

## Genesis 40

1 We don't know what the offense was, but we do know God providentially placed them in the prison with Joseph.

2-4 Sounds like different sections had different people in charge, probably of delivering rations and checking on their confinement. It just so happened -ha- that these two are assigned to Joseph.

5 Who gave the dream? The God that guides the course of all men.

6 Is that unusual in prison? Joseph must have been a good reader of people's emotional state. Something more was wrong than just being in prison. Spiritual people are sensitive to the condition of lives they come in contact with.

7 He is concerned enough to ask the reason. This too, was the leading of God.

8 Joseph doesn't say he can, but that God can. He takes the time to hear their dreams.

9-12 He heard from God immediately. Joseph is a man that walks in communion with God. In all his troubles he has kept his heart fixed upon God and not become bitter.

13,14 He asks to just be remembered. Since he knows the interpretation is of God, he knows this is the man to ask.

15 He seeks justice, release from confinement. God has a lot more in store for him than that.

16-19 bread - flesh Jesus makes the same analogy. Birds are also an evil omen in the book of Revelation.

20-22 May mean impaled upon a stick.

23 The time was yet a ways off and so he again faces disappointment. What a work God was creating in Joseph!