

Tenth Torah Reading
Miketz



"At the End of Two Full Years..."

Joseph was "17" when the Lord chose to speak to him through two dreams as opposed to way God spoke directly to his fathers Jacob, Isaac and Abraham. His disclosure of the dreams to his elder brothers leads to his being sold to slavery and false imprisonment.

⁵And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more....⁸And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying. {Gen 37:5-11}

At "...the end of two full years," Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream of the seven kine and ears of corn (Gen 41) explaining:

"...that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass." {Gen 41:32}

At the time Joseph spoke those words, he had been in prison for two years patiently awaiting the fulfillment of his own dreams. Being sold into slavery and falsely charged he hadn't seen freedom or his family for thirteen long years. Yet Joseph believed and waited on the Lord in faith. Had Joseph given up on God's answers to his dreams during that time, he wouldn't have had the opportunity to interpret Pharaoh's, who immediately rewarded him as ruler....making his own dreams fulfilled.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt. {Gen 41:39-43}



The Divine Sovereignty of Time