

Read Genesis 41:37-45

37 Joseph's suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials.

38 So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?"

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are.

40 You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours."

41 Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the entire land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and placed it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in fine linen clothing and hung a gold chain around his neck.

43 Then he had Joseph ride in the chariot reserved for his second-in-command. And wherever Joseph went, the command was shouted, "Kneel down!" So, Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all Egypt.

44 And Pharaoh said to him, "I am Pharaoh, but no one will lift a hand or foot in the entire land of Egypt without your approval."

45 Then Pharaoh gave Joseph a new Egyptian name, Zaphenath-paneah. He also gave him a wife, whose name was Asenath. She was the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On. So Joseph took charge of the entire land of Egypt.

Did Pharaoh take Joseph's advice (v. 37)? Yes. He liked Joseph's plan.

What did Pharaoh ask his officials (v. 38)? Is there any Egyptian as godly as Joseph?

Did his officials know anyone more godly or smarter than Joseph? No

What did Pharaoh realize (v. 39)? That Joseph was smarter than anyone else in Egypt.

What did Pharaoh do next (vv. 40-41)? He made Joseph his second in command. Joseph was in charge of all of Egypt. Everyone had to obey Joseph.

What did Pharaoh do for Joseph (vv. 42-43)? (Read)

How important was Joseph (v. 44)? He was more important than everyone except Pharaoh.

What did Pharaoh give to Joseph (v. 45)? A new Egyptian name and a wife.

How did Joseph all of a sudden become so important after he was in prison for over two years? Because God blessed him for being obedient and faithful. Joseph trusted God even when he was in prison.