

(Genesis) Genesis 41:50-57

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Joseph's life is transformed as he finds new purpose and fruitfulness in Egypt, mirroring God's promise to make him fruitful in the land of his affliction.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis. He highlights the parallel between Joseph being the provider of bread during a famine in Egypt and Jesus being the bread of life. The preacher also mentions that Joseph had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, and explains the significance of their names. He concludes by mentioning that the seven years of plenty in Egypt have ended and Joseph is now 37 years old.

Transcript

Verse 50 now, And unto Joseph were born two sons, so we have to pause for this little family note here, before the years of famine came, which Asenath, and I'm glad that he's got her name down now, the daughter of Potipharah, priest of Onbarun to him, and Joseph call the name of the firstborn Manasseh, for God said he, hath made me forget all my toil and all my father's house. If you want to know a good name would be Amnesia. He made me forget.

It was so busy down there, so much involved that he forgot about his father's house. And he'd been a homesick boy at first, but he's not anymore. Did you notice that I called attention to it last time, that it mentions the fact that he shaved.

He arrayed himself. You say that's not a very important thing, only the Gillette Company might be interested in that. Well, he shaved himself because the Hebrews wore long beards.

And now, that speaks to me of resurrection, because he lays aside the old life, and now he begins the new life. Now, keep that in mind. He looks like an Egyptian from now on.

He dresses like an Egyptian. He talks like an Egyptian. He says, God's made me forget, so his name is Manasseh, and you can call him Amnesia if you want to.

And the name of the second called he Ephraim, for God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. He's fruitful. And I've given these two boys two names, Manasseh Amnesia and Ephraim that

means fruitful Ambrosia.

Here we have Amnesia and Ambrosia. If you want the English of it, somebody says, well, that sure is free translating. It sure is, friends, but that's exactly what the two boys' names mean if you put it in English today.

Amnesia and Ambrosia. And now verse 53, And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt were ended. Now, this takes you through the seven years of the plenty.

Now, how old is Joseph now? Thirty-seven years old. Keep that in mind because I'm coming to something down here in just a few moments when we get into the next chapter. And the seven years of dearth began to come.

According as Joseph had said, and the dearth was in all lands. But in all the land of Egypt there was bread. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread.

And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph, what he saith to you do. He was the one that had the bread. And again, I have to call attention to the parallel, the Lord Jesus said, I'm the bread of life.

And notice verse 56, And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians. And the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

And all countries came unto Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn, because that the famine was so sore in all the lands. That brings us to the end of chapter 41.

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