

Message: ***"What God is About To Do"***

Scripture: Genesis 41:28-32, 39-40
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The recurring theme in Genesis is it is God who reveals, and what God reveals is firmly fixed according to His plan. Joseph declares, *"Do not interpretations belong to God?"* (40:8) Joseph was under no illusion that this is him and he has a reason to be proud about this. No, this entirely comes from God. Then he said to Pharaoh, *"The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what He is about to do."* (41:25) This *"matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon."* (41:32)

God has been sovereign over all of Joseph's failures and also his successes. What is this all about? The end of all this was that God would save this little family of 70 persons who came to Egypt, God wanted to do that. Don't lose sight of this. He wanted to save one family. He directs the affairs of empires for the sake of His people. In His sovereign plan, He is going to direct the affairs of an entire dynasty, of the world's great superpower, because He loves His people. He loves to bless.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. How do you account for the significant role dreams play in Gen 37, 40- 41? What evidence do you see that through dreams God exerts control over events?
2. In Pharaoh's dreams, what do you make of the impending famine? Is it a judgment or punishment from God? Or is it one of life's natural disasters?
3. What kind of response to "what God is about to do" does the dream call for: repentance in face of judgment? Or, wise precaution in face of warning?
4. What does each dream episode teach about Joseph? About his relationship with God? About God's concern for His people?