

## LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night (February 3rd, 2010) – Study Notes

for SERIES: Seeing Jesus Typified In Old Testament Characters

Tonight's Message: Seeing Jesus Typified In JOSEPH (part II)

TEXT: Genesis Chapters 41-45

PART II: BOTH OBTAINED excellent glory

- I. It was only upon the occasion of the dream of Pharaoh that the chief Butler finally remembered Joseph. (note the usage of the word "faults" in 41:9 – this word can also be translated; "SINS")
- II. The Bible reveals a critical principle in Proverbs (15:33) where it says, "Before honour is humility". We certainly see this reality in Joseph's first response to Pharaoh (41:16)
- III. In the matter – literally – of a few short hours, Joseph was elevated from the obscurity of a prison to the second in command over all of Egypt!
- IV. He would be in charge primarily of supervising the storage of an immeasurable volume of grain. This is also a beautiful picture of the "unsearchable riches of Christ" - (Ephesians 3:8)
- V. Because of the impact of the famine, "all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands." (Genesis 41:57)
- VI. Another remarkable way in which Joseph was a picture of Jesus was in the "silent years" of their lives BEFORE their "ministries" (18 years for Jesus; 13 years for Joseph) AND they BOTH began their ministries at age 30.

- VII. The fact that Jesus rose from LITERAL death and a tomb to an endless universal reign - while Joseph merely rose up from an earthly prison to a temporary throne - is yet one more reminder to us that **THE "substance" IS GREATER THAN THE "shadow"!** (Isaiah 9:6; Revelation 19:16)
- VIII. By the time Joseph's brothers bowed down before him for grain, he had not heard a single word from home for 21 years!
- IX. The "trials" Joseph put them through all seemed SO unfair to (+ father) the brothers while they going through them - BUT in reality, Joseph was working brilliantly all things out together for their highest good!
- X. When the brothers found the money which they had just paid for the grain IN their sacks of grain, yet another wonderful scriptural truth was being fulfilled (see Isaiah-55:1b) You see, Salvation from Christ can NOT be bought with money!
- XI. Using Benjamin, Joseph tested the brothers to see if they still had the root of envy within themselves - which had caused them to treat Joseph so wrongly all those years ago.
- XII. In a touching plea which lasted for 20 verses, Judah - the very one who had originally had been the one who suggested the selling of Joseph - presented himself as a surety for Benjamin in order to spare the anguish upon his father - NOW Joseph knew his brothers were ready for his Revelation! (Genesis 45:1-5) <see also; John 2:24, 25; John 1:11 - 12; Zechariah 12:10-12>
- XIII. There are 129 similarities between Joseph and Jesus. Yet while Joseph may have typified Jesus in all these ways, **ONLY CHRIST** can take away sin!