

# Joseph Interprets Dreams

1. Carefully read through Genesis 40-41. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 41:16, "Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not in me. God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 40-41.
4. How does Joseph meet the chief cupbearer and chief baker? Describe his relationship with them.
5. What do their dreams have in common? How are they different? What happens to the cupbearer? What happens to the baker?

6. What happens to Joseph? How do the baker's actions relate to Genesis 8:1, 19:29, and 30:22? How long does Joseph have to wait?
  
7. What does Pharaoh dream? What does it mean? How many times does Joseph mention God as he speaks to Pharaoh?
  
8. In what way is Joseph's new role in Egypt a fulfillment of the blessing in Genesis 1? Why does Pharaoh say he is giving Joseph this authority? How does Joseph use this authority?
  
9. In what way is Joseph's new role in Egypt a fulfillment of the promises in Genesis 12? What similarities and differences are there between this famine and the one in Genesis 12?