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Genesis Chapter 41

As we move into the 41st chapter of the book of Genesis, we'll be taking a look at the great famine of Egypt that actually caused Joseph to become second-in-command of all of Egypt. But before we get into that, I once again want us to remember that the Pharaoh of Egypt at that time was not an Egyptian.

Historically, we know that the Pharaoh of Egypt at that time was a Semite who came from the line of Shem. And this is important when understanding why it was that this Egyptian Pharaoh who was a Semite that came from the line of Shem, was so eager to put a young Hebrew in second-in-command of all of Egypt.

Before we get into the reading of the 41st chapter of the book of Genesis, I'd like to introduce to you a writing from an Egyptian historian by the name of Menetho. This Egyptian priest and historian had much to say about what happened when the Semites overthrew Egypt. And so, I just want us to read a small excerpt of his writings.

"We had a king called Tutimaeus. In his reign, it happened. I do not know why God was displeased with us. Unexpectedly from the regions of the East, came men of unknown race. Confident of victory they marched against our land. By force they took it, easily, without a single battle. Having overpowered our rulers they burned our cities without compassion, and destroyed the temples of the gods. All the natives were treated with great cruelty for they slew some and carried off the wives and children of others into slavery. Finally they appointed one of themselves as king. His name was Salitis and he lived in Memphis and made Upper and Lower Egypt pay tribute to him...and when he found a city in the province of Sais which suited his purpose (it lay east of the Bubasite branch of the Nile and was called Avaris) he rebuilt it and made it very strong by erecting walls and installing a force of 240,000 men to hold it. Salitis went there every summer partly to collect his corn and pay men their wages, and partly to train his armed troops and terrify foreigners."

*Egyptian Priest and Historian
Menetho 300BC*

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<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Manetho>

And so, what we have here is a re-accounting of the conquering of Egypt by the Semites from

Asia. And we even have an Arabic name of the conquering King who was called “Salitis”.

Something else that I want us to pay particularly close attention to is the city that Menetho speaks about called “Avaris”. Avaris is a rather large city that became home to the Hebrews and the Israelites in the land of Goshen Egypt. We noted the city of Avaris was rather large place because we’re told that this Semite King Salitis who became the new Pharaoh stationed almost a quarter of 1 million troops there just to secure it. If you will remember correctly from our study last week the Semite rulers that overthrew Egypt were also known as the Hyksos, and not very long ago back in 2012 they found a rather gruesome discovery in an ancient Egyptian palace in the city of Avaris. And I’d like to take you to that article very quickly just to summarize what they found so that you can rest assured that these were indeed Semite people.

<https://www.livescience.com/22267-severed-hands-ancient-egypt-palace.html>

This is an article from life science.com entitled “Severed Hands Discovered in Ancient Egypt Palace” dated August 10, 2012. And just underneath the picture it reads as follows:

A severed right hand discovered in front of a Hyksos palace at Avaris (modern-day Tell el-Daba). It would have been chopped off and presented to the king (or a subordinate) in exchange for gold. This discovery is the first archaeological evidence of the practice. At the time they were buried, about 3,600 years ago, the palace was being used by King Khayan. The Hyksos were a people believed to be from northern Canaan, they controlled part of Egypt and made their capital at Avaris on the Nile Delta.

And so, I want us to just keep this city of Avaris in the back of our minds because once we get to the book of Exodus we’ll spend some more time talking about this particular city.

The term Bedouin, Semite, and oriental can generally be used interchangeably. What we call the middle east today is Asia. So, it’s proper to call people who hail from the middle east Asians or Asiatics... Which means people from Asia. Orientals don’t refer to people from the entire continent of Asia, but rather to middle eastern people, and people extending into China. Orientals are a subgroup of Asians. Semites are a people who descended from Shem, which were descendants from Abraham because Abraham himself was a Semite who had descended from Shem the son of Noah.

Bedouins or a branch of somatic people are a people that tended to be desert dwellers and wanderers, and so therefor it is proper to say that the people who invaded and conquered Egypt were Bedouins because they were indeed desert dwellers. They were also Semites because they were descendants of Shem, and they were Orientals because they were part of the Middle Eastern culture, and they were also known as Asians or Asiatics because they were from the continent of Asia. And so, you can see how, and why these terms are often times used interchangeably. But the important thing to realize is that the Pharaoh of Joseph’s time was indeed a Semite and not an Egyptian by birth. And this once again is probably why this

particular Pharaoh found it so easy to place a young Hebrew in charge of Egypt and this famine that was about to take place in Egypt.

With that being said, let's now turn to Genesis chapter 41 and let's read through Genesis chapter 41 so that we can know exactly what it does, as well as what it does not say. Genesis chapter 41:

Gen 41:1 *After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, Gen 41:2 and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass.*

Gen 41:3 *And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile.*

Gen 41:4 *And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke.*

Gen 41:5 *And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk.*

Gen 41:6 *And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind.*

Gen 41:7 *And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream.*

Gen 41:8 *So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.*

Gen 41:9 *Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today.*

Gen 41:10 *When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard,*

Gen 41:11 *we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation.*

Gen 41:12 *A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream.*

Gen 41:13 *And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged."*

Gen 41:14 *Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.*

Gen 41:15 *And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."*

Gen 41:16 *Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a*

favorable answer.”

Gen 41:17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile.

Gen 41:18 Seven cows, plump and attractive, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass.

Gen 41:19 Seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin, such as I had never seen in all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:20 And the thin, ugly cows ate up the first seven plump cows,

Gen 41:21 but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were still as ugly as at the beginning. Then I awoke.

Gen 41:22 I also saw in my dream seven ears growing on one stalk, full and good.

Gen 41:23 Seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them,

Gen 41:24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.”

Gen 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

Gen 41:26 The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one.

Gen 41:27 The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine.

Gen 41:28 It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

Gen 41:29 There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt,

Gen 41:30 but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land,

Gen 41:31 and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe.

Gen 41:32 And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.

Gen 41:33 Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:34 Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years.

Gen 41:35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.

Gen 41:36 That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the

famine.”

Gen 41:37 This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.

Gen 41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?”

Gen 41:39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are.

Gen 41:40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.”

Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

Gen 41:42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.

Gen 41:43 And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:47 During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly,

Gen 41:48 and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it.

Gen 41:49 And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Gen 41:50 Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara priest of On, bore them to him.

Gen 41:51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house.”

Gen 41:52 The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

Gen 41:53 The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end,

Gen 41:54 and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

Gen 41:55 When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for

bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

Gen 41:56 So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:57 Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

And so, as we are introduced to Genesis chapter 41 it's been two years that have passed since the end of the previous chapter. Joseph is now 30 years old, and he's still living in the prison of the Capt. guard.

Of course, this Semite Pharaoh of Egypt is given two dreams by Yahovah. One with seven cows, and another dream with seven ears of grain. What I find very ironic here is that in verse eight we're told that Pharaoh calls in all of his magicians to try to interpret this dream for him, but none of them are able to decipher the dream for him.

The Hebrew word for magician here is the Hebrew word “*Chartom*” and it means diviner, magician, or astrologer. And so, Pharaoh calls in all of his diviners and his magicians and his astrologers, and no one can decipher this dream for him. And it's at this point in time that the chief cupbearer somehow miraculously remembers the Hebrew slave that was in prison with him, that interpreted his dream two years ago. Once again, we see the divine Providence of Yahovah moving within this historical depiction of Genesis chapter 41.

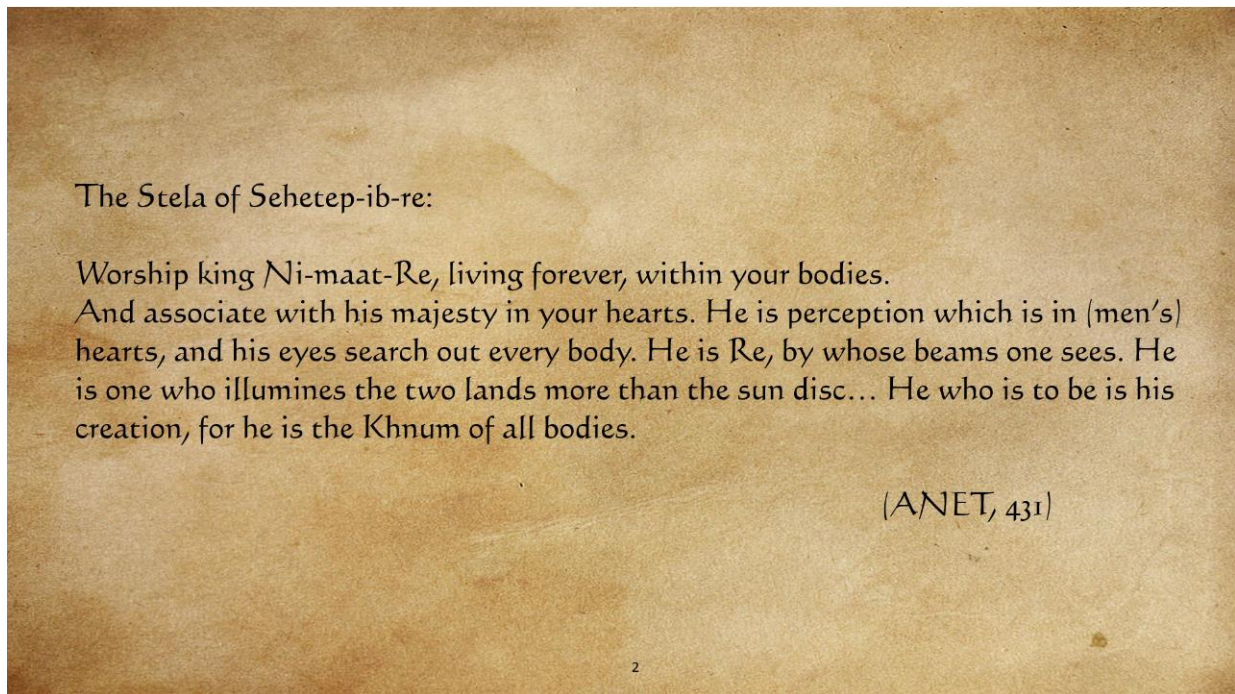
It took two years for this point in time to come to fruition. But nevertheless, Yahovah was still with Joseph during his time in prison and certainly had not forgotten about Joseph. And so, once the cut chief cupbearer tells Pharaoh about this Hebrew slave that interpreted his dream for him, Pharaoh Immediately summonses Joseph to interpret his dream as well.

Once Joseph is able to interpret the dream for Pharaoh, Pharaoh was extremely impressed with his ability and he thereby ordains Joseph as the second in command of all of Egypt. The second in command of Egypt would have been known as what is called “the Visor”. The duties of the Visor are spelled out in a document from the tomb of Rekhmire, who lived during the 18th Dynasty from 1552 to 1307 BC. The Visor was the grand steward of all of Egypt and all the activities of the nation were under his power.

This Egyptian Rekhmire, was Visor under Thutmose III and oversaw the treasurer, chief justice, police chief, war minister, Sec. of agriculture, secretary of the interior, and other positions as well. Aside from Pharaoh, the Visor would've been the most powerful leader in Egypt.

Something else to make note of is that a Semite or an Asiatic attaining a high position in the Egyptian government was not rare. For instance, an Asiatic named “Hur” became superintendent of the royal seal or Chancellor of Egypt, and he was well-known from a number of scarab seals of the 17th and 16th centuries BC.

And I want us to understand the power that an Egyptian Pharaoh had. To be Pharaoh meant that you ruled the land as God, and as the incarnation of the son of the sun God Ra, as Horace, and as a combination of the Goddesses of upper and lower Egypt. There is an ancient document called “The Stela of Sehetep-ib-re” that I’d like you to make note of because it describes who the people of Egypt saw their Pharaoh as:



And so, this was the power that the people believed that Pharaoh had. They truly did believe that he was the son of the sun God Ra, as Horace and a combination of the Goddesses of the upper and lower Egypt. And so, they thought of their Pharaoh as being God on earth.

We’ll come back to this in just a few minutes. But before we get too far, I want us to acknowledge what we see in verse 16. Joseph tells Pharaoh that it is not him personally that he is able to interpret his dreams. Joseph very clearly tells Pharaoh that it is God that will give Pharaoh the answer to his dreams through him. Once again Joseph’s loyalty to his Father in heaven is clearly unmatched in these Scriptures.

What we should find interesting is that Pharaoh doesn’t ever really seem to make that connection. Egypt had many false Gods and temples within its land, and the main god that they worshiped at that time was in Egyptian sun god “Ra”. And just to get a little bit better idea of who this ancient little “g” god “Ra” actually was, and what he stood for, I’d like to take you over to ancient-Egypt-online.com:

<https://www.ancient-egypt-online.com/egyptian-god-ra.html>

And this will give us a little explanation about who this sun god “Ra” was and what he stood for.

Who is Ra?

Ra (pronounced ray) represents sunlight, warmth and growth. It was only natural that the ancient Egyptians would believe him to be the creator of the world, as well as part of him being represented in every other god. The ancient Egyptians believed that every god should illustrate some aspect of him, while Ra himself should also represent every god.

And the reason that I bring this up is so that we will better understand who these diviners, magicians, and astrologers were that were trying to decipher Pharaoh's dreams. They were all worshiping a false little "g" Pagan god that had no power or discernment (much like today's modern-day version of Christianity that also centers all of its pagan festivals, traditions, and myths around fertility goddesses and sun god's that have no power or discernment).

I find it very ironic that this sun god "Ra" was seen as a part of every other god, and that every god should illustrate some aspect of him, while Ra himself should also represent every god. So essentially what do we have here? We have the devil dressing himself up as an Angel of light. Trying to put himself at the head of all creation, and all other authority.

I want to stop right here for just a moment and I want to ask you a question that I want you to think long and hard about. Does our fallen Babylonian world today... have its own Pharaoh? A version or vicar of the sun god "Ra" and "Horace" living within its mitts today? Do we have a modern-day son god "Ra" living amongst us today in the form of a Pharaoh?

What do our historical documents and our Archaeological evidence tell us about the sun god Ra that Pharaoh represents?

Do they not tell us that this sun god Ra is god over all other gods? According to the ancient documents that we just read, he is supposed to be living forever within our bodies. He is supposed to be associated with Majesty in our hearts. And if we take a look at the English standard version Archaeological study Bible... We're told, and I quote, *"that he ruled the land as god as the incarnation and son of Ra as Horace and as a combination of the Goddesses of upper and lower Egypt."*

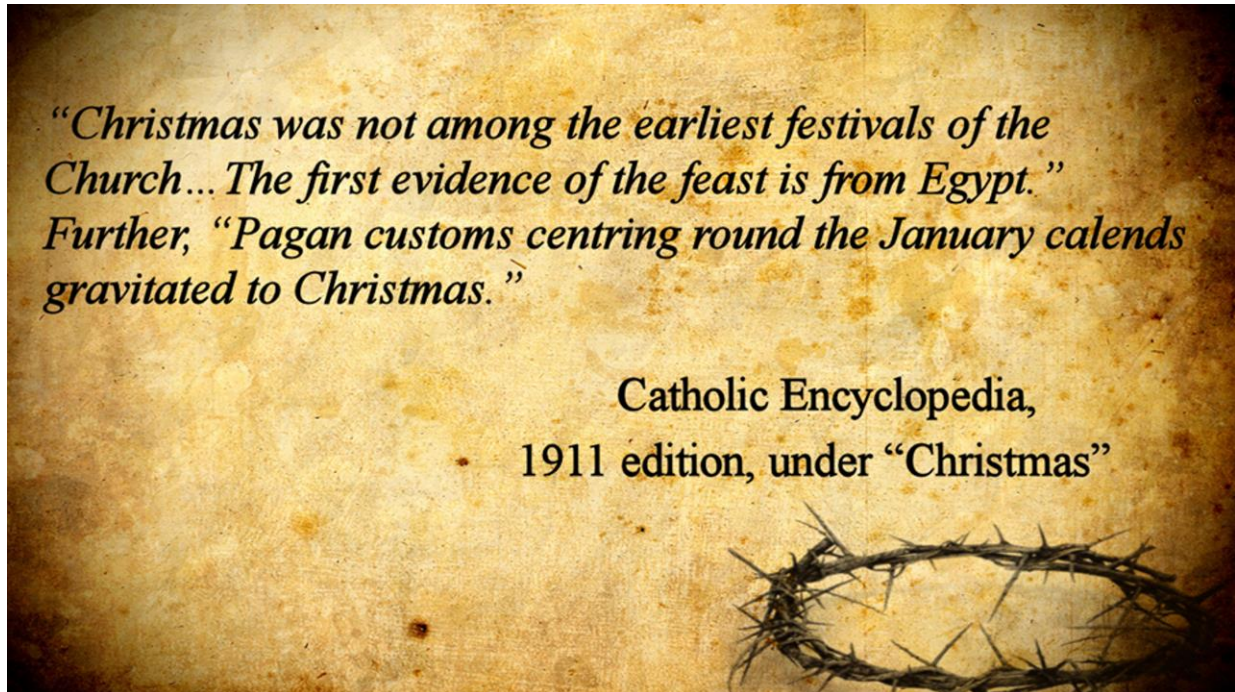
And so, according to the Egyptian people this Pharaoh was a self-proclaimed god on earth. Do we have a self-proclaimed god on earth living amongst us today? We most certainly do!

Does the Roman Catholic Pope not continuously proclaim himself to be God on earth? He most certainly does. Does he not continuously proclaim to be the incarnation of the only begotten son of Yahovah? He most certainly does. Do people not fall down at his feet, and bow down and kiss his Golden pagan ring? They absolutely do.

And so, my question to you my friends is, "has humanity changed all that much from the times of the pharaohs in Egypt to today in our time?" Because I would submit to you my friends that

humanity is not changed at all.

What does the Roman Catholic Church say about where Christmas originated from?



And so, the Roman Catholic encyclopedia itself, clearly tells us that the first evidence of Christmas actually comes from Egypt, and that pagan customs centering around the January calendar gravitated to Christmas.

Contrast this, with what our father in heaven says about the land of Egypt:

Christmas Comes From Egypt!

Lev 18:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 18:2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God.

Lev 18:3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes.

Lev 18:4 You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.

Lev 18:5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

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Do we have a modern-day Pharaoh on earth today, who is truly the son of the sun god Ra and Horace... Who is the devil himself trying to dress himself up like an Angel of light? Do we have a false god who has dressed himself up as an Angel of light to fool even the very elect... Standing on the earth today?

You bet we do. And we'd better wake up and realize who he is. Only the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

Let me ask you a question my friends... Is there any difference in what they were doing in Egypt, and what today's modern-day version of Christianity is doing? We say that we worship the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and yet we make him part of the fertility goddess of Easter, and the birthday of Tammuz every December 25th. We have erased the sabbaths of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and the creator of all things seen and unseen. The Sabbath that he said would be a sign between him and us, and a perpetual agreement for all generations forever.

We worship the Roman Catholic "all Saints day" every Halloween on October 31st when they blatantly disregard the commandment of our Father in heaven and pray to their dead dried-up bones of their so-called "Saints"... Do we not?

We dress our children up like the walking dead and we send them out to the neighbor's house to knock on the door to present themselves as beggars with their hands out, do we not? We've simply thrown the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob into a basket full of other pagan gods and dressed him up in order to make it fun for our children so that we don't have to tell them the truth about their Messiah and what he did for them... or the true Creator of the heavens and the earth and all things seen and unseen..... That's modern-day Christianity in a nutshell is it not? You bet it is.

Our Father in heaven never promises to make us rich monetarily. But he does promise to provide for our needs. Is that what we're doing for our children? Are we providing for their needs? Or are we making them rich monetarily with all the desires of their hearts by showering them with money, and worthless gifts that they truly have no need for? Because I would submit to you my friends that these pagan festivals do nothing more than spoil our children and turn them into spoiled rotten brats continuously standing there with their hands out wanting more, instead of being concerned with the needs of others.

Today's modern-day Pharaoh who stands as a shining example of the Pharaoh of Egypt, has created these festivals, and traditions, and pagan myths to do nothing more than spoil our children so that they will make themselves friends of this world... and enemies of Yahovah. That's what these deceptions are geared for, and that's always been the objective of our adversary.

And so... these worthless diviners and magicians and astrologers were once again full of nothing but hot air who had built their houses in the sand. When Joseph a true man of God presents himself these worthless diviners magicians and astrologers are found Wade and wanting, and I want us to understand that this is just another shadow picture of what is soon to come in these end days that we are now living in.

True men of God that have been called back to the Scriptures and are now teaching and preaching the truth of God's word are soon going to leave these false apostles who continuously teach and preach pagan sabbaths, and pagan fertility festivals, and the celebration of little baby Tammuz, in the dirt, just like these worthless diviners, magicians, and astrologers. And just like David was second-in-command of Egypt, so too will be the Saints that have picked up their crosses and truly decided to follow their Messiah into his coming kingdom. We will be the priests of that new kingdom, and we will judge over Angels in that day.

And so, here stands little Joseph in the company of Pharaoh and the most admired religious leaders and the intellectual elite of all of Egypt. And what Pharaoh was asking this young Hebrew boy to do... Is exactly what all of his religious leaders and intellectual elite could not do. It almost reminds you of little David standing in front of huge Goliath.

And yet... Even though Joseph literally slays this huge religious system with the truth of Yahovah's divine truth... They still refuse to believe in the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. And I find that vary in line with today's modern-day version of Christianity. Even though they see the power of their creator, time and time again, they continuously reject him and continue to wander off into myths.

They continuously accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and they continuously turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Moving forward, the reason that Pharaoh had two dreams was important. Because one concerned the livestock, and the other dream concerned the crops of the field, both were major elements of the food supply at that time. And so, Yahovah was making it very clear that there was no escape from this oncoming famine. But as always, our Father in heaven never brings judgment without sufficient warning for those who pay heed to him. And this is always important to remember. Our Father does nothing without warning his people first.

Has our Father in heaven warned us about a tragedy that is soon to come? Because I would submit to you that he's already given us his word through his only begotten Son and his God breathed Scriptures, and his prophets, and his Ruach Hackodesh, and he's already warned us what's coming just like he warned Pharaoh in this dream about what was to come before it came.

What's important to understand is what most of our modern-day secular and religious leaders are completely oblivious to.

Yahovah only entrusts the truth to his people. The religious leaders of Pharaoh's time had no idea how to interpret Pharaoh's dream. It took one of God's people to be able to interpret that dream. Yahovah entrusts his truth to his people. His true assembly. To his Olive tree. To his body. He does not entrust his truth to the façade of church institutions, and the bureaucracy's, and the man-made doctrines, and dogmas, and denominational empires of men who can't even seem to understand which day his sanctified seventh day Sabbath is on. The very day that he said would be a sign between him and his people, and a perpetual agreement throughout all of our generations forever. Only his people, and only his followers, who are sanctified through the blood of his only begotten Son are going to be able to know and to understand the truth.

Once Pharaoh named Joseph as the second and the command of all of Egypt, he clothed him in fine linen and he also gave him a new name. He gave Joseph an Egyptian name, and that name was "Zaphenath-paneah". The Egyptian word "zat-en-aph" means "he who is called". The second word of Joseph's new name "panea" is the usual Egyptian word used for "life". And so, the Egyptian meaning of Joseph's new name was likely something along the lines of "he who is called life".

We have to remember, that in our times people are just named because their parents like the sound of the name. But back in those days, a person's name was a person's reputation. A person's name was a statement of one's character and the attributes, or even their status in society. And so, to seal Joseph's newfound office and to make it permanent Pharaoh obviously felt the need to give Joseph this new name.

Something else that Pharaoh gave to Joseph was the daughter of a pagan priest. This particular priest was of the temple of 'On"... The city of the sun god. And once again, this temple was used to honor the sun god "Ra". And we have to remember that this pagan sun god called "Ra" was the highest Egyptian deity. Later on, the city of On... about seven or 8 miles north of Cairo... would come to be known as "Heliopolis"... city of the sun. And so, Joseph married the daughter of the priest of the sun god Ra.

At this point in time about six years and passed, and about one year before the famine actually hit Joseph now has two sons by his Egyptian wife. The firstborn was Manasseh, and the younger boy was Ephraim. Now we do know that these are Hebrew names and they're not Egyptian names, however... as was the custom back in those days, and still remains the same to this day for not just the Hebrews but many other cultures... the mother's national genealogy determined what that child was. So even though they had Hebrew names, these two boys were without question Egyptian children.

Now... I want to also make something else very clear. The foreign mother of an Israelite could renounce her nationality and her false god's and become a member of the house of Israel if she so chose to do so. If she did choose to become an Israelite and to follow the ways of Yahovah then she was seen as a native of the land. But... as far as we know, that did not happen in this

case.

Asenath, the mother of Joseph's children was the daughter of an Egyptian high priest and there's no evidence that she ever gave up her Egyptian culture or her Egyptian religion. And I want us to remember this important fact about Joseph's wife Asenath, and Manasseh and Ephraim because we're going to come back to this later on in the story as we continue our walk into the book of Genesis.

Something else that I'd like us to think about is whether or not we would have the faith to do what the Pharaoh of Egypt did. And I want us to stop here for just a moment and think about that.

Would we be able to have enough faith to understand what God was trying to tell us about an oncoming terrible tribulation that was coming our way like Pharaoh did? Would we be wise enough to prepare ourselves when times were good, and the sun was still shining upon us? Even though our economy was doing outstandingly well... Would we be able to put aside some of our time, and our riches, and our labors, and our wealth for a bad time that God has already told us is going to come in the very near future?

You see the people of Egypt did exceedingly well for the first seven years. The first seven years were a time of great bounty for the people of Egypt. It must have seemed awfully odd to have a new Hebrew commander put in place that was telling the Egyptian people that he needed to take a portion of their wealth away from them in order to save it up for when times really got bad.

I think it's safe to say even in our modern-day time, if someone were to come to us today when our economy was doing fairly well and demand us to give them a portion of our income for a time that was coming... People would probably be rioting in the streets. Nevertheless, the Pharaoh of Egypt was wise enough to know, and to understand that this seven-year famine was indeed going to happen. And this Pharaoh of Egypt was wise enough to know, and to understand that he needed to prepare his kingdom. And this came from the faith of an unbeliever!

What about us in our time? Are we putting away some of our time and our riches, and our labors, and our wealth for the time that we know is coming according to what God tells us? We know what's coming. We've been warned about what's coming. Yahovah nor his only begotten Son has hidden from us what's to come.

And yet, at the same time I don't see too many Christians saving up a storehouse of food and rations and medications and things that we know that we're going to need. It kind of reminds you of the 10 virgins and the 10 oil lamps doesn't it?

Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. Five of them took their lamps, but they didn't take any oil for their lamps. But the other five were wise enough to bring extra oil for

their lamps. And what happened at the end of that story?

While the first five were away, going to buy more oil, the bridegroom came and the five that were ready went in with him to the marriage and what happened? The door was shut. And when the five virgins who had to go by oil came back they shouted for the Lord to open the door but he answered them and he said and I quote, “I don’t know you”.

Right now, we live in a time of relative abundance and plenty. And standing here today in this relative time of abundance and plenty, we know that the greatest trial that mankind has ever had before or will ever experience again is soon to come upon us.

Our Messiah has told us very clearly what signs to look for, and I would submit to you my friends that we can go right down the list of Matthew chapter 24 and check almost all of them off one by one. Our Messiah taught us to prepare by picking up our crosses and following him. He taught us to follow the wisdom that comes from God, which means living within our means, and getting out of debt, and seeking him instead of lusting after what our neighbor has and every new gadget that comes out on the market. He’s taught us to rely on him and nothing else. He’s taught us not to whore after our own hearts, and not to make ourselves friends with the world. But are we listening?

The truth is that the devastation that is coming our way is easily 1000-fold compared to the famine that Egypt had to endure. Our own Messiah has already told us that it would be a time that will be so bad, that it will be worse than at any other time on earth, and it will be so bad that it will never happen again at any other time in the future. Now my friends that’s bad. And I would submit to you that if the Pharaoh of Egypt was wise enough to prepare for a simple famine... God’s people should also be wise enough to prepare themselves and their children for a tribulation so great that it’s never been seen before and will never be seen again.... Just food for thought.

Soon we will see the house of Israel, under the bondage of the Egyptian people. And I have to wonder how much Joseph’s part that he played in Egypt had to do with the animosity that the Egyptians felt against the Hebrew people.

I want us to realize that the distribution of the grain during the great famine was not freely given to the people. It was sold back to them. We do have some Egyptian records of that time describing the famine and how the distribution of the grain was handled and they completely agree with the biblical record.

During the famine the people could no longer grow grain, and their cattle and their herds were starving to death. These people were farmers. And so, when people ran out of money to buy grain they gave up their cattle to Pharaoh in exchange for grain. And when they ran out of cattle they gave up their land. And when they had nothing else to sell they sold themselves into servitude to Pharaoh.

And so, Pharaoh eventually owned all of the land and all of the wealth of Egypt, and it was this wealth and this enormous army of slaves that allowed him to construct magnificent temples and roadways and cities.

With that in mind, do you suppose that the people thanked Joseph for forcing them to save up grain and to do with less during the time of plenty so that Pharaoh could sell back their own grain to them during a famine and make slaves out of them?

Or do you suppose that Joseph was probably hated for what Pharaoh did to them and having to sell themselves into slavery in order to stay alive? We have to remember that Joseph was essentially the front man. Politicians do this all the time. They put someone between them and the people. If that someone does well, the politician then steps in and takes all the credit. But if the middleman does badly, the middleman takes all the blame, while the politician walks away squeaky clean.

How much of this animosity do you suppose that the people felt against Joseph... may have led to the slavery of the Hebrew people? How easy would it have been for the new Pharaoh to look at how the Hebrew people had grown, and then to rally the Egyptian people against them and force them into slavery? Once again... Food for thought.

Next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time we'll take a look at Genesis chapter 42, but until then, I challenge you to think about some of the things that we've mentioned here today concerning the preparation of Yahovah's people, and the new Pharaoh the earth that stands alive and well against the truth of God's word and his appointments and his precepts and his sabbaths.

What should we be doing right now in this time of relative abundance? Should we not be preparing for what is to come according to our God breathed Scriptures? Or don't we believe what our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son have clearly warned us is on the way?

Think about the divine Providence that we see here in the story of Joseph. Think about his two Egyptian sons Manasseh and Ephraim. Think about the human nature that we see playing out in Egypt and the disdain that we already see between the Egyptians and the Semite leaders who took them over.

And as always, I will ask you once again, to take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. And to bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock, and the door will be opened to you.

And if you will do that, we will walk together hand-in-hand through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I like to thank you for sharing your time with us here this evening. And I'd like to invite you to next Wednesday's Bible study for our study into the 42nd chapter of the book of Genesis. That's next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time right here at HolyImpactMinistries.com