Main Thought  Joseph is finally exalted as the savior of the world dispensing the bread of life (John 6:35).

Pharaoh Dreams (1-8).

- Joseph is in prison 2 years (Psa. 105:17-18) and a slave 13 years (41:46).
- With dreams, God penetrates royal power and isolation (SOLOMON – 1 Kings 3:5; KINGS – Prov. 21:1; NEBUCHADNEZZAR – Dan. 2:3; PILATE’S WIFE – Matt. 27:19).
- As in the days of Moses (Ex. 8:18) and Daniel (Dan. 2:10-12; 5:8), Pharaoh’s magicians failed to interpret the dreams.

Joseph Remembered (9-24).

- The cupbearers “shortcomings” are corrected as he remembers Joseph after 2 years. He is summoned (shaved and dressed) from prison.
- Pharaoh (regarded as a god) is powerless and afraid (Dan. 2:1 – troubled).

Joseph Interprets (25-40).

- There will be 7 years of FAT followed by 7 years of LEAN. The two forms of the dream firmly establish their truth (32).
- 3 recommendations: (1) appoint a discerning and wise man to be in charge; (2) appoint commissioners; (3) nation wide rationing system.
- Pharaoh appoints Joseph to second in command of all Egypt!

Joseph Rules (41-57).

- NEW POSITION (41-44). He is finally exalted with a ring, a robe, a gold chain, a chariot, and respect (Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 1:13-16). One day (spiritually now – Eph. 2:6) we too will be exalted and reign with him (Rev. 20:6).
- NEW WIFE (45). Joseph (Zaphenath-Paneah=God speaks and lives) married Asenath, a Gentile, picturing Christ’s marriage to the Gentile church upon his rejection by Israel (Rom. 11:11-27; Eph. 5:25-27).
- NEW SONS (50-52). Twin boys – MANASSEH = forgetting (Phil. 3:13) and EPHRAIM = fruitful (Phil. 3:14).
- NEW SERVICE (46-49; 53-57).
  - Christ was about 30 when he began his ministry (Luke 3:23).
  - The whole world is starving (Matt. 15:32).
  - Just as Jesus fed the 5000, so he wants to feed the whole world the bread of eternal life (John 3:16; 6:35).
  - Jesus’ birthplace (Bethlehem) means house of bread!
  - Bread from heaven comes without cost ( Isa. 55:1-2; John 6:29; Rev. 21:6).
  - We too need to persuade people about the bread from heaven and the water of eternal life from which they will never thirst (2 Cor. 5:11).