

Your Answer is Coming.

Shalom,

This week's Torah reading is found in **Genesis 41:1 - 44:17**, and is the portion called *Mikeitz* in the Hebrew Scriptures, or "**At the end,**" when translated. I believe that most of us can think of times in our own lives where it appeared that everything that could go wrong had gone wrong. It certainly must have seemed that way for Joseph. From the time that God had given him dreams indicating that he would rule, everything that had occurred in his life indicated that it could never happen. From being assaulted and sold as a slave by his own brothers; being enslaved in a foreigner's house; being falsely accused as a sexual predator; and being held for years in prison. Surely the likelihood of freedom must have seemed impossible. How could he have even imagined being in a place of dominion when everything he saw was contrary to the truth? I believe that the answer to that question lies in the power of the word revealed to him in the God-given dreams, and it is the same for all of us. Regardless of the circumstances that may surround us, **if we will hold onto the hope which is planted in us by God's Word, we will see the truth in our hearts, as God has revealed it, and, as we hold fast to our confession that what He has said will be manifest in our lives.** Joseph held onto the power of his dreams until, **in one day**, he was not only released from his unjust prison sentence, but, **in a scenario that could only have been orchestrated by YHWH**, he was elevated from inmate to Prime Minister of Egypt. He had spent thirteen years wondering why, as a servant of God, he should suffer such reproach, and it seems certain that he must have been tempted to give up. Praise God, he was convinced of God's revelation, and held onto it until the day of his deliverance.

I would like you to really consider all that happened to Joseph, from the time of his dreams in Genesis 37 until the days when all his prayers were answered and each dream was fulfilled in Genesis 45. This is **especially important for you if you have been under attack** from the enemy and have become discouraged by the lies of the enemy tempting you to speak unbelieving words of defeat. Most of us know what it's like to pray for a long time and see no changes. In fact, it sometime seems that things get worse, and if we don't hold fast to our confession of faith, we may begin to establish things with our mouths that we, in no way, want to happen. Remember, we walk by faith, and not by sight. Seeing negative circumstances with our physical eyes can cause us to develop deadly emotions. Deal with those **negative emotions quickly by overcoming them with the Word of your testimony. You are blood-bought, and all the lies that speak of fearful outcomes must be speedily dealt with**, or a circuit of doubt and unbelief will be completed and repeated over and over again.

Don't ever forget that God is on your side, just as He was on the Joseph's side, and even though the devil has devised a plan for your defeat, our Father will turn around everything the devil has meant for evil in your life, and will bring good out of it if you hold fast and continue to trust. Joseph was sold into slavery, and when he began to prosper as a slave, he was falsely accused and landed in prison; but when he was delivered by the hand of God, he remembered that God's hand had not only sustained him, but He had even used the devil's plans to propel him to the place of dominion that God had planned for him, and in so doing, He had seen to the deliverance of all Israel, as well as the people of Egypt and the surrounding nations.

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Remember this, those seemingly impossible dreams that Joseph dreamt were God's prophetic pronouncement of what He had already established in His eternal realm. The way that He showed it to Joseph didn't go over well with his brothers, or even with Jacob, but, nonetheless, it was the plan of God for deliverance for the nation of Israel and for the ultimate blessing of all who would trust Him.

In the same way, I believe, that as we submit ourselves to the loving plan of YHWH, He will turn every difficult and trying time in our lives into an opportunity, or springboard, for blessing and cause the good seed that we sow to produce much fruit. It may seem that you have been believing for a long time without noticeable results, and that you have been living with difficulty and seeming failure, but remember, that, just as Joseph was one day a prisoner, and the next day the second in command in Egypt, know that your day of deliverance is very near. Keep trusting in our Lord, Yeshua. He will bring you out of darkness into His glorious light. **He delivers us from darkness into the kingdom of His glorious light.**

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Psalms 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

God's perfect will for us is not just that we can call for help in times of trouble, which we can, but how much more that we be prepared for whatever comes. By our faith, our trust, we will always be ready.

Trusting, no matter what,
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