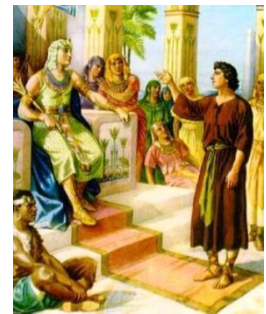


## Old Testament Men and Women of Faith

### *The Rise of Joseph in Egypt*

1. Genesis 41: Deuces are wild! After two years Pharaoh has two dreams – one part of each dream was good. In the same way, the two servants had two dreams, one good and the other no so good. The dreams are repeated, once by the writer and one by Pharaoh. Verse 32: “The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.”
  - Verses 1-8: Pharaoh’s two dreams which no one could interpret. Luther: “Dreams sent by God are impressed on the dreamers in such a way that they are conscious of keener feelings than is the case with the common dreams of other men.” Wise men and magicians – undoubtedly occultist. They opposed Moses at the Exodus.
  - Verses 9-13: The cupbearer remembered at the right moment.
  - Verses 14-36: The interpretation and the advice of Joseph. Knowledge – knowing the facts. Wisdom – knowing what to do about it. Joseph is no longer the “brat” who tells his brothers about his dreams. He has obviously matured.
  - Verses 37-44: Joseph made second in command. Pharaoh: “So Pharaoh asked them, ‘Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?’” Pharaoh recognized the Holy Spirit in Joseph. Abraham had gone down into Egypt.
  - Verses 45-46: Joseph given a new name and a bride – Asenath. Jewish tradition: “That Joseph, called “the righteous” should have married a heathen wife seemed objectionable to the Rabbis; and they consequently state that she was the child of Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, born after violence had been done her by Shechem, the son of Hamor.
  - Verses 47-57: Joseph had two sons – Ephraim and Manasseh. Upon entering the land, the two sons of Joseph each received an inheritance with the other sons of Jacob.



#### **Joseph was a remarkable type of Christ.**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Was a shepherd. Loved by his father.</li> <li>2. Sent unto his brethren. Hated by his brothers.</li> <li>3. Rejected by his brothers.</li> <li>4. Endured unjust punishment from his brothers.</li> <li>5. Sold for pieces of silver.</li> <li>6. Handed over to the Gentiles.</li> <li>7. Regarded as dead, but raised out of the pit.</li> <li>8. Went to Egypt. Made a servant.</li> <li>9. Tempted severely, but did not sin.</li> <li>10. Falsely accused. Made no defense.</li> <li>11. Cast into prison, and numbered with sinners and criminals.</li> <li>12. Endured unjust punishment from Gentiles.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Associated with two other criminals; one is pardoned and one is not.</li> <li>14. Shown to have divine wisdom.</li> <li>15. Recognized as having the Spirit of God.</li> <li>16. Betrayed by friends.</li> <li>17. Glorified after his humility.</li> <li>18. Honored among Gentiles while still despised or forgotten by his brethren.</li> <li>19. Given a Gentile bride.</li> <li>20. Was 30 years old when he began his life’s work.</li> <li>21. Became the only source of bread for the world.</li> <li>22. The world was instructed to go to him and do whatever he said to do.</li> <li>23. Was given the name “God Speaks and He Lives.”</li> </ol> |
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**Next time: Joseph’s Brothers Need Food**