

## Seven Good Years and Seven Evil Years – Special Study



### **The Prophetic Dreams of Pharaoh of Egypt – Genesis 41:1-13**

According to the account in Genesis 41, there were two prophetic dreams divinely given to Pharaoh by the setting of the Nile River, which was the “lifeline” of Egypt. These dreams included seven fat kine (cattle) followed by seven lean kine (cattle) and, subsequently, by seven full ears of corn followed by seven ears blasted by the east wind. Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, was greatly troubled, and he solicited all the wise men in his kingdom, seeking the interpretation to these two dreams. After an exhaustive search and not finding anyone to interpret the dreams, Pharaoh was personally accosted by his chief butler. The butler had become aware of Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams while in the prison with the baker. The butler and the baker each had fateful dreams, while in prison and Joseph rightfully interpreted their dreams, which led to the exoneration of the butler, however the baker was put to death.

### **Joseph Interprets and Becomes Counselor to Pharaoh – Genesis 41:14-44**

After two full years following the butler’s exoneration, he finally remembered Joseph and made the matter known to Pharaoh. Upon these tidings, Joseph was immediately summoned and, made ready to be brought up from the prison to stand before Pharaoh. Pharaoh rehearsed the details of both dreams to him. After Joseph waited, he received the interpretations from God, and shared them with Pharaoh. The dreams revealed there would be “seven good years” followed by “seven evil years” that would engulf the whole land of Egypt. Pharaoh believed Joseph’s interpretations and subsequently promoted him to his own right hand as his counselor. Joseph’s counsel directed the Egyptians to construct granaries and to store from the abundance of harvest during the seven good years. The Egyptians hearkened and filled the granaries with corn to sustain the land during the seven evil years of drought and famine. This proved to be very wise counsel!

### **Joseph Accepted as a Type of Christ’s First Advent**

Most Bible scholars readily accept Joseph’s dreams as prophetic of the First Advent of Christ and accept Joseph as almost a perfect type of Christ. Therefore, the life of Joseph furnishes almost a perfect foreshadowing of Christ’s rejection by His brethren, His sufferings, His humiliation, and His subsequent visitation to the Gentiles preceding His final exaltation. One well-known Bible scholar has made over 106 indisputable comparisons between the life of Joseph and the life of Christ. There appears to be no serious contention among scholars in accepting Joseph as a type of Christ and His First Advent as well as acceptance of the land of Egypt as a type of the Gentile world. However, many of these same scholars “shy away” from these types and shadows as having prophetic application of the Second Advent of Christ and “the last days.”

### **Joseph Exalted – Accepted as a Type of Christ’s Second Advent**

However, there are prophecy scholars in the Church who venture into accepting the “Seven Evil Years” from Pharaoh’s dreams as prophetic of the Seven Year Tribulation

Period that will yet befall the world in the last days. The “Seven Evil Years” as prophetic of a seven-year Tribulation Period and the events therein are clearly defined with the exact time periods in both the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation.

### **The Dream is One – Genesis 41:26**

However, in considering the account from Genesis 41, we should note that the “Seven Good Years” preceded the “Seven Evil Years,” and clearly stated by Joseph to Pharaoh, that the “dream is one,” or inseparable. Therefore, we contend that the “Seven Good Years” are prophetic and can be defined as the “times of spiritual restoration” for the Church. We likewise believe the “Seven Evil Years” that follow will usher in the “times of spiritual restoration” for the nationally restored Israel ([Covenant Week](#)). Many prophecy scholars readily acknowledge that Israel, as a nation, stands in need of “times of spiritual restoration” ([Last Days](#)). However, these same prophetic scholars are offended that the Living Church is also standing in desperate need of “times of spiritual restoration.” This includes restoration of Early Church doctrine and “the more-sure word” of prophecy. Prophecy scholars and students may choose to deny that the “Living Church” has taken a great fall into the apostasy of the “last days” ([Church Seated in the World](#)). However, we believe, some in the Living Church will eventually awake, and acknowledge their need of spiritual restoration. They will become thankful to the Lord for His grace and mercy in sending a final visitation of the Holy Spirit as the “geshem shower” before the “seven evil years.”

### **The “Seven Good Years” - A final Visitation to the Living Church**

Therefore, we believe the “Seven Good Years” will define the very “last days” for the Church and will commence with a final visitation of the Holy Spirit as the “geshem rain.” This rain occurs in scripture as synonymous with the Lord’s coming, i.e., “parousia” to receive His Church ([Standing and Turning with John](#)). Therefore, we believe this final rain, “geshem rain” ([Rainfall Holy Spirit](#)), will be poured out upon the Living Church, to restore and revive the doctrines of the Church, especially the doctrine of the “blessed hope” of being “caught up” to meet the Bridegroom in the air. These “Seven Good Years” will be a “short work” fulfilled at the beginning of the Seventh Day of the Lord ([Seven Millennial Days](#)), according to Rev 1, 2 and 3. This “geshem rain” will enable the Living Church, as they have “an ear to hear,” to lay hold on where they are standing, i.e., on the “Day of the Lord” now breaking first in the heavens. This visitation of the Spirit will provide the Church with an express understanding into the “times and seasons” and “signs of the times” that have faithfully heralded in the coming “parousia” of the Lord. These years defined as a “short work” in the Church will usher in “the judgment beginning at the house of God” (I Peter 4:17 & Rev 1,2&3). This time-period will consummate when those who have hearkened and yielded to the “short work,” will escape through the open door of Rev 4:1.

### **The “Seven Evil Years” – A Final Visitation to the Nation of Israel and the Church that Remains**

Believers in the Church, who failed to hearken and become readied during the “Seven Good Years,” will enter into the “hour of temptation.” They will remain during the first portion of the “Seven Evil Years.” These “Seven Evil Years” will become Daniel’s Covenant Week (Daniel 9:27). However, the portion of the Church that remains and continues to hold for the “blessed hope,” will be readied through “mega” tribulation (i.e., persecution) by the world system, especially the religious system. They will be

evacuated through the open door, as the great innumerable company of Rev 7 (i.e., Blood Washed Multitude), and will escape before the middle of the Tribulation Week. The 144,000, sealed out of Israel, in Rev 7, will likewise escape as the “man child” at the middle of the tribulation week. ([Progressive Coming of the Lord](#)). Both of these companies will escape the “Wrath of God” as “Jacob’s Trouble,” or the last forty-two months of the “Seven Evil Years.” Sadly, some in the Church will still remain for various reasons and elect to continue in the system. Many of these will have accepted “replacement theology,” i.e., the Church will usher in the Earthly Kingdom in place of Israel. These believers will pass into “**Jacob’s Trouble**” until the very final call to “come out” before great judgment befalls “Babylon the Great and Mystery Babylon.” (Rev 18:4-5).

### **Israel Will Enter into Jacob’s Trouble – the Final “Forty-Two Months”**

The “Seven Evil Years” will consummate in “Jacob’s trouble,” also known as “The Wrath of God” and will last through the final forty-two months. A remnant in Israel, having the testimony of Jesus Christ, will be forced into hiding in the desert, most likely Petra in Jordan. This will likely be another 144,000, as the five foolish virgins vs the five wise virgins of Matt 25. Sadly, according to Zechariah 13, two thirds of Israel, who yet remain in the land will receive the “Man of Sin,” as their Messiah, and will be cut off. Only one-third of the nation will be spared and brought through the fire and will live to receive a revelation of their true Messiah. He will appear unto them with wounds in His hands and feet (Zechariah 14). Following a period of “deep” repentance, they will finally receive Him as their rejected Messiah and will become a nation “born in a day.” Thereafter their Messiah will personally fight for them (Isaiah 63:1-6). These troublous times will end in the great battle of Armageddon, or Megiddo, as recorded in Zechariah 14 and Rev 16. Thereafter Christ as Israel’s true Messiah will usher in the Millennial Kingdom.

### **Conclusion**

May we, as believers, have “an ear to hear” and yield to the “short work” during the Seven Good Years before the Seven Evil Years. May we also hearken to the counsel of the “Greater than Joseph” and redeem the time by building and filling spiritual granaries during these “Seven Good Years.” The Grace Assembly School of the Bible is our attempt to heed, what we believe will prove to be very “wise counsel.” (**John 9:4 KJV**) ***“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”***