

Genesis 40 Joseph Interprets the Cupbearer and the Bakers Dreams

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Introduction

Genesis 40 – Joseph Interprets the Cupbearer and the Baker's Dreams ^{verses 1-23}

The chief butler and baker of Pharaoh are also imprisoned

¹ And it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.^a ² And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. ³ And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound. ⁴ And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

Joseph interprets their dreams

⁵ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison. ⁶ And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad. ⁷ And he asked Pharaoh's officers ^b that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye *so* sadly to day? ⁸ And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.^c ⁹ And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me; ¹⁰ And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: ¹¹ And Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ¹² And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days: ¹³ Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. ¹⁴

^a YHVH ^{H3068} is not mentioned between Gen 39:23 (last verse of Gen 39) to Gen 48:18 (exclusive)

^b See Word-Study-H5631-saris-eunuch-G2135-eunouchos, article #[109](#).

^c See Dan 2:11, Dan 2:28, Dan 2:47, Dan 4:8; Dan 5:11-15;

But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: ¹⁵ For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. ^{d 16} When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head: ¹⁷ And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days: ¹⁹ Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

They are accomplished according to his interpretation.

²⁰ And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday (*Yom Yalad*), that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: ²² But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

The ingratitude of the butler, in forgetting Joseph.

²³ Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Amos 1:3 - 2:6 - For three transgressions of XYZ and for four

³ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,^e I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: ⁴ But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeel, which shall devour the palaces of Benhadad. ⁵ I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith YHVH. ⁶ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom: ⁷ But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof: ⁸ And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith *adonai* YHVH. ⁹ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: ¹⁰ But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof. ¹¹ Thus saith

^d Gen 40:14-15. Joseph declares his innocence even though he has suffered tribulations one would expect a guilty person to endure. Being kidnapped (or exiled) from the Promised Land is something Yahweh does to his people when they break His laws. Being put in a prison usually means one is guilty of breaking civil laws. But, in both cases, Joseph is suffering the penalties without committing the crimes. Likewise, sinless Yeshua suffered like a criminal; suffering from a civil authority (Rome), a religious authority (Israel's chief priests), and ultimately from Yahweh Himself as he poured the sins of the world onto the Messiah's dying body.

Source: <http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-1/Y1-37.htm>

^e **The pattern of 3 and 4:** "For three transgressions of XYZ and for four", this pattern is found eight times in Amos, and the three nations involved are Damascus, Gaza, Tyrus, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah & Israel. They are all mentioned in these verses Amo 1:3-2:6. It reminds me of Exo 20:5

Exo 20:5 KJV Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I YHVH thy Elohim am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the **third** and **fourth** generation of them that hate me;

YHVH; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever: ¹² But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. ¹³ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border: ¹⁴ But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind: ¹⁵ And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith YHVH.

^{2:1} Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime: ² But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet: ³ And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith YHVH. ⁴ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of **Judah**, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of YHVH, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked: ⁵ But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.^f ⁶ Thus saith YHVH; For three transgressions of **Israel**, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;^g

^f Jer_17:27, Jer_21:10, Jer_37:8-10, Jer_39:8, Jer_52:13; Hos_8:14

^g The annual Haftorah of Gen 37:1-40:23 (*Vayeshev* / And He settled) is Amo 2:6-3:8 (and Zec 2:10-4:7) starts with the condemning of Israel (i.e. House of), not two verses earlier where it starts with Judah (i.e. House of). Could this be about the birth certificate? the rich people (sons of Israel) are sold so that the state can run the welfare (the poor) which is supposed to be our job.

NG: This is Hebrew thinking called the **graduated number**. e.g. Psa_62:11 & Deu 16:? about the days of eating unleavened bread.

Mat 5:1-16 - The Sermon on the Mount (start of) - Y'shua Teaching Torah

¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain:^h and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³ Blessed ⁱ are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek: (*praus*^{G4239}) for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers:^j for they shall be called the children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile ^k you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward ^l in heaven:^m for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. ¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, ⁿ and to be trodden under foot of men. ¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ^o

^h As an exercise, go through the Sermon on the Mount verse by verse and make an assumption that Y'shua is only speaking to the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel". If the redeemed House of Israel is the target audience, how does this affect their ability to perform their office as a Kingdom of Priest?

RSTNE FN 4421: The mighty "Mount of Reversal" where all the curses upon the multitudes of Efrayim were reversed in this Sermon on the Mount.

ⁱ *makarios*^{G3107} LXX: *asher*^{H837}

^j peacemakers: *i-ray-nop-oy-os*^{G1518} re. NG's comments on peace, we are to be pro-active not re-active.

NG: according to the Hebrew Matthew, "Happy are those that pursue peace" i.e. the point is we're not just following something but chasing after something. This is an echo of (Psa_34:14 "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.") See also Deu_16:20. The Greek talks about making peace but the Hebrew is saying to pursue peace.

^k PUN, you will be revealed by those who revile you.

^l See Wages-of-Sin-are-Death-Explained-using-Biblical-Commercial-Redemption, article #??? (326?); Word-Study-sakar-H7939-G3408-Misthos, article #???

^m Does this mean when I die because of my being persecuted, I can cash in my pennies from heaven then and only then? Or does it mean that while on earth, in my lifetime, when I'm being persecuted, I can respond in an exceedingly glad full way the persecution brought upon me by discharging the charges from reward/money/funds that come from a different jurisdiction (see Get 15:6) i.e. a different "money of account"? See Reward in Heaven, see Mat_6:1-8 (just before the Our Father in Heaven Prayer i.e. Petition).

ⁿ if you have lost your savour (flavor), you will be cast out (raptured?).

^o The next few verses is, in my opinion, the best part, see "Marsing's Rules, Key Definitions, Goals and Provocative Questions", article #[500](#), Mat-5-17-19-Fulfil-G4137-Kalah-H3617-Kallah-H3618, Matthew 5 17-20 Interlaced with Hebrew Translation (SDSH), et. al.

e-Sword Notes

Gen 40:15:

Gen_31:38-39 stolen by day, or stolen by night.

He is stating that he is from a different law form, if you will a non-resident alien. If he doesn't make a claim then he is accepting his position which came about as a result of involuntary servitude.

Gen 40:17

The contrast between the two dreams is that the baker was not passionate about his work.

Gen 40:17

...don't ask what I think of you you might not like the answer that I give to you...

Gen 40:20

birthday: Gen_21:8; Est_1:3; Job_3:1; Mat_14:6; Mar_6:21