

## Sermon Notes

**Title:** *What Joseph's Rise to Power Images*



**Text:** Genesis 41:1-57

**Theme:** Joseph's rise to power prefigures the victory of our Lord Jesus over the grave. By His perfect obedience and spotless sacrifice, Christ has been exalted far above all rule and authority in heaven and on earth. There is no other name greater than the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever!

I. Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_ Dreams (1-13)

II. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Pharaoh's Dreams (14-36)

III. Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph as Second Highest \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt (37-57)

## IV. Applications

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ theme for Joseph's rise from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. In the same way that we understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph's rise to power from Scripture, we also understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ from what God says in His \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. After requesting the cupbearer to speak on his behalf to Pharaoh, how long had Joseph been in prison before the events recorded in this passage (v. 1)?
2. How many dreams did Pharaoh have (vv. 1-8)?
3. What did Pharaoh dream about (vv. (1-8)?
4. Why was Pharaoh upset after these dreams (v. 8)?
5. Why did Pharaoh send for Joseph (vv. 9-14)?
6. Whom did Joseph say would interpret Pharaoh's dreams (v. 16)?
7. What did Joseph say Pharaoh's dreams meant (vv. 25-31)?
8. What did the fact that Pharaoh had two similar dreams mean (v. 32)?
9. What advice did Joseph offer the king of Egypt (vv. 33-36)?
10. How did Pharaoh react to Joseph's interpretation and the advice he gave to him (vv. 37-44)?
11. What name did Pharaoh give to Joseph (v. 45a)? What did this likely signify?
12. What gift did Pharaoh give to Joseph (v. 45b)?
13. How old was Joseph when all of this happened to him (v. 46)?
14. How many children did Joseph have? What were their names and what did the names mean (vv. 50-52)?
15. Who had the final say when the famine came and the people cried out for food (vv. 54-55)?
16. Who came to Joseph to buy grain (vv. 56-57)?
17. How does Joseph's life thus far mirror the life of Christ?
18. In what ways can Joseph's rise be seen as a "resurrection"?
19. How do you imagine an Egyptian citizen may have looked at a foreigner's rise to power in his country?
20. Why is it insufficient merely to argue for the fact of the resurrection of Christ Jesus apart from Scripture?