

Joseph Dreamed

3) God's Timing

BUT I WANT IT



NOW!!!



A few days?...
but I want it now!

- **Like Potiphar, Pilate also did not believe Jesus was guilty**
- **But both were condemned regardless**
- **Both were numbered with transgressors**
- **As there were two criminals crucified with Jesus, so two offenders were in the prison with Joseph**
- **Like Jesus, Joseph was the means of blessing to one, but the pronouncer of judgment on the other**

- ✓ **Joseph was given charge of both men and was responsible for their needs**
- ✓ **Both men had a dream and Joseph offered to interpret their dreams**
- ✓ **In interpreting their dreams, Joseph foretold the future destiny of both men**
- ✓ **But in doing this he was careful to give the glory to God, *'Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please'* (Gen. 40:8)**

- ✓ **The butler's dream was about wine**
- ✓ **The baker's dream was about bread**
- ✓ **Joseph said: 'Remember me'**
- ✓ **Both dreams were fulfilled exactly as Joseph said**
- ✓ **But the butler forgot Joseph**
- ✓ **The bigger the dream the greater the preparation**

God's timing

'Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions'

(Psa.105:16-20)

***'...when the fullness of the time had
come, God sent forth His Son...'
(Gal.4:4)***

***'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God is at hand. Repent, and believe
in the gospel'
(Mk.1:15)***

***'He has made everything beautiful in
His time'
(Ecc.3:11)***

- ✓ **If Joseph had got out of prison earlier he would have gone home. The house of Jacob would have been wiped out**
- ✓ **God's purposes were unfolding on the outside of the prison as Joseph's character was ripening on the inside**

'For since the beginning of the world men have not heard now perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him'

(Isa.64:4)

***'And it will be said in that day: 'Behold this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD: we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation'
(Isa.25:9)***

***'Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time'
(1 Pet.5:6)***

God's timing reveals His grace:

- ✓ **God had been working in Joseph. He hadn't yet come to the end of himself**
- ✓ **God acted independently of him. Pharaoh had a dream. Joseph could never say, 'I did this'**
- ✓ **Human resources failed. Wise men could not interpret Pharaoh's dream**
- ✓ **Joseph didn't have to open his mouth. Someone did it for him**

- ✓ **Two years later Pharaoh had two dreams**
- ✓ **The butler remembered Joseph. *'They brought him hastily out of the prison'* (Gen.41:14)**
- ✓ **Joseph gave the interpretation**
- ✓ **The two dreams are one**
- ✓ **The situation is urgent. They must act now**

- ✓ **Joseph was appointed to take charge of the situation**
- ✓ **If God gave him the interpretation He would also give him the wisdom for the task**
- ✓ **He was given full power over the nation. Absolute obedience to him would be law**
- ✓ **Any other person given such a meteoric rise would have been overcome with pride. But Joseph had been trained for this moment. He was a prepared vessel**

- ✓ **Joseph received from Pharaoh a new name Zaphnath-paaneah. Egyptian meaning = 'the Savior of the world'**
- ✓ **This is a picture of the Millennial reign of Christ**
- ✓ ***'Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth' (Phil.2:9-10)***

***'To him who overcomes I will grant to
sit with Me on My throne, as I also
overcame and sat down with My Father
on His throne'***

(Rev.3:21)

'This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him'

(2 Tim.2:11-12)

'...if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together'

(Rom.8:17-18)

A woman in dark athletic wear is running away from the camera on a wet pier. The pier has several wooden benches and a black metal fence. In the background, a large suspension bridge spans across a body of water, with a city skyline visible under a hazy sky. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting early morning or late evening.

**DISCIPLINE IS CHOOSING
BETWEEN WHAT YOU WANT NOW
AND WHAT YOU WANT MORE.**

- Augusta F. Kantra -

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Joseph had two sons:

Manasseh = Forgetting

Ephraim = Fruitful