

- 15) This was not an accident, but it was in the Providence of God.
- vi. The butler remembers (41:1-14)
- a. After two years, Pharaoh had two dreams
 - 1) 1st dream
 - i) He saw seven fat cows coming up out of the Nile and they fed on the Nile grass at the banks of the Nile.
 - ii) Then seven lean cows came up and stood beside the seven fat cows and ate them.
 - iii) But after eating the fat cows, the lean cows still looked lean, like they had never eaten.
 - 2) 2nd dream
 - i) He sees seven good ears on a stalk of corn.
 - ii) Then seven famished ears came on that stalk and swallowed up the good ears of corn. *and they still looked lean*
 - b. Pharaoh called his magician men to interpret the dreams, but they couldn't do it.
 - c. Finally, the cup-bearer remembers Joseph and says to Pharaoh, "A couple of years ago when you put me and the baker in prison there was a Hebrew there and he interpreted our dreams for us and the interpretation came to pass exactly as he said it would."
- vii. The interpretation of dreams (41:14-36)
- a. So Pharaoh had Joseph brought to him.
 - 1) Pharaoh says, "I understand you are able to interpret dreams."
 - 2) Joseph says, "I am not able, but God is able to tell you what your dream means."
 - b. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's two dreams:
 - 1) The seven fat cows and seven healthy ears of corn represent seven years of abundance. You are going to have ~~seven~~ prosperity in Egypt for seven years.
 - 2) The seven thin ears of corn and the seven lean cows represent seven years of famine. You are going to have a severe famine for seven years.
 - 3) The fact that the lean cows ate up the fat cows so that you couldn't tell that they did it and the fact that the thin ears swallowed up the good ears of corn so that you couldn't tell they swallowed them up means that when the famine comes it is going to be so severe² that people won't even remember the seven years of prosperity they had. It will be so severe²; it will be as though those years didn't even happen.