

A FORERUNNER IN THE FAITH!

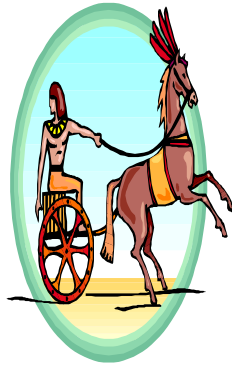
# The HighwayMen

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## "JOSEPH" PART 2: RULER IN EGYPT

The name Joseph is used 213 times in the Bible.

Genesis 39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar- (belonging to the sun), an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites - (descendants' of Abraham's son **Ishmael** (by Hagar the Egyptian) (name means '**God will hear**'), which had brought him down there.



JOSEPH was "brought down" and "Sold" to Potiphar- Pharaoh's Chief Executioner. But Potiphar's wife was a Seductress, and could have gotten Joseph 'Executed' by her husband, but God protected Joseph from them.

But He Prospered all the same. -You just can't keep a Good Man Down, or Enslaved!



God heard Joseph, and guided him to

Egypt. There He would be thrown into prison, Rise out of Prison to The Throne of Pharaoh as second in command.

Ge 39:2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. **And Joseph found grace in his sight**, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and **all that he had he put into his hand**. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; **and the blessing of the LORD was upon all**



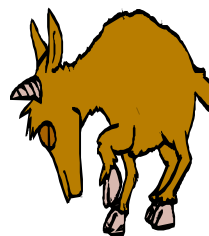
**that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.**

And it came to pass after these things, **that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph**; and she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master considers not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his Wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?



### THE SCAPEGOAT SAVES MANY LIVES

**Why do good men suffer in this life? Often it is the selfish choices of family members wanting to prosper at their expense. Some things we have no power over, but ultimately, God is in control. We have seen how Joseph was made a scapegoat, put out of the family, Put in prison for 13 years, but**



**this scapegoat would rise to Co-rule in A Great Empire and feed many hungry souls, including his Own Family.**



## CLEFT IN A ROCK

Yes, sometimes God will “cleft” us in The Rock until He has perfected our Character and the characters we call ‘Family’ until He sees fit to bring us all back around in Family reunion. He will sometimes lead his sons



down valleys that cast a shadow of death around us. When other’s think we are long dead, Eternal Life magnifies us in their presence. Joseph’s brother’s would not even recognize him by the time they arrived in Egypt. They had long forgotten their unfortunate brother ‘Joe’. It is one thing to have Big Plans, but a better thing to have God Given Dreams that set the course for your life! Those “Dreams” will live on no matter what we suffer through in our day to day life. Joseph Ruled, even in prison!

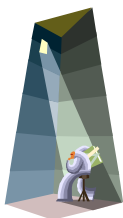
Later he interpreted the Dreams of Pharaoh, and gave him timely Advise, which Pharaoh took seriously.

God began giving mankind Dreams as early as Genesis 20:3 and all down the course of Biblical Time to the present.

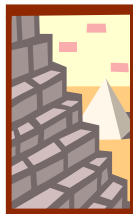
All Joseph’s Dreams came True for him in Egypt, where his whole family came to him, because of their hunger. Joseph provided Food, Land and every Blessing for his Family.

## FROM THE DUNGEON TO THE PALACE

Ge 41:14-21 “Then Pharaoh= “great house” sent and called Joseph= “God has added”, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon = “Pit”:



and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment (shaved & dressed to stand before Pharaoh, king of Egypt), and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I



stood upon the bank of the river: And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine (Cows), fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.” - (KJV).

## JOSEPH INTERPRETS THE DREAMS OF PHARAOH

Ge 41:25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: **God hath showed Pharaoh what he is about to do...**

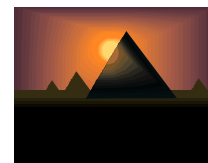
Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgot-



ten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.



And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.



## CAN WE FIND SUCH A MAN AS THIS?

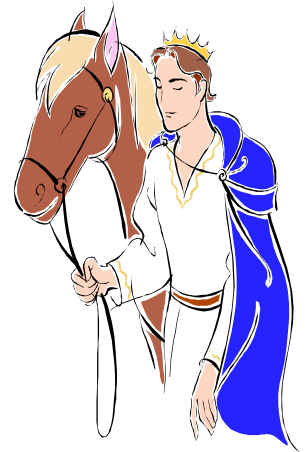
Genesis 41:38 "And Pharaoh said unto his servants, CAN WE FIND SUCH A ONE AS THIS IS, A MAN IN WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled:



only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before



him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.



### "GOD SPEAKS AND HE LIVES"

Genesis 41:45 "And Pharaoh = "common title for the King of Egypt, which means great house" called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah= "Treasury of the glorious rest" and "revealer of secret things" "preserver of life" "God Speaks and He Lives"; and he gave him to wife Asenath (a bride espoused to

Joseph) the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Even with all the beautiful titles and a beautiful Egyptian Wife, Joseph would remember his own heritage and upbringing out of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel.

Joseph, a man sent to save a

people, was 30 years old when he saved a world from a Terrible Famine. Genesis 41:49- And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came...and Joseph calleth the name of the first-born Manasseh: `for, God hath made me to forget all my labour.. and the name of the second he hath called Ephraim: `for, God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of mine affliction.`



### THROUGH FEAST AND FAMINE, JOSEPH FEEDS THE HUNGRY WORLD

Genesis 41:53-57 "And the seven years of plenty are completed which have been in the land of Egypt, and the seven years of famine begin to come, AS JOSEPH SAID, and famine is in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt hath been bread; and all the land of Egypt is famished, and the people crieth unto Pharaoh for bread, and Pharaoh saith to all the Egyptians, `Go unto Joseph; that

which he saith to you -- do.` And the famine has been over all the face of the land, and Joseph openeth all [places] which have [corn] in them, and selleth to the Egyptians; and the famine is severe in the land of Egypt, and all the earth hath come to Egypt, to buy, unto Joseph, for the famine was severe in all the earth. --Young Tr.



Now lets cross over into the New Testament to see who God the Great King of the Earth Sent to Feed the Spiritually Starving World:

John 6:29-35 "This," replied Jesus, "is above all the thing that God requires-- that you should be believers in Him whom He has sent." For God's Bread is That which Comes Down Out of Heaven and gives Life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us that bread." "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE," REPLIED JESUS; "HE WHO COMES TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER, NEVER THIRST." —WNT

**BREAD FOR HUNGRY BODIES, BREAD FOR HUNGRY SOULS, BREAD FOR HUNGRY SPIRITS**

**LET ME TAKE YOU ACROSS THE HIGHWAY OF TIME, TO THOSE WHO FED MANKIND BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT: I HAVE ALREADY SHOWN YOU HOW JOSEPH PLANNED, PREPARED AND FED THE WORLD BODY OF HIS DAY.**

**BUT AFTER SOME 430 YEARS IN EGYPT, ANOTHER MAN HAD TO RISE UP TO SHEPHERD 'THE NATION OF ISRAEL' THROUGH A WILDERNESS IN ROUTE TO A PROMISED LAND. SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 1 1/2 TO 3 MILLION SOULS HAD TO BE CARED FOR, NOURISHED AND TRANSFORMED INTO A HOLY NATION OVER A PERIOD OF 40 YEARS OF JOURNEY. BUT I WILL LET THE KING OF**

**THE JEWS TELL YOU ABOUT MOSES: John 6:32-63 (WNT) "In most solemn truth I tell you," replied Jesus, "that Moses did not give you the bread (Manna) out of Heaven, but My Father is giving you the bread--the True Bread--out of Heaven. For God's Bread is that which comes down out of Heaven and gives Life to the world." Bestow your pains not on the food which perishes, but on the food that remains unto the Life of the Ages--that food which will be the Son of Man's gift to you; for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." "Sir," they said, "always give us that bread." "I am the bread of Life," replied Jesus; "he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never, never thirst. But it is as I have said to you: you have seen Me and yet you do not believe. Every one whom the Father gives Me will come to Me, and him who comes to Me I will never on any account drive away. For I have left Heaven and have come down to earth not to seek My own pleasure, but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it to Life on the last day. For this is my Father's will, that every one who fixes his gaze on the Son of God and believes in Him should have the Life of the Ages, and I will raise him to life on the Last Day." It stands written in the Prophets, <`And they shall all of them be Taught By God'.> Every one who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to Me. No one has ever seen the Father--except Him who is from God. He has seen the Father. "In most solemn truth I tell you that he who Believes has The Life of the Ages. I am the bread of Life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the Desert, and they died. Here is The Bread that Comes Down Out Of Heaven that a man may eat It and not die. I am The Living Bread Come Down Out of Heaven. If a man eats this Bread, he shall live For Ever. Moreover the bread which I will give is My flesh given for the Life of the world." This is the Bread which Came Down Out of Heaven; it is unlike that which your forefathers ate--for they ate and yet died. He who eats this (Spiritual) bread shall live for ever." It is the spirit which gives Life (In it's absolute fullness). The flesh confers no benefit whatever. The Words I have spoken to you are Spirit and are Life." —Jesus Christ.**



**Encouragement !**