many other Kingdom Promises that are ours to apprehend at the proper time!
11. Moses went through intense training from birth to 40 years old as an "Egyptian Prince", and another type of training from 41 to 80 years old so he could be a prophet to call down plagues from heaven and to lead Israel in the Exodus.
12. Paul was trained for years as a Torah student and then spent 14 years after his conversion BEFORE he became the Apostle to the Gentiles who wrote so much of the New Testament. And all through his ministry he was tried and tested and trained to do what he was called to do.
13. It is interesting to consider that Joseph's training was from 17 to 30 years old (14 years), like Paul's, both

the same time frame represented by Pharaohs' dreams.

ARE YOU READY?

3. What would you do with the power that is coming?

A. Milk or Solid Food

(1) You must be mature! And many are not ready!

(a) "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. **I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it,** and even now you are still not able;" 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 NKJV

(b) "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."
Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

(c) "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection,** not

laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

(2) The Wisdom of God for the Mature!

- (a) “However, **we speak wisdom among those who are mature**, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,” I Corinthians 2:6-7 NKJV

B. Authority

(1) Power over the Enemy!

- (a) “Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 NKJV

C. Get Ready

(1) Be utterly astounded!

- (a) ““Look among the nations and watch— **Be utterly astounded!** For I will work a work in your days Which

you would not believe, though it were told you.”

Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV

- (2) Woe? Qualities, character, violations, and punishment for those who hate Yahweh and His people! (Habakkuk 2)
 - (a) Woe to him who increases what is not his!
 - (b) Woe to him who schemes evil gain for his own family!
 - (c) Woe to him who builds their platform on iniquity!
 - (d) Woe to him who infects the minds of the people so they cannot think soberly.
 - (e) Woe to him who has depended on their false gods!
- (3) No pleasure in the death of the wicked
 - (a) “Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘**I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked**, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’”
Ezekiel 33:11 NKJV

D. Supernatural Power on Full Display!

- (1) Moses and the plagues (Exodus 7-12)
- (2) Elijah and the Rain and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 17-19)
- (3) **The restoration of all things:** “And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus answered and said to them, “**Indeed,**

Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.” Matthew
17:10-11 NKJV

E. What will your answer be when, in due season, Y’shua tells you to “give them food to eat”?

(1) Back to the test!

- (a) **“Now the Passover [the end], a feast of the Jews,** was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip **[Joseph],** “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **But this He said to test him [Philip/Joseph] [Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season—bread when they are hungry during the famine?], for He Himself knew what He would do.”**

John 6:4-6 NKJV

- (b) “But Jesus said to them, **“They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”**” Matthew 14:16
NKJV

(2) Feed the People in Due Season

- (a) “And this gospel of the kingdom **[the great power and authority that will be displayed as heaven manifests on earth]** will be preached in all the world as a witness to

all the nations, and then the end will come. **[the End is a Passover]**”

- (b) ““Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, **to give them food in due season? [bread when they are hungry during the famine]** Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **[doing what Joseph PREPARED to do]**” Matthew 24:45-46 NKJV [See Genesis 41:33-45]

F. Where are we in history—AGAIN?

(1) Joseph who?

(a) Even non-believers acknowledged Yahweh

1. “**And his master saw that the LORD was with him** and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.” (Genesis 39:3)
2. “The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph’s authority, **because the LORD was with him**; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.” (Genesis 39:23) So, I MUST BE READY!

(b) Where we are today? The world leaders have forgotten Joseph!

1. “Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did **not know Joseph.**” Exodus 1:8 NKJV

(2) Fear Not!

(a) **“Do not fret because of evildoers,** Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For **they shall soon be cut down** like the grass, And wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; **Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret— it only causes harm. **For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more;** Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.” Psalms 37:1-10 NKJV (See all 40 verse)

1. Summary: ARE YOU READY?

2. In this section we asked the all important question: What would you do with the power God gives if you had it right now? Are you ready?

3. We looked at the transformation process from infancy to maturity, the need for milk and the need for meat.
4. We see that the mature believer is able to handle the wisdom of God and the authority that comes with it.
5. We know God is about to do astonishing things in the earth and we are to participate with Him, and we must be ready. BTW: we are not to take pleasure in the destruction of the wicked
6. The type of power that is about to be available for God's matured people is like what Moses displayed with the plagues and Elijah showed us when he held back the rain!
7. With the power available, what then would be your answer when Y'shua says, "You give them something to eat during the time of famine."?
8. Hopefully we will have this testimony when our Master returns: We are His wise and faithful servants, rulers in His house, and feeding His people during the tribulation that is coming.
9. Yes, the time is coming when the king who arises over the nations will not know Joseph (Yahweh, Y'shua, or His people). Fear not...we win in the end!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. It's undeniable that Joseph had a rough journey:

A. What was his mistake relative to his two dreams?

2. In both major "turn of events" for Joseph, being sold into slavery and landing in Potiphar's house, and being sent to prison, we see a common theme:

A. What was stripped from Joseph as he transitioned both into slavery and into prison?

B. What was obvious about Yahweh's hand in Joseph's journey?

3. Joseph's prison mates also had two dreams:

A. What was common in each?

B. What was the outcome of each?

C. What did Joseph ask the cupbearer to do for him?

D. What was the immediate outcome?

E. What was the eventual outcome?

F. What was the time frame between the immediate and the eventual and why is it so important?

4. All throughout the Bible we see a predictive pattern of preparation:

A. Discuss the preparation time for Joseph.

B. Discuss the preparation time for Moses.

C. Discuss the preparation time for Paul.

D. Discuss the preparation time for Y'shua's disciples.

5. Y'shua's disciples were charged with the feeding of 5000 men plus women and children, a narrative written about in all four Gospels:

A. The Synoptic Gospels (the three with a similar outline and perspective) all leave out one detail that only the prophetic Gospel of John includes; what is that detail and why is it so important to recognize?

B. How does that detail relate to Matthew 24:45-46?

6. The preparation time is always a time for growing into maturity:

A. Explain how that time is related to going from feeding on milk to feeding on solid food.

B. Why is it so important to have that time?

C. What does Yahweh want to give us after we mature?

D. What would happen if He gave it to us too early?

E. What should we do with it once we are mature?