

#### **Genesis 41: 41-44**

<sup>41</sup> So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup> He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."

#### **Genesis 41: 46-49**

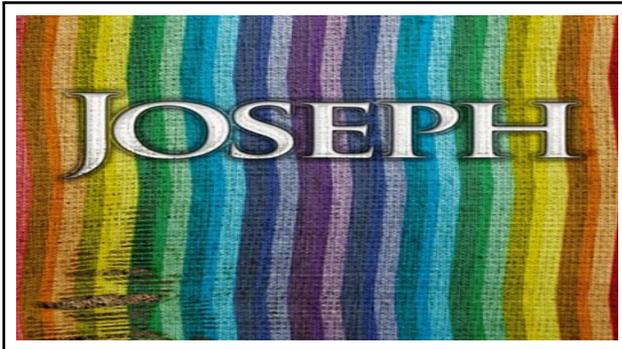
<sup>46</sup> Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. <sup>47</sup> During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. <sup>48</sup> Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. <sup>49</sup> Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

#### **Genesis 41: 53-57**

<sup>53</sup>The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, <sup>54</sup>and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. <sup>55</sup>When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you." <sup>56</sup>When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. <sup>57</sup>And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

**"PROSPERITY" ruins more people than "ADVERSITY"**

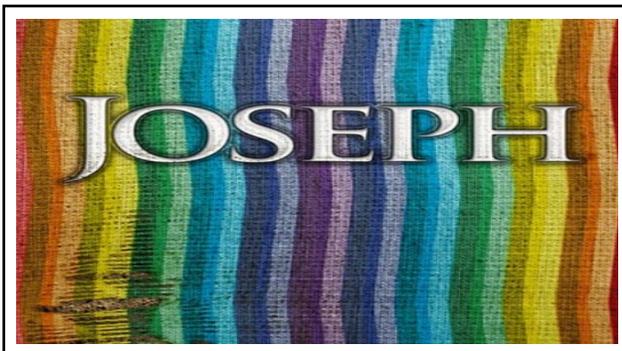
**- Thomas Carlyle, British Essayist**



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**“NOT EVERY MAN CAN  
CARRY A FULL CUP!”**

**J. Oswald Saunders, Christian Author**



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**“PROSPERITY” is good  
“CAMPAIGNING WEATHER”  
for the “DEVIL!”**

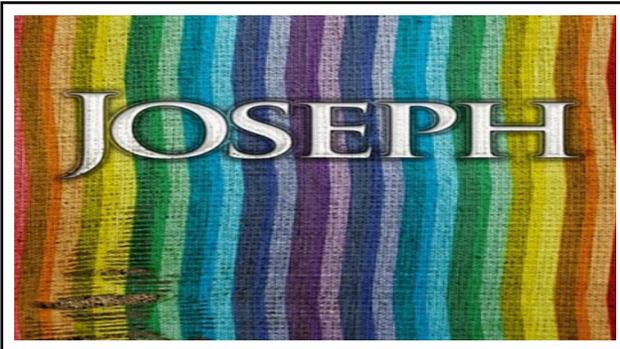
**C.S. Lewis, Christian Author**

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**1.) PROMOTED TO PROMINENCE**

**“Behind our life the weaver stands,  
And works His wondrous will.  
We leave it all in His wise hands,  
And trust His perfect skill.  
Should mystery enshroud His plan,  
And our short sight be dim.  
We will not try the whole to scan,  
But, leave each thread to him.”**

**Anonymous Poet**



**Gen. 41:14,**

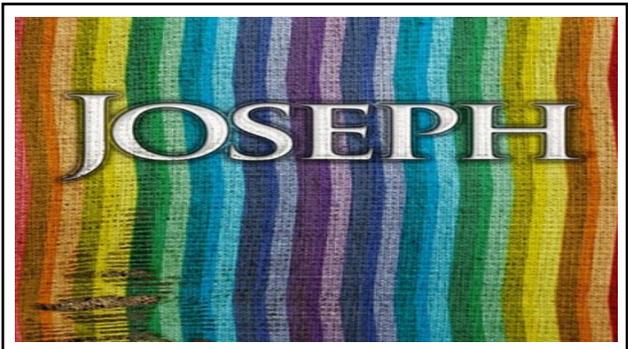
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**“So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.”**

**Gen. 41:15,**

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**“‘I had a dream last night’, Pharaoh told him, ‘and none of these men can tell me what it means. But, I have heard that you can interpret dreams, and that is why I have called for you.’”**



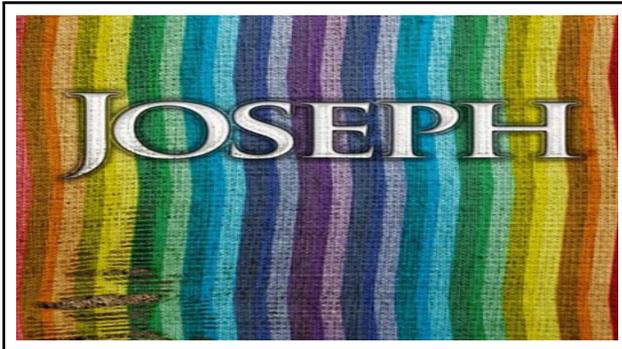
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**Joseph had a “REMARKABLE DISPOSITION”; there is “NO RESENTMENT!”  
He believed “GOD” was “IN THIS”!**

**Gen. 41:16,**

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**“I can’t do it BY MYSELF’, Joseph replied. But, GOD will tell you WHAT it MEANS.”**

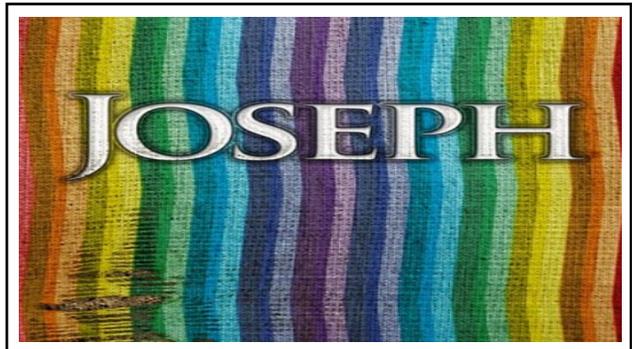


Gen. 41: 34,

**“REQUIRE that ONE FIFTH of the HARVEST, during the ABUNDANT YEARS, be STORED UP for later!”**

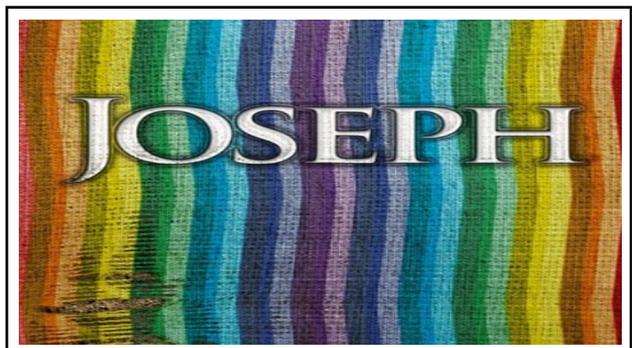
Gen. 41: 37,

**“The PLAN seemed GOOD to Pharaoh, and to ALL his OFFICIALS. So, Pharaoh asked them, ‘can we find ANYONE like THIS MAN; one IN WHOM is the SPIRIT of GOD?’”**



Gen. 41:39-40,

**“Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘since GOD has made ALL THIS KNOWN to you, there is NO ONE so DISCERNING, and WISE, as you! You shall be IN CHARGE of my palace, and ALL MY PEOPLE are to SUBMIT to YOUR ORDERS! Only with RESPECT to the THRONE, will I be GREATER than you!’”**



**Gen. 41:41,**

**"So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I hereby put you IN CHARGE of the WHOLE LAND of Egypt!'"**

**Luke 16:10,**

**"He who is FAITHFUL in LITTLE will be made RULER over MUCH!"**

**Gen. 41:42a,**

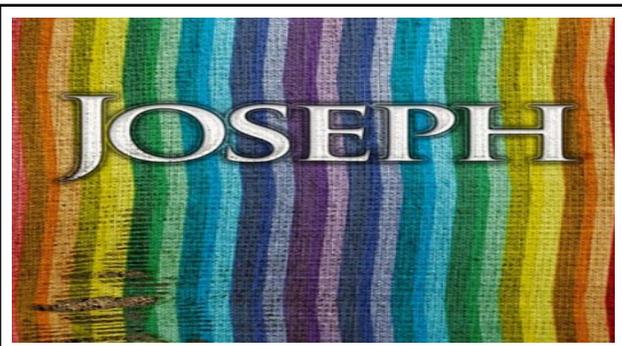
**"Then Pharaoh took his SIGNET RING from his finger, and PUT IT on Joseph's finger!"**

**Gen. 41:42b,**

**"He DRESSED HIM in ROBES of FINE LINEN, and put a GOLD CHAIN around his NECK!"**

**Gen. 41:43,**

**"He had him RIDE in a CHARIOT, as his SECOND in COMMAND, and men SHOUTED before him, 'MAKE WAY! MAKE WAY!'"**



**Gen. 41:45,**

**"Pharaoh gave him ASENATH, daughter of POTIPHERA, Priest Of On, to be HIS WIFE!"**

**"There are MARVELOUS REWARDS for FAITHFULNESS! But, there ARE TIMES, when we must PASS THROUGH THE VALLEY, to reach the NEXT LEVEL, of God's PLAN for OUR LIVES!"**

**Leslie Flynn, Christian Writer**

**2.) "PROSPERITY" always has "PITFALLS!"**

**Matthew 19:23,**

**"It is MORE DIFFICULT for a RICH MAN to ENTER HEAVEN, than for a CAMEL to go THROUGH the EYE of a NEEDLE!"**

**2.) "PROSPERITY" always has "PITFALLS!"**

- (a.) PRIDE**
- (b.) GREED**
- (c.) INDULGENCE**
- (d.) LAZINESS**
- (e.) FALSE SECURITY**
- (f.) DISTRACTION**

**Matthew 6:33,**

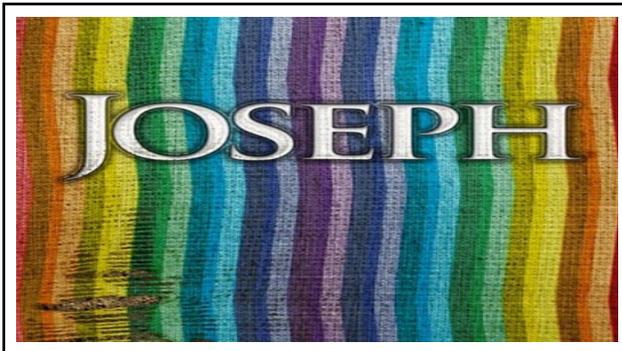
**"Seek FIRST The KINGDOM OF GOD, and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and ALL THESE THINGS shall be ADDED to you!"**

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**It's a "RARE PERSON" who is  
ABLE to "SUCCEED" in the  
WORLD, and yet "MAINTAIN  
PROPER PRIORITIES!"**

**3.) "FAITHFUL" in his newfound "PROSPERITY"**

**(a.) He ACCEPTED the appointment WILLINGLY!**

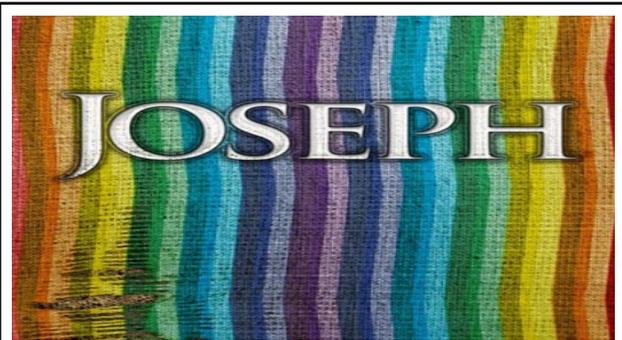


**Proverbs 29:2,**

**"When the RIGHTEOUS THRIVE, the  
people REJOICE! When the WICKED  
RULE, the people GROAN!"**

**Psalm 75:6-7,**

**"No one from the EAST or WEST, or  
from the DESERT, can EXALT a man;  
but, it is GOD who JUDGES. He brings  
one DOWN, and He EXALTS another!"**



**3.) "FAITHFUL" in his newfound "PROSPERITY"**

- (a.) He **ACCEPTED** the appointment **WILLINGLY!**
- (b.) He was **DILIGENT** for a **PROLONGED PERIOD!**

**Gen. 41:46,**

**"Joseph was 30 YEARS OLD, when he ENTERED the service of Pharaoh, KING OF EGYPT! And, Joseph went OUT from Pharaoh's PRESENCE, and TRAVELED throughout Egypt."**

**"TRIED, TRUE, & TRIUMPHANT"**

by John Butler, Bible Theologian

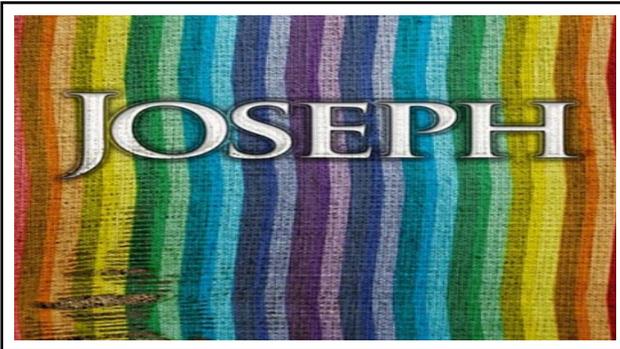
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**Proverbs 5:15,**

**"DRINK water from YOUR OWN cistern."**



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- (d.) He **USED** his **POSITION** to **BENEFIT OTHERS!**

**Ephesians 4:28,**

**"Each of us MUST WORK, doing something USEFUL, with his hands, that he MAY HAVE SOMETHING to SHARE with THOSE in NEED!"**

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- (e.) He **REMEMBERED GOD**, and gave Him **PUBLIC CREDIT!**

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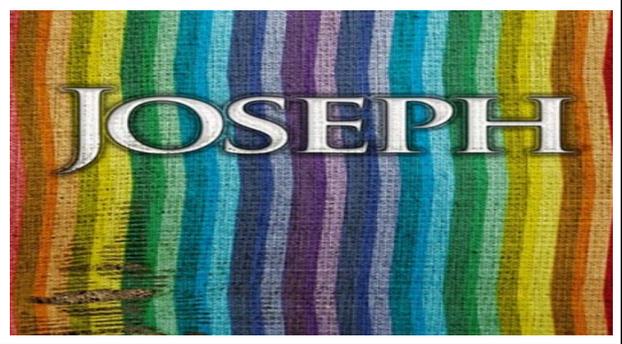
**Have you  
"EXPRESSED THANKS"  
for "GOD'S GOODNESS"  
to you?**

**James 1:17,**

**"EVERY GOOD GIFT comes DOWN  
from ABOVE!"**

**Matthew 19:23,**

**"It's HARDER for a RICH MAN to ENTER into HEAVEN, than for a CAMEL to go THROUGH the EYE of a NEEDLE!"**



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