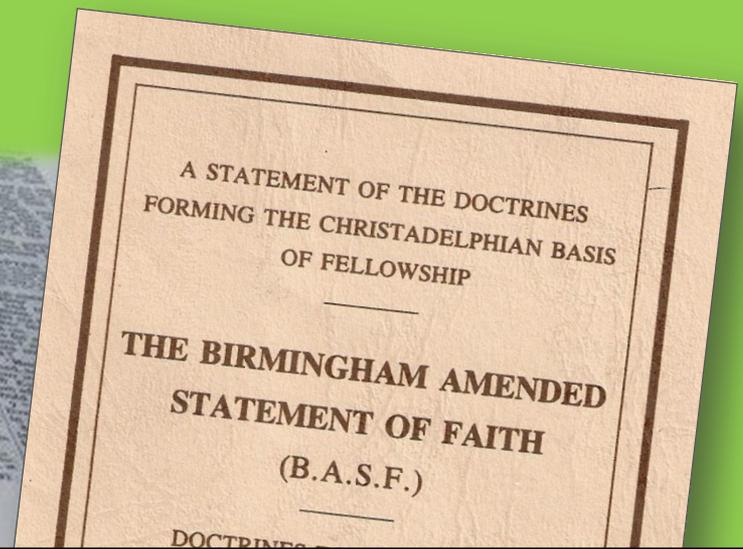


## THE GENTILE TIMES—CLASS TWO

**“Consider him that endured such a contradiction of sinners against himself”—Heb 12:3**



### **BASF**

**X—“That being so begotten of God, and inhabited and used by God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was Emmanuel, God with us, God manifest in the flesh—yet was, during his natural life, of like nature with mortal man, being made of a woman, of the house and lineage of David, and therefore a sufferer, in the days of his flesh, from all the effects that came by Adam’s transgression, including the death that passed upon all men, which he shared by partaking of their physical nature.”**

□ ***“Sin, I say, is a synonym for human nature. Hence, the flesh is invariably regarded as *unclean*. It is therefore written, ‘How can he be clean who is born of a woman?’ (Job 25:4). ‘Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one’ (Job 14:4)...This view of sin in the flesh is enlightening in the things concerning Jesus. The apostle says, ‘God *made him sin* for us, who knew no sin’ (2Cor. 5:21); and this he explains in another place by saying, that ‘He sent His own Son *in the likeness of sinful flesh*, and for sin, condemned sin *in the flesh* (Rom. 8:3) in the offering of his body once’ (Heb. 10:10, 12, 14). *Sin could not have been condemned in the body of Jesus, if it had not existed there*. His body was as unclean as the bodies of those he died for; for he was born of a woman, and ‘not one’ can bring a clean body out of a defiled body; for ‘that,’ says Jesus himself, ‘which is born of the flesh is flesh’” (Jn. 3:6).” *Elpis Israel****

Gen 39:1 And Joseph was *brought down* to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, *bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites...*

*(The Period When Christ Is Separated from Nation of Israel)*

Gen 39:2 And *the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man*; and he was in the house of HIS MASTER the Egyptian. *(\*captain of the guard—chief slaughter/executioner)*

**Brought Down—“the Jew first, then the Gentile.”** The Gentiles are second in priority; buying him forfeited of Jews (Rom 1:16).

Yahweh was with Joseph—God was with this man who was of outstanding character. To emphasize his standard as a type of Christ, there is not one sin recorded of Joseph in the Bible.

This second emphasis of a figurative death among the Gentiles is important; for both Jew and Gentile are both under sin (Rom 3:9), and both need redemption (Rom 1:16; 2:9). However, Joseph is honored among the Gentiles, not among the Jews.

Gen 39:3 And his MASTER saw that the *LORD was with him*, and that *the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand*. (*Gentiles acknowledge what Jews would not*)

Gen 39:4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and *he made him overseer over his house*, and all *that he had he put into his hand*. (*an elevated servant*)

House—reps. the ecclesia. Because Yahweh is with him, the Gentiles acknowledge this and rightly exalt him in their midst.

1Tim 3:15 “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself *in the house of God, which is the church of the living God*, the pillar and ground of the truth”

• This “house” is superior to that of Moses, says the Apostle—Heb 3:3-6 “Moses verily *was faithful in all his house, as a SERVANT*, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; *But Christ as a SON over his own house; whose house are we*, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end”<sup>4</sup>

Gen 39:5 And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him *overseer in his house, and over all that he had*, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; *and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.*

Gen 39:6 And *he left all that he had in Joseph's hand*; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. *And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.*

**All the House in Joseph's Hand—Yahweh has made Christ to be head over the ecclesial-house. He who was “dead and is alive” walks in the midst of the Lampstand (Rev 1:20; 2:1).**

**REMEMBER: we are under the headship of Christ. 3John 1:9; Acts 20:28**

**Eph 1:22-23 “(He) hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be the head over all things to the church*, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all”**

***How appropriate the servant to the Master is Head of the House.***

Gen 39:7 And it came to pass after these things, that *his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph*; and she said, Lie with me.

Gen 39:8 But he REFUSED, and said unto *his master's wife*, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and *he hath committed all that he hath to my hand*;

Gen 39:9 *There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee*, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? *(several reasons for refusing the seducer)*

**Master's Wife**—immediately follows the record of his character. Notice why Joseph “refuses” the adulterous woman: his obligation to the Master who has given all into his hand—it was a “sin against God”—the Master (Col 4:1). The “wisdom” from the Father to his Son “kept him from the strange woman” SIN (Pro 2:16; 7:7). He was not void of understanding in his youth. Older woman, younger man: sin entered the world before Christ. (Spouse: Israel/Ecclesia)

Gen 39:10 And it came to pass, as *she spake to Joseph day by day, that he HEARKENED NOT unto her, to LIE BY her, or to BE WITH her.* *(he neither entertained it nor acted upon it)*

Day by Day—Joseph exhibited a convicted conscience daily. Sin—represented in this woman—was not attractive to the Lord. This is a very important chapter for understanding the Atonement.

“In the Days of His Flesh”—33 yrs. of trial (Heb 5:7; Rom 1:3).

Heb 4:15 “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet without sin*”

2Co 5:21 “For he hath made him *to be sin* for us, *who knew no sin*; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”

Rom 8:3 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, *condemned sin in the flesh*”

- Christ did not “obey” the flesh—*diabolos*—but was entirely “obedient” to the Father (Rom 6:12-16; John 8:44; Phi 2:8). <sup>7</sup>

“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived (*same word used for a woman with child*), it bringeth forth (*same words used for birth*) sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death”—Jam 1:14-15

- The Lord was never drawn away of his own lust. This deep consideration of Joseph’s character everything to do the Lord.

Gen 39:11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house *to do his business; and there was NONE of the men of the house there within.*

**Business**—the Lord was never deterred from his Master’s business (Luke 2:49); which is what motivated him to discard the temptations of his Master’s wife.

**None of the Men**—the Lord was alone in his dealing with sin. He was literally left alone, as all men forsook him (save the Father: John 16:32), and he was mentally and morally alone. All others of the Master’s house had fallen to sin (Heb 7:26).

Gen 39:12 And she caught him by his *garment*, saying, Lie with me: and he *left his garment in her hand*, and fled, and got him out. ***Jesus never gave way to the propensities of his nature***

**Garment**—word is used SIX TIMES in this incident (chapter). The number of man! The garment and clothing represents nature in the Bible; whether mortal or immortal (“filthy garments” Zec 3:3-5; 2Cor 5:1-4; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:12). This is the only means by which sin took hold of the Lord Jesus Christ—*his garment*. Joseph “fled” from the “garment.” *Heb 7:26 “separate from sinners”*

□ “The word *sin* is used in two principal acceptations in the scripture. *It signifies in the first place, ‘the transgression of law;’ and in the next, it represents that physical principle of the animal nature, which is the cause of all its diseases, death, and resolution into dust.* It is that in the flesh ‘*which has the power of death;*’ and it is called *sin*, because the development, or fixation, of this *evil* in the flesh, was the result of transgression.” *Elpis Israel*

**Gen 39:13** And it came to pass, when *she saw that he had left his garment in her hand*, and was **FLED FORTH**,

**Related to sin through the woman—(1Tim 2:14; Job 14:4; Psa 51:5; Luke 2:21-24). Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15).**

**Fled Forth—remember how the Lord reacted to SIN: he fled from it (2Tim 2:22). We have to be careful how we attempt to relate Jesus' dealing with sin; as though he struggled with obeying the Father the same as do we. Even among ourselves, we do not all respond the same to temptation. To some it is repulsive, to others it draws them in (Rom 7:22-25). See: Jesus' temptation in the Wilderness (Mat 4:1-11). *See: Elpis Israel & Christendom Astray. (we must "flee" sin—1Cor 8:14; Jam 4:7)***

**2Co 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin"**

- **"In a very remarkable way the type foreshadowed the antitype. The Lord was constantly subjected to temptation by the lewd wife of Yahweh (Isa 54:4-5; Lk 4:2)" —Expositor, pg 441**

Some think the devil in the case was Christ's own inclinations; but this is untenable in view of the statement that "When the devil had ended all the temptation, he *departed from him for a season*" (Luke 4v13). It is also untenable in view of the harmony that existed between the mind of Christ and the will of the Father (John 8v29). *R. Roberts, Christendom Astray, pg 203*

- ❑ "It is testified that he was 'made sin for us' (2Cor 5:21). As he was not of sinful character, this could ONLY APPLY TO HIS PHYSICAL NATURE..." *Christadelphian, 1869, pg 83*
- ❑ "Possessing *sinful flesh* was no sin in him, *who kept it under perfect control*, and 'did always those things that pleased the Father.' At the same time, being the sinful flesh derived from the condemned transgressors of Eden, it admitted of sin being publicly condemned in him, without any collision with the claims of his personal righteousness, which were to be met by an immediate and glorious resurrection" —*Law of Moses, pg 161*
- ❑ "The Lord Jesus was human nature taken hold of by the Spirit" —*Law of Moses, pg 223* (*Debate #260-270 "sin in flesh"*)

**Gen 39:17** And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, *The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:*

**How Sin Views the Appearing of Messiah**—Yahweh did NOT provide his Son to “mock us,” but to “condemn sin in the flesh” or “destroy flesh and blood...diabolos.” (Heb 2:14-18).

**Heb 2:17** “Wherefore in all things *it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted*”

**Heb 5:1-2** “For every high priest *taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity*”

Gen 39:20 *And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, A PLACE where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. numbered with transgressors Isa 53:12*

**Joseph's Master—Yahweh, not men put him in prison (Act 2:23).**

**Prison—represents those “appointment to death.”**

**Psa 102:20 “To hear the groaning of *the prisoner*; to loose *those that are appointed to death*” (Psa 79:11)**

**Psa 142:7 “*Bring my soul out of prison*, that I may praise thy name”**

**King's Prisoners—not the “common prison,” but a place where those of the King were bound: grave of remembrance (John 12:17)!**

**☐ “In the revelation communicated to (John), the Spirit was *very exact in the use of words*. When he desired to impart distinct ideas, he did not select one word-sign as representative of them all” —*Eureka, Vol 2. pg 147* (see Psalm 12:6)**

**Gen 39:21** But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and *gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (in relation to “sin” the Lord’s death was unique)*

**Prison**—Joseph’s figurative death among his Jewish brethren (Gen 37), led to him being sold into Egypt—the land of the Gentiles. This leads to his exaltation among them (Acts 4:25-27; Rom 1:16; 2:9-10).

**Prison**—the word “prison” appears SIX TIMES in this event. *Unlike the “pit,” others are assigned to this prison, along with Joseph.*

**Psa 79:11** “Let the *sighing of the prisoner* come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power *preserve thou those that are appointed to die*”

- According to type and antitype, Joseph was not abandoned in “prison,” as the prophetic parable reveals. He finds “favour” with the “keeper of the prison.”

**Gen 39:22** And the keeper of the prison *committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.*

**King's Prisoners**—Those guilty of offending the King—Yahweh! The Lord is described in the Apocalypse as the one possessing “the keys to hell (the grave) and death” (Rev. 1:18). Thus, the fulfillment of the type of “all the prisoners” being “committed to Joseph's hand...that were in prison.” By tasting death for every man, the Lord became the redeemer of all such “prisoners,” who must identify with him in baptism (Rom. 6).

1Pe 3:18-19 “For Christ also hath once *suffered for sins, the just for the unjust*, that he might bring us to God, being *put to death in the flesh*, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and *preached unto the spirits in prison*”

*Bro. Roberts emphasized in his debate with Bro. Andrew, Christ cannot be considered “apart from” those he came to save (284-296)*

**Gen 39:23** The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; *because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.*

**Yahweh Was With Him**—Jesus strengthened to overcome sin.

**Isa 11:1-5** *“The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth...And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins”*

- He was “full of the Spirit” (Luke 4:1-2), without “measure” (John 3:34-35) and “made strong” by Yahweh (Psa 80:17). Therefore, he was never “left alone” (John 8:28-29; 16:32; Heb 5:7-9).

**Gen 40:1** 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.*

**Gen 40:2** And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the CHIEF of the butlers, and against the CHIEF of the bakers.

**Gen 40:3** And *he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.*

**Butler**—the cup-bearer of *wine* (see: Neh. 1:11).

**Baker**—the server of *bread* (Gen 40:17).

- These are the tokens of the New Covenant (Mat 26:26-29), which contain the principles of life eternal (John 6:53-56). Accordingly, this occurs in the Gentile phase; for the Jews rejected this—that is, the Atoning sacrifice of the Lord.

**CHIEF**—Heb “the head person.” Christ: the last Adam (Son 5:10)!

Gen 40:5 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.

Gen 40:6 And Joseph came in unto them in *the morning*, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

**Both in One Night**—two separate dreams merge together.

- *The dreams are one: students of the Word harmonize prophecies from different men and symbols of the inspired Scriptures.*

**Dream**—a prophecy (Num 12:6). These happen when a man sleeps and his mind and body are at rest from the things of the flesh so the thinking can be elevated. Like Ezekiel, Peter and John, this is when a man is “lifted up in Spirit” (Eze 3:14; 8:3).

**Morning**—interpretation comes with light. This requires the “Truth” is “the light” from God (1John 1:5; 2Cor 4:4) to give right interpretation to prophetic “dark sayings” (Psa 78:1-2; Pro 1:6).

Gen 40:8 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.

**Interpretations Belong to God**—this is an absolute Truth.

However, Yahweh *reveals them* to His servants; namely Christ!

Amo 3:6-7 “Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?... Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but *He revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets*”

- Yahweh forewarned Noah (Gen 6:13), Abraham (Gen 18:17) as well as other servants of events yet to transpire (Dan 2:28-29).

**Tell Me Them**—the Lord was the fulfillment of all Scripture:

Luke 24:44 “These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that *all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me*”

Gen 40:9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph...  
In my dream, behold, *a vine was* before me;

Gen 40:10 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:

**Prison—**butler and baker rep. “flesh and blood”: a phrase used  
for human nature (Heb. 2:14; 1Cor. 15:50; Mat. 16:17; Gal. 1:16).

**Blossoms Shot Forth**—resurrection; as with Aaron’s rod (Num  
17:8). It is brought forth from the figurative grave in life.

Gen 40:11 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. (**Christ served Yahweh: Phi 2:7-10**)

Gen 40:12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the  
interpretation of it: The *three branches are three days:*

Gen 40:13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine  
head, and *restore thee unto thy place:*

**“Heb 13:20 ‘Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, *through the blood of the everlasting covenant.*’ This is stated perhaps still more clearly in Heb 9:12 ‘Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*’ You will observe that the two words ‘for us,’ are not in the original...The verb is in the middle voice...a verb in which you do a thing to yourself. ‘Having obtained *in himself* eternal redemption’” —*Blood Of Christ, R. Roberts***

□ **“The statement that that he did these things ‘for us’ has blinded many to the fact that he did them ‘for himself’ first—without which he could not have done them for us; for it was by doing them for himself that he did them for us. *He did them for us only as we may become part of him, in merging our individualities in him by taking part in his death, and putting on his name and sharing his life afterwards*” —*Law of Moses, R. Roberts (Heb 5:3; 7:27; 9:7, 12-14; Lev 16:11,17)*** 21

Gen 40:16 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*: ***(righteous thinking of Christ: Heb 4:15; 2Cor 5:21)***

Gen 40:17 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*.

Gen 40:18 And Joseph answered and said...

Gen 40:19 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.

**Bread—**While his body, or nature, was common to that of all men (Heb. 2:14-18), the mind of Christ was entirely holy. Carnal thoughts were not conceived in the mind of our Lord, for such would have been transgression, or sin (Jam. 4:17; Mat. 5:28; Pro. 24:9; Phi. 2:5; Rom. 8:6-8). He crucified the “body of sin.”

**1Pe 2:24** “Who his own self BARE OUR SINS *in his own body* on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness”

**1Pe 3:18** “For Christ also hath once SUFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being *put to death in the flesh*, but quickened by the Spirit”

**1Pe 4:1** “Forasmuch then as Christ hath SUFFERED FOR US *in the flesh*, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind”

**Heb 2:14-18** “Forasmuch then as the children are *partakers of flesh and blood*, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil...For verily he took not on *him the nature of angels*; *but he took on him the seed of Abraham*...For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted” *(these all refer to the Lord’s nature)*

❑ “A sinless man made subject to the consequence of sin”—*Law of Moses, pg 125*

Gen 40:20 And it came to pass **THE THIRD DAY**, *which was Pharaoh's birthday*, 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.

Gen 40:21 And *he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:*

Gen 40:22 But he *hanged the chief baker*: as Joseph had interpreted to them. (***Death to the flesh is a Birth to Yahweh***)

Gen 40:23 Yet did not the chief butler **REMEMBER Joseph**, *but forgot him.*

**Birth & Death—the Atonement:** from death comes life; born anew after the spirit and not the flesh (1Pet 1:23; John 3:3-6).  
The two malefactors (one repented, the other refused).

**Do This In Remembrance of Me—**between his death and exaltation, there is a period to remember the Lord's sacrifice (1Cor 11:24). We must never forget the principles of the prison.

□ ***“It was a sacrifice operative on himself first of all; for he is the beginning of the new creation, the firstfruits of the new harvest, the foundation of the new temple...As such, it was needful that he should himself be subject of the process and the reaper of the results. Hence the testimony (Heb 13:20)...that by his own blood, entering into the holy place he obtained (middle, or self-subjective, state of the verb) eternal redemption (“for us” is interpolated) Heb 9:12. The Father saved him from death for his obedience unto death (Heb 5:7-9; Phil 2:8-9; Rom 5:19).” —Law of Moses, pg 90-91***

□ ***“He was “made sin for us” (2 Cor. 5:21); that he was made of a woman in the likeness of sinful flesh (Gal. 4:4; Rom. 8:3), and that by a figure God hath laid on him the iniquities of us all (Isa. 53:6), and that he bore our sins in his own body to the tree (1 Pet. 2:24)” —Law of Moses.***

**The Lord reflected the character of his Father, doing only His Will (Heb. 1:1-3; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 8:29; 14:9-10; 17:4-6; Col. 1:15)<sub>25</sub>**

Gen 40:21 And *he restored the chief butler* unto his butlership again; and *he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand*:

**Gave the Cup into Pharaoh's Hand**—the sacrifice of the Lord was in servitude of Yahweh, and for His purpose.

**2Co 5:19** “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world *unto himself*, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation”

**Psa 80:17** “Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong *for thyself*” (Isa 59:16)

□ “The death of Christ has more to do with the exaltation of God, than the salvation of man. Most men take in the latter more easily than the former, and quickly get astray through the power of mere humanitarianism” *R. Roberts, Diary of a Voyage, pg. 70*

“He appeared to *put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*” —Heb. 9:26

**Gen 41:1** And it came to pass at *the end of two full years*, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

**End of Two Full Years**—it marks the period when we “remember” the Lord’s keeping of the King’s Prisoners: the butler and baker—memorial emblems. The “the end of two full years” is typical of the completion of two thousand years—between the resurrection and second coming of Christ: the Gentile Times.

- A “day” representing a “thousand years” (2Pet. 3:8-9; Psa. 90:4). And, in other portions of the Word, a “day” can represent “a year” (Eze. 4:4-6; Num. 14:34; Gen. 29:27).
- *Two separate dreams: like Joseph’s and the butler and baker, Pharaoh had separate dreams that were represented “ONE.” Scriptural study requires weaving together different prophecies to conclude “ONE” uniform meaning (Acts 2; Heb 1). Christ & apostles quoted different prophecies in one context. All the dreams in Joseph’s life are by twos.*

**Gen 41:8** And it came to pass in the morning that HIS SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED; and *he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof:* and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was NONE *that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.*

**Spirit Was Troubled**—greatest comfort of the Truth is knowing the Divine Plan & Purpose. Men have tried every form of government, legal system, religion, economy, education...and nothing works! The Truth gives us a “sound mind” (Jam 1:8; 2Tim 1:7); which is why Christ so often cured mental infirmity!

**Wise Men**—like the Babylonian King, the answer cannot be found among the wise men, magicians, and astrologers of this world (Dan 2:1-13; 5:7-8). They know not spiritual things (1Cor 1-2), and cannot discern them. This is the very reason the Bible was recorded in this mode of parables and symbols: to reveal to those who understand, and conceal from those who refuse God (Mat 13:10-11; Rev 1:1).

**The world has the same tools available as the Christadelphian.  
Why can't they understand prophetic parables?**

❑ **“The ‘natural man’ can neither unfold, nor ‘see’ when it is explained for the simple reason that it is ‘spiritually discerned’ (1Cor 2:14). The clergymen and ministers who have mystified themselves and the public by their apocalyptic researches have all signally failed for this cause, not for want of an acquaintance with heathen authors in their original Latin and Greek, proficiency in which is the glory of all the natural man, *but for want of that spiritual discernment which is anchored to a comprehensive understanding and belief of the truth as it is in the prophets and apostles.*” Eureka, Vol 2 pg 156**

**We reason in “principles” not merely “facts.” Doctrine is the foundation of all parabolic reasoning (Mark 4:1-2). If one is looking for a ‘Trinity’ or ‘Immortal Soul’ or ‘Paradise in the Skies Beyond’ you have lost the ability to have your eyes opened.**

**None Could Interpret—the only one worthy to open this prophetic book was the Lord Jesus; emerging from prison!**

**Rev 5:5 “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, *hath prevailed to open the book*, and to loose the seven seals thereof”**

□ **“*The Apocalypse* is represented as a book in the right hand of God completely sealed up. When John saw the book, he heard a loud voice inquiring, “Who is worthy to unroll the scroll, and to loose its seals?” But no man or angel came forward. “And no man,” says John, “in the heaven, nor upon the earth, nor under the earth, was able to unroll the scroll, nor to see it“... John was exceedingly distressed at this. The words and the book that Daniel had been commanded to shut up and seal (ch. 12: 4, 9) no man in the heaven, earth, or grave, was found worthy or able to open...” *Eureka Vol 1. pg 11-12 (“times and seasons”)***

Gen 41:9 Then spake *the chief butler* unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

- This period of “remembrance” not only refers to the Lord’s death, but also his exaltation. *This is the time Joseph spent serving the “prisoners” (those under the condemnation of sin and death) Isa 42:6-7; Psa 102:20...79:11; 1Pet 3:19*

Gen 41:12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

Gen 41:13 And it came to pass, *as he interpreted to us, so it was*; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

**Interpreted To Us**—This man brought low into the prison is the one who possessed the answers of God’s message, while the wise men of Egypt were left totally ignorant concerning the prophetic significance of the dream (see: 1Cor. 1:17-31).

**Gen 41:14** Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily *out of the dungeon*: and he shaved, *and changed his raiment*, and came in unto Pharaoh.

**Changed his Raiment**—Christ is “clothed” with immortality (2Cor 5:1-4). He “changed his garments” (Gen 35:2)—from flesh to spirit (John 20:7). Psa 132:15-18; Isa 61:10

**Shaving**—cleansing under the Law (Lev 14:8-9; Num 6:9; 8:7)

**Gen 41:15** Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is none that can interpret it*: and I have heard say of thee, *that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it*.

**Interpret**—only after the Lord was resurrected *from prison*.

**Rev 1:1** “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, *which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass*; and he sent and SIGNIFIED it...”

**Gen 41:16** And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is not in me: GOD shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*

- “The Eternal Spirit, then, imparted to Jesus, *after his glorification*, the times, and seasons, and mode, and circumstances of his reappearing upon earth; all of which constituted *a revelation* such as he had not yet been the subject of.” *Eureka, Vol.1 pg 13*
- “*This was not the purpose for which it was given him*, simply, as it were, to make the Son equal in knowledge with the Father and more intelligent than the angels in heaven. It was given him as ‘the Head of the Body the Ecclesia’...The apocalypse of his future was given to him for their benefit, that they might know the things which must be accomplished speedily.” *pg. 15* **Caution: MAT 24:36; ACTS 1:7**
- **THE LORD’S KNOWLEDGE—IN BOTH FIRST AND SECOND ADVENTS—WAS THAT ACQUIRED BY GOD ALONE (JOHN 8:28; REV 1:1)**

**Gen 41:24 I told this unto *the magicians*; but there was none that could declare it to me. (*can't hear spirit's voice—Jn 10:3-27*)**

**God deliberately set forth His revelation to confound the “wise” of this world (1Cor 1), without human theatrics (magicians)—1Co 2:1-8 “We speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew.”**

- **Pharaoh's dream is marked by the number “seven” (kine, ears, plenty, famine). This number likewise marks the Apocalypse (list: ecclesias, seals, trumpets, thunders... etc.)**

**Furthermore, Joseph, the butler and baker, and Pharaoh all have prophetic dreams, but not his brethren. Israel is in darkness.**

**This is the last of the dreams, as the Apocalypse is the last revelation of God to man, through His son, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gen 41:25 The dream of Pharaoh IS ONE: *God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.*

Gen 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be *seven years of famine.*      *(specific times and seasons are now revealed)*

**Famine—destitute of the Word in all lands!**

Amo 8:11 “The days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, *not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD*”

Deu 32:2 “*My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew...*”

Psa 37:18 “The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: *and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied*”

Gen 41:32 And for 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. (Rev 1:1)

The Dreams—why reveal the Divine plan by symbolism?

- “Symbols...*the greater is represented by the less...miniature representations of the reality—great things illustrated by small.* THIS IS THE RULE OF PROPHECY, whether the truth be stated literally or by symbols—the verbal always falls short of the real, which is ‘joy unspeakable and full of glory;’ things which cannot be expressed. *Because of the Spirit's working by this rule it is that so much has been revealed in so small a book.* It is a condensed view of the deep things of the Deity, which, if they had been magnitudinously revealed, ‘I suppose,’ as John says, ‘that even the *kosmos* itself could not contain the Books that should be written.’ *Condensation, then, is the general principle of divine revelation; but of the symbols, it is the special” —Eureka Vol. 1*

**Gen 41:33** Now therefore let Pharaoh look out *a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.*

**Gen 41:34** Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and *take up the fifth part* of the land of Egypt in the *seven plenteous years.*

**Let Pharaoh—the ruler appoints the man to *save all creation.***

□ “Joseph suggests that the people be asked to sacrifice in the years of plenty so that they may have that to draw upon in the time of want...We should sacrifice something of the present that we may in a time of want (at the Judgment Seat) have that upon which we can draw in order to save us from being ‘cut off.’” —*Expositor, pg. 455* (2Cor 9:6; Mat 25:1-14).

**Gal 6:7-8** “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: *for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting”

Gen 41:38 Pharaoh said unto his servants, *Can we find such a one as this is, a man IN WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS?*

Gen 41:39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, *Forasmuch as God hath SHEWED THEE all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: (Father did show all to Son John 5:20; Col. 2:3)*

Gen 41:40 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.

**Only In the Throne**—God exalted Christ to his position, as the Lord himself declared, “my father is greater than I” (John 14:28). God is the “head” of Christ (1Cor 11:3). NOTE: Joseph, like Christ, went directly from prison to the highest exaltation possible!

**Over My House**—the ecclesia is Christ’s reward! *It must govern by his Word* 1Tim 3:15; Eph 1:22; 5:23-25; Col 1:18; Rev. 2:1

Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, *I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. (Mat 28:18; Phi 2:9-11)*

Gen 41:42 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;

Gen 41:43 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.

**Ring**—authority from the One who gave it (Est 3:10; 8:2).

**Fine Linen**—righteousness, immortality (Rev 19:8-14; 15:6)

**Gold Chain**—character purged by trial (1Pet 1:7-9)

**Second Chariot**—still subservient to Yahweh (1Cor 15:28)

- *Christ came in his Father's name, not his own (John 5:43), and will return with the authority given him by Yahweh (Luke 9:26)*

**Bow the Knee**—represents complete submission to the One appointed and exalted by the Supreme Power—Yahweh (Phi. 2:8-10). This was the reward for Christ's obedience; even the death of the cross.

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name *Zaphnath-paaneah*; and he gave him to wife Asenath the *daughter* of Potipherah *priest* of On. *And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.* ***Christ given all authority John 6:27***

Zaphnathpaaneah—“savior of the world.” Title especially used for the redemption of the Gentiles (Acts 5:31; John 4:42). The name has also been said to imply “revealer of secrets.” The two principles are drawn together by the apostle—Eph 3:3-6. Paul talks about the revealing of the “mystery” (secret) included “the Gentiles” becoming “fellowheirs and of the same body.” *Col 1:27*

□ “By marriage, Joseph became associated with the priesthood, and so, by a remarkable type, the elevation of the Lord Jesus as priest was foreshadowed. See Heb 7:12-13” —*Expositor, pg 457*

- Joseph to be seen NOT just as a political leader, but a religious ruler. Like Solomon, his bride is from Egypt (Gentiles).

Gen 41:46 And Joseph *was thirty years old* when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph *went out from the presence of Pharaoh*, and went THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT.

**Thirty years**—the age that Levites began their duties (Num. 4:3), and the age that David began to reign (2Sam. 5:4). Priest-King (Psa 132 priest-king brings Ark to Zion).

**Joseph When Out**—so the gospel of Christ has gone into all the world after his death and subsequent resurrection (see: Mat. 24:14; Mark 16:15; Col. 1:5-6).

Gen 41:47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by *handfuls*.

**Handfuls**—the very word used throughout the Law of Moses representing an offering the people would bring to the priest to mediate on their behalf (Lev 2:2; 5:12; 9:17; Num 5:26). Joseph then, is typical of the Mediator and Priesthood.