

- 4) The fact that Pharaoh had the dream twice was for a purpose. God wanted to emphasize to Pharaoh what the dreams foretold was surely going to happen and it was going to happen soon.
 - c. Joseph then counseled Pharaoh, "Appoint a wise and discerning man and have that man appoint commissioners for each city and in each city while you have the years of plenty, take a fifth of that grain and store it up and don't let anything happen to it. Then if you do this, when the seven years of famine come, you'll have enough food and you won't starve."
- viii. The new premier (41:37-57)
- a. Pharaoh says, "That is a terrific idea and since you are the one who recommended it, I think you ought to be the man."
 - b. So Pharaoh makes Joseph prime minister in Egypt.
 - 1) He would be second in command in Egypt.
 - 2) Pharaoh says, "I am going to put you over everything in Egypt. Not one decision is going to be made without you."
 - c. He also took his signet ring and put it on Joseph's hand and says, "Now when you give any edict, use this ring to seal the edict and give it authority and it will be carried out."
 - d. He put a necklace of gold about his neck to distinguish him.
 - e. Then they got a chariot for him and had a procession with the king in the first one and Joseph in the second one with heralds going before them saying, "Make way for Pharaoh and the Prime Minister."
 - f. In one day, Joseph goes from being in prison to being prime minister.
 - g. The Lord had His hand in all this.
 - h. The purposes for Joseph being in Egypt
 - 1) In Genesis 15, the Lord told Abraham that Israel was to be in bondage to a particular people for 400 years. Israel had to get into that land in order for that to happen.
 - 2) The Lord knows this famine is coming and if this famine comes ~~and~~ [→] ~~if this famine comes~~, how is Jacob and his line going to be continued so that those promises which God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob can be fulfilled? The only way is for the Lord to do what he is doing - putting Joseph in Egypt so that the nation of Israel would be preserved in Egypt during this famine.
 - i. Joseph appoints a commissioner over each city and they store a fifth of all the grain.
 - 1) They had so much grain that they couldn't even keep records of all the grain they had.
 - j. The famine hits and people need food and go to Pharaoh who tells him to go to Joseph and he will sell them food.