

Joseph Before Pharaoh

41: 1-57

After thirteen years of waiting, **Joseph** was suddenly released and brought to stand before **Pharaoh** himself. But as powerful as the king of **Egypt** was, this chapter is really about the sovereign work of **the LORD** in the lives of those who serve **Him**. It was **ADONAI** who disturbed **Pharaoh** in **his dreams** and jostled the memory of **the cupbearer**, so that **he** remembered the Hebrew slave who interpreted **his dream**, and **God** is in charge of history, so **He** can grant dreams that tell future events and inspire servants to rightly interpret those dreams. So the narrative is a story about **Yosef, Pharaoh, the cup-bearer**, and others, but above all, it is a story about **the LORD**, the great mover and shaper of history, and about **ADONAI's** pleasure in using a single servant who is willing to submit **his** life to **His** control.⁶³¹