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21st Century Famine

“Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream... Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.” So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.” Genesis 41

God gave the dream twice because what He was about to do was established. The number 2 in the beginning of Genesis 41 is significant. It means to divide, judge, separate, and discern.

God was about to separate Joseph and give him the interpretation of Pharaoh’s dream and discernment and instruction for the days ahead. Wisdom is having the knowledge and understanding of what to do with what you know.

In Pharaoh’s 2 consecutive dreams, the number 7 is significant. It means complete; finished; rest.

The parallel of Joseph’s time with the occurrences of today are evident. God is about to separate His people and an obvious difference will be witnessed regarding the people of God and the world. God is going to increase the discernment of His people in the days ahead. Additionally, God is going to give His people rest and peace in the midst of the things that are about come.

God is going to pronounce judgment against those who oppose Him and His righteous cause. This world’s system and all it depends on is falling; it is being cast down as nothing. What was thought to sustain will be lost. (Genesis 41:1-12)

The world’s focus is on the well-favored material things that are thought to help in economics times, but what the world now sees is that it’s gone in a moment. (Revelation 3:17)

God has been speaking to the Body of Christ – warning - that there was something coming and many did not prepare; many are not ready for the economic distress in this world’s system. If you were one that heeded the prophetic Word, you are not worried because you have the assurance that God prepared you for this season and time. For those that did not believe and/or did not heed the Word, your current struggle is proof that you did not prepare.

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As the wealth transfer begins to take hold of you, you must prepare for the distresses to come. The world does not have the answer to what is to come, but God's people have the discernment and instruction of Almighty. God will meet your needs and the needs of others.

The scripture says that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light (Luke 16:8). Wake up and get ready! God is warning us again and it will be to our blessing and advantage that we are in position to receive the instruction of the Lord.

Even as God gave Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream accompanied by instruction, we need to look at this as a warning and instruction for the 21st Century Church. Joseph informed Pharaoh that in the years of plenty they needed to store up additional food stores in preparation for the coming famine. We too need to store extra food and supplies in case the time comes where we're prevented from getting needed supplies.

- We need to store extra cash that is easily accessible in case the banks are down.
- We need to store non-perishable items and bottle water.
- We need to ensure important identification papers (e.g. birth certificate, passport, driver's license / state ID, bank account information, papers on your children, etc.) are kept in a safe place and are easily accessible.

For those who might feel this is a spiritual battle, examine the story of Joseph; the famine was also a natural disaster. God provided for Joseph's father (Israel), his brothers, and their families to buy corn in Egypt as they had money to go and buy corn. God is going to provide the means - because He has given us the ability to get wealth - to obtain what's needed in the days ahead. God sent Joseph ahead of the famine, to preserve life, to save posterity in the earth, and to save lives by a great deliverance. (Genesis 45:5, 7)

Jesus has gone ahead of us to preserve our lives and to save posterity in the earth through His people; saving our lives and bringing deliverance to our souls and the souls of our loved ones and others.

Within the next 2 years we need to prepare and be ready. There are still hard times ahead, but not for the people of God who heed the Word of God and instruction. Jesus has gone before us to save us, to prosper us, and to deliver us.

As it was in Joseph's day, the famine was worldwide, but we don't have to fear, lose hope or lose heart. Our God will save us, keep us, and provide for us in the time to come. I can assure you that the real birth pains are about to hit.