

## “Do Not Interpretations Belong to God?”

Genesis 40:1–41:57

February 11, 2024

### Dreams, Interpretations, and Outcomes

“I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:2)

“In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:3)

**God reveals his future through his chosen, so prepare.**

5 Ways to Prepare:

1. If you want to prepare for your future, believe that it belongs to God.
2. If you want to prepare for your future, know through whom God has revealed it.
3. If you want to prepare for your futures, understand that God is working his outcomes.
4. If you want to prepare for your future, trust that God is working in your present.
5. If you want to be prepared for your future, recognize how he wants you to respond.

“I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.’” (Isaiah 46:9–10)

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.” (Hebrews 1:1–2)

“And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.” (Acts 7:9–10)

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30–31)

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## Discuss

- What do you wish you knew about your future, and how would you prepare if you knew it?
- Do you think that Christians should expect God to speak to us today in dreams?
- What do you think Joseph must've felt as he suffered, and how do you think he processed it in hindsight? Are there ways that thinking through that impacts how you think about hard things (past or present) in your life?
- While God hasn't revealed everything about our future, he's clearly revealed some things. What are they, and how can we prepare in light of them?
- In the sermon, there were at least five practical ways to be prepared for God's future. Did one of them resonate with you?

## Read

Isaiah 46:8–11; Acts 17:22–33

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will help you to fully embrace what God reveals about your future and rightly prepare.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to live for his outcomes and purposes in your life, even if it involves suffering.

## Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Childcare Appreciation and Training Lunch: February 11 at 12:00pm
- Men's Breakfast: February 17 at 8:00am
- Members' Meeting: March 10 at 5:00pm