



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. Something unexpected is going to happen in 2025

II. UNEXPECTED

A. A lesson from the Christmas story

Luke 2:9 (NKJV) And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

- They were afraid because of the way they interpreted God's intervention

B. Have you ever interpreted something incorrectly?

C. The situation isn't as important as how I interpret the situation

Luke 2:10-11 (NKJV) Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

- Sometimes divine intervention needs a divine revelation so that we can get the right interpretation of what's going on around us

II. INTERPRETATION BELONGS TO GOD

A. Joseph interprets dreams for the cupbearer and the baker (Gen 40:5-8)

Genesis 40:8 (NKJV) And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *them* to me, please."

- He had to seek God for the right interpretation

B. Put in a good word for me

Genesis 40:14 (NLT) And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place.

Genesis 40:23 (NLT) Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer, however, forgot all about Joseph, never giving him another thought.

C. Another dream

Genesis 41:1 (NLT) Two full years later, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing on the bank of the Nile River.



Genesis 41:15-16 (NKJV) 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.”

- With God’s help Joseph correctly interprets the dream and became the 2nd in command
- And they all lived happily ever after – except God wasn’t finished

III. BUT WAIT... THERE’S MORE!

A. God gave Joseph a dream that included his brothers

Genesis 45:4 (NKJV) And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

Genesis 45:5 (NKJV) But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

- You sold me is the event
- God sent me is the interpretation

Question is: Which will you live in – the event or the interpretation?

B. Pray that you may interpret (1 Cor 14:13)

- Better question – who is your interpreter?