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LIVING THE DREAM

**IF YOU HAVE A
HEART FOR GOD HE HAS A
DREAM FOR YOU**



**DREAMERS
ARRIVE
PREPARED**

¹ After two years had passed, the king of Egypt dreamed that he was standing by the Nile River, ² when seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the river and began to feed on the grass. ³ Then seven other cows came up; they were thin and bony. They came and stood by the other cows on the riverbank, ⁴ and the thin cows ate up the fat cows. Then the king woke up. ⁵ He fell asleep again and had another dream. Seven heads of grain, full and ripe, were growing on one stalk.

Genesis 41:1-16, 32-37 GNT

⁶ Then seven other heads of grain sprouted, thin and scorched by the desert wind, ⁷ and the thin heads of grain swallowed the full ones. The king woke up and realized that he had been dreaming. ⁸ In the morning he was worried, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. He told them his dreams, but no one could explain them to him. ⁹ Then the wine steward said to the king, “I must confess today that I have done wrong. ¹⁰ You were angry with the chief baker and me, and you put us in prison in the house of the captain of the guard.

Genesis 41:1-16, 32-37 GNT

¹¹ One night each of us had a dream, and the dreams had different meanings. ¹² A young Hebrew was there with us, a slave of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us. ¹³ Things turned out just as he said: you restored me to my position, but you executed the baker.” ¹⁴ The king sent for Joseph, and he was immediately brought from the prison. After he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came into the king's presence.

Genesis 41:1-16, 32-37 GNT

¹⁵ The king said to him, "I have had a dream, and no one can explain it. I have been told that you can interpret dreams."¹⁶ Joseph answered, "I cannot, Your Majesty, but God will give a favorable interpretation."

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³² The repetition of your dream means that the matter is fixed by God and that he will make it happen in the near future. ³³ “Now you should choose some man with wisdom and insight and put him in charge of the country. ³⁴ You must also appoint other officials and take a fifth of the crops during the seven years of plenty. ³⁵ Order them to collect all the food during the good years that are coming, and give them authority to store up grain in the cities and guard it.

Genesis 41:1-16, 32-37 GNT

³⁶ The food will be a reserve supply for the country during the seven years of famine which are going to come on Egypt. In this way the people will not starve.”³⁷ The king and his officials approved this plan.

Genesis 41:1-16, 32-37 GNT

**Fulfillment Takes Place When
Providential Opportunity
Intersects With Personal and
Spiritual Preparation**

Timing is a Big Part of Kingdom Advancement:

- 1. God Leads With Vision and Dreams**
- 2. God Develops the Character of Those Who Live by Faith**
- 3. God Releases Power and Authority to Bring About the Fulfillment of His Plan**

**Dreamers Are
Prepared to
Honor God**

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:19-20 (NIV)

**Dreamers Are
Prepared to Work
for God**

**Working for God is Doing God's Will,
God's Way, with God's Help**

President Nixon once told Winston Churchill's son how much he admired the prime minister's great ability at giving "extemporaneous" speeches. Churchill's son replied, "Oh, yes. I've watched my father work for hours preparing those extemporaneous speeches."

