

ANALYSIS:

1. What two dreams troubled Pharaoh, and who could not interpret them? _____
2. When Pharaoh asked Joseph if he could interpret dreams, what was Joseph's reply? _____
3. Very briefly state what Pharaoh's two dreams meant.

4. What did Joseph advise Pharaoh to do, and what did Pharaoh do?

5. What was Joseph's age when Pharaoh exalted him, and how many years had he been a servant or in prison in Egypt? Age ____ Years in Egypt ____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Joseph was sold in humiliation into a very idolatrous nation when a teenager. He was exalted to be the second ruler in the midst of official idolatry. Pharaoh gave him a wife from the pagan priest's family. Yet we see no lapse in his faith in the LORD God of his fathers that he had come to know in his youth. Joseph tells Pharaoh that God will give Pharaoh an answer (vs 16, 25, 28, 32). Even Pharaoh recognized Joseph as indwelt by the Spirit of God (vs 38-39). Joseph honors God in naming his sons (vs 51-52). The LORD our God will also be with us in every place and circumstance!

We may not know what Joseph did to keep his trust in and consciousness of the presence of the LORD real and vital in his life. However, we do know there are several necessary spiritual exercises we need in walking with God. These will include but not be limited to the following. Read God's word daily, meditate on it, hide it in our hearts, talk with the LORD, ask the LORD to search us, confess and forsake all sins, set about to obey the known will of God. Are you?!

HELP:

1. Seven ill favored kine ate seven fatfleshed kine, seven good ears of corn were devoured by seven thin ears (v 6-7); the magicians of Egypt and all the wise men thereof (v 8).
2. "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace" (v 16).
3. There were coming seven years of plenty in the land of Egypt, to be followed by seven years of famine (vs 29-31).
4. Pharaoh should appoint a man discreet and wise over Egypt to prepare for the famine (v 33); he appointed Joseph (vs 38-40).
5. Joseph was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh; he had been in Egypt 13 years (37:2; 41:46).