

Read Genesis 41:46- 57

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he began serving in the court of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And when Joseph left Pharaoh's presence, he inspected the entire land of Egypt.

47 As predicted, for seven years the land produced bumper crops.

48 During those years, Joseph gathered all the crops grown in Egypt and stored the grain from the surrounding fields in the cities.

49 He piled up huge amounts of grain like sand on the seashore. Finally, he stopped keeping records because there was too much to measure.

50 During this time, before the first of the famine years, two sons were born to Joseph and his wife, Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On.

51 Joseph named his older son Manasseh, for he said, "God has made me forget all my troubles and everyone in my father's family."

52 Joseph named his second son Ephraim, for he said, "God has made me fruitful in this land of my grief."

53 At last the seven years of bumper crops throughout the land of Egypt came to an end.

54 Then the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had predicted. The famine also struck all the surrounding countries, but throughout Egypt there was plenty of food.

55 Eventually, however, the famine spread throughout the land of Egypt as well. And when the people cried out to Pharaoh for food, he told them, "Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you."

56 So with severe famine everywhere, Joseph opened up the storehouses and distributed grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout the land of Egypt.

57 And people from all around came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph because the famine was severe throughout the world.

How old was Joseph when he started serving in the court of Pharaoh (v. 46)? Thirty

What happened during the next seven years (v. 47)? There was lots of food

What did Joseph do during those seven years of plenty (vv. 48-49)? He gathered all the crops and stored them.

What happened in Joseph's life during this time (v. 50)? His wife had two baby boys.

What did Joseph name his sons and why (vv. 51-52)? (Read)

When the seven years of plenty come to an end, what happened (v. 54)? Seven years of famine began. The people soon ran out of food.

When the people ran out of food what did Pharaoh tell them to do (v. 55)? Go see Joseph.

What did Joseph do (v 56)? He had stored up all the extras crops and now he sold them to the people.

What did all the people do and why (v 47)? They came to buy grain from Joseph. He was the only one who had grain to sell.