

Genesis 41:25-40 New Living Translation (NLT)

25 Joseph responded, “Both of Pharaoh’s dreams mean the same thing. God is telling Pharaoh in advance what he is about to do.

26 The seven healthy cows and the seven healthy heads of grain both represent seven years of prosperity. **27** The seven thin, scrawny cows that came up later and the seven thin heads of grain, withered by the east wind, represent seven years of famine.

28 “This will happen just as I have described it, for God has revealed to Pharaoh in advance what he is about to do. **29** The next seven years will be a period of great prosperity throughout the land of Egypt. **30** But afterward there will be seven years of famine so great that all the prosperity will be forgotten in Egypt. Famine will destroy the land. **31** This famine will be so severe that even the memory of the good years will be erased. **32** As for having two similar dreams, it means that these events have been decreed by God, and he will soon make them happen.

33 “Therefore, Pharaoh should find an intelligent and wise man and put him in charge of the entire land of Egypt. **34** Then Pharaoh should appoint supervisors over the land and let them collect one-fifth of all the crops during the seven good years. **35** Have them gather all the food produced in the good years that are just ahead and bring it to Pharaoh’s storehouses. Store it away, and guard it so there will be food in the cities. **36** That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come to the land of Egypt. Otherwise this famine will destroy the land.”

Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt

37 Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. **38** So Pharaoh asked his officials, “Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?” **39** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. **40** You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.”

Genesis 41:47-49

47 As predicted, for seven years the land produced bumper crops.

48 During those years, Joseph gathered all the crops grown in Egypt and stored the grain from the surrounding fields in the cities. **49** He piled up huge amounts of grain like sand on the seashore. Finally, he stopped keeping records because there was too much to measure.

Questions:

1. What interpretation does Joseph give for Pharaoh’s dream of cows and grain?
2. What does Joseph tell Pharaoh to do to prepare for the coming famine?
3. How does Joseph know the meaning of Pharaoh’s dream?
4. As a Christian are you filled with the spirit of God? Explain
5. Describe a time that you saw the spirit of God working through you.