

## The Prison Experiences Of The Bible Genesis 30-41

Introduction: One of the striking things about the OT Law is that God did not establish \_\_\_\_\_ for His people. When a person committed a crime in Israel, their punishment was to be swift and sure, and it was to be a punishment that fit their crime. Yet, throughout the Bible's account of Israel's history, kings and other rulers built prisons to contain political enemies and lawbreakers. Even though God did not order His people to build any prisons, He did \_\_\_\_\_ some of His choicest servants to spend time in the dungeons of their day. In fact, a few of God's men met their \_\_\_\_\_ in prison. When God His servants to go into prison, it was not because they were criminals. God allowed their imprisonment because He wanted to teach them lessons they could learn \_\_\_\_\_ else. Many of the great men of the Bible, like Samson, Daniel, Jeremiah, Hosea, John the Baptist, John, Peter, Paul, and Silas, found themselves in one prison or another. In each of these prisons, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His power and providence on behalf of His servants. Today we look at Joseph.

### Joseph's Imprisonment **Genesis 39:7-41:45**

- I. Imprisoned for doing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing **39:7-20**
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ to yield to sin **Vs 7-15**
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ accused of wrong **Vs 16-20**
- II. Imprisoned for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God **39:21-40:22**
  - A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ even while in prison **39:21-23**
  - B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ timing **40:1-22**
    1. Pharaoh's two \_\_\_\_\_ imprisoned **Vs 1-4**
    2. Pharaoh's servant's dreams and Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 5-19**
    3. Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_ celebration **Vs 20-22**
  - C. God's \_\_\_\_\_ control over Joseph's circumstances **40:23**
- III. Imprisonment \_\_\_\_\_ for Joseph **41:1-45**
  - A. Pharaoh had a \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 1-7**
  - B. Pharaoh's magicians \_\_\_\_\_ to interpret the dream **Vs 8**
  - C. Pharaoh's Cupbearer's memory \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 9-13**
  - D. Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph from prison **Vs 14**
  - E. Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ his dream with Joseph **Vs 15, 17-24**
  - F. Joseph gives \_\_\_\_\_ to God **Vs 16**
    1. After all the \_\_\_\_\_ he had experienced from his family
    2. After being imprisoned for doing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing
    3. After being \_\_\_\_\_ by the Cupbearer
  - G. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream **Vs 25-33**
    1. The interpretation of the dream is not \_\_\_\_\_ news
    2. The interpretation of the dream means Pharaoh has a \_\_\_\_\_ on his hands
    3. The interpretation of the dream is an \_\_\_\_\_ to show the Sovereignty of God
  - H. Joseph tells Pharaoh how to \_\_\_\_\_ with the upcoming famine in Egypt **Vs 34-36**
  - I. Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph to the #2 position in Pharaoh's government **Vs 37-45**
- IV. Imprisonment taught Joseph how to be a mature \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 30 **41:46-49**
- V. Application:
  - A. Being a Child of God does \_\_\_\_\_ guarantee we will never suffer for doing right
  - B. While suffering, if we trust God through it, He will make the journey less \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ purpose for our "imprisonments" in life
  - D. We are to use our time in "prison" to \_\_\_\_\_ Him as we have opportunity
  - E. God will reveal his purpose, \_\_\_\_\_ while we are on earth or when we get to Heaven
  - F. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us for our faithfulness to Him while we are "imprisoned"