The Torah Project

Genesis 41b

"...two years to the day..." Bread and Wine Joseph's Rule

2 Peter 3:8

But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.

Three Pairs of Dreams

Joseph's Dreams The Sheaves & The Sun/Moon/Stars

> **The Prisoners' Dreams** *The Grapes & The Baskets*

Pharaoh's Dreams The Cows & The Ears of Grain

JOSEPH'S DREAMS



The Prisoners' Dreams

3 Vines / 3 Baskets (Blood) (Body) Sun/Moon/Stars (2nd Advent)



7+7 Cows / 7+7 Ears (The Last Days)

Matthew 22:29

But Yeshua answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God."



"You shall be over my house, **and by your mouth all my people shall be kissed**..."

(Genesis Rabbah 90.2)

R' Shimon ben Gamliel said: Joseph was rewarded from Heaven as a result of his deeds.

Regarding his **mouth** that did not kiss Potiphar's wife in sin, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "and by your mouth shall all my people be 'kissed'".

Regarding his **body** that did not touch Potiphar's wife in sin, the verse states, "He then had him dressed in garments of fine linen."

Regarding his **neck** that did not bend to commit a sin, the verse states, "and he placed a gold chain upon his neck."

Regarding his **hands** that did not touch in sin, the verse states, "and Pharaoh removed his ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand."

Regarding Joseph's **legs**, God said, "Joseph's legs that did not tread in sin should come and ride on a chariot." As the verse states, "He also had him ride in his second chariot."

➢ Midrash Rabbah 90.3

John 2:5

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."



"Only by the throne shall I be greater than you."

✤ Genesis 41:40

Who is on the throne of your life?



Two unacceptable choices:

#1 – "Thanks, Joseph, but I'll take it from here!"

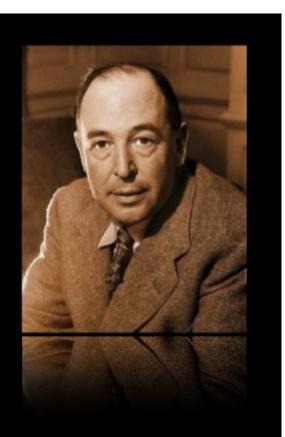
Pharaoh could have sent Joseph back to manage the prison. Egypt would have been saved, but it would not have been the great deliverance that Joseph made it.

#2 – "Come on up, Joseph, and take my place on the throne."

This kind of passivity is unacceptable to God. God wanted Pharaoh on the throne so that he would continue to choose, each and every day, to yield his kingdom to Joseph's will.

"There are only two kinds of people those who say to God, **'Thy will be done,'** and those to whom God says in the end, **'Thy will be done.'"**

> ~ CS Lewis The Great Divorce



Messianic Parallels (con.)

- 2,000 years between suffering and exaltation
- 30 years old when he entered public service
- Exaltation dependent upon suffering
- Is second only to the king
- "Holds the key to the most hidden secrets"
- Takes a Gentile bride
- By his word all people are sustained
- Predicts seven years of tribulation"
- Savior of the world
- The king commands everyone, "Go to him!"