Bible 101

Lesson 19 - Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41

Genesis 41:1-8

- 1. How is Pharaoh's dream similar to Joseph's dream in 37:5-11? Why might that be significant?
- 2. Read Genesis 40:8. Why did the magicians and wise men of Egypt struggle to interpret Pharaoh's dream?

Genesis 41:9-24

- 1. How did the chief butler know Joseph could interpret Pharaoh's dream?
- 2. Dreams are one way God communicated to His people in Scripture. If "interpretations belong to God" (see 40:8 and 41:16), what should be our primary guide when interpreting the Bible's dreams and visions?

Genesis 41:25-36

- 1. What is the meaning of the two dreams?
- 2. According to Joseph, why did God send Pharaoh two separate dreams?
- 3. Based on the dreams, what policy does Joseph recommend?

Genesis 41:37-45

- 1. According to Pharaoh, who helped Joseph interpret his dreams?
- 2. Describe the extent of Joseph's power and authority.

Genesis 41:46-57

- 1. Why could the Egyptians store up so much food in the first seven years?
- 2. Why did Joseph name his sons Manasseh and Ephraim?
- 3. How did Pharaoh show his complete trust in Joseph?