

(I) PHARAOH'S DREAMS

1. Dream #1 (Genesis 41:1-4)

- a) Seven fat cows came out from the river
- b) Seven thin cows also came out from the river
- c) The Seven thin cows ate up the Seven fat cows

2. Dream #2 (Genesis 41:5-7)

- a) Seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good
- b) Seven thin heads blighted by the east wind sprang up
- c) The seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads

3. Troubled by these dreams

- a) Called for all the wise men and magicians (Genesis 41:8a)
- b) No one knew how to interpret these dreams (Genesis 41:8b)

(II) THE CHIEF BUTLER

1. He spoke up and confessed that he had forgotten all about Joseph (Genesis 41:9-11)

- a) He recalled the dreams he and the late baker had
- b) Both dreams were interpreted correctly by Joseph

2. He recalled how Joseph's interpretation was accurate and were fulfilled (Genesis 41:12-13)

(III) SENDING FOR JOSEPH

1. Pharaoh sent for Joseph (Genesis 41:14)

2. Joseph was presented to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14)

3. The Pharaoh asked him if he was an interpreter of dreams (Genesis 41:15)

4. Joseph testifies that God was the One who gave him the interpretation (Genesis 41:16)

(IV) PHARAOH REPEATS HIS DREAMS TO JOSEPH

1. Both dreams were told to Joseph (Genesis 41:17-24)
2. The magicians could not interpret them (Genesis 41:24)

(V) JOSEPH'S INTERPRTATION OF THE DREAMS

1. Two dreams, but one message (Genesis 41:25-32)
2. God had given an urgent message to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:28)
3. These dreams will be fulfilled
4. God will bring the dreams to pass (Genesis 41:29-31)
 - a) Great harvest for seven years
 - b) Severe famine for the subsequent seven years
5. Good and practical advice offered (Genesis 41:33-36)
 - a) To look after the produce in the plentiful years
 - b) This will be the reserve for the land when it has a famine

(VI) PHARAOH IMPRESSED WITH JOSEPH

1. He recognised the Spirit of God in Joseph (Genesis 41:37-38)
2. Joseph was set over all the land of Egypt (Genesis 41:39-40)
3. He was presented to Egypt with royal honour (Genesis 41:42-44)
4. He was also given a wife (Asenath) (Genesis 41:45)