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# DAILY READING

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### JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAMS

**41** <sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dreams mean the same thing. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years. The dreams mean the same thing. <sup>27</sup> The seven thin, sickly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven worthless, scorched heads of grain are seven years of famine.

<sup>28</sup> “It is just as I told Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup> Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt. <sup>30</sup> After them, seven years of famine will take place, and all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten. The famine will devastate the land. <sup>31</sup> The abundance in the land will not be remembered because of the famine that follows it, for the famine will be very severe. <sup>32</sup> Since the dream was given twice to Pharaoh,

it means that the matter has been determined by God, and he will carry it out soon.

<sup>33</sup> “So now, let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh do this: Let him appoint overseers over the land and take a fifth of the harvest of the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. <sup>35</sup> Let them gather all the excess food during these good years that are coming. Under Pharaoh’s authority, store the grain in the cities, so they may preserve it as food. <sup>36</sup> The food will be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will take place in the land of Egypt. Then the country will not be wiped out by the famine.”