

Chapter XIV. - Joseph and his Brethren Episode 4

Joseph told the chief butler that in three days he would be no more a prisoner. He felt very grateful to Joseph because of the interest he had manifested for him, and the kind treatment he had received at his hands; and, above all, for helping him when in great distress of mind, by interpreting his dream. Then Joseph, in a very touching manner, alluded to his captivity, and entreated him, "But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house; for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews; and here also have I done nothing that they should me into the dungeon. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good," he took courage and made known his dream. As soon as he related his dream, Joseph looked sad. He understood its terrible meaning. Joseph possessed a kind, sympathising heart, yet his high sense of duty led him to give the truthful, yet sad, interpretation to the chief baker's dream. He told him that the three baskets upon his head meant three days; and that, as in his dream, the birds ate the baked meats out of the upper basket, so they would eat his flesh as he hung upon a tree.

"And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. And he restored the chief butler unto his butler-ship again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him." The butler was guilty of the sin of ingratitude. After he had obtained relief from his anxiety, by the cheering interpretation of Joseph, he thought that he should, if brought again into the king's favour, certainly remember the captive Joseph, and speak in his favour to the king. He had seen the interpretation of the dream exactly fulfilled, yet in his prosperity he forgot Joseph in his affliction and confinement. Ingratitude is regarded by the Lord as among the most aggravating sins. And although abhorred by God and man, yet it is of daily occurrence.

Two years longer Joseph remained in his gloomy prison. The Lord gave Pharaoh remarkable dreams. In the morning the king was troubled because he could not understand them. He called for the magicians of Egypt, and the wise men. The king thought that they would soon help him to understand these dreams, for they had a reation for solving difficulties. The king related his dreams to them, but was greatly disappointed to find that with all their magic and boasted wisdom, they could not explain them. The perplexity and distress of the king increased. As the chief butler saw his distress, all at once Joseph came into his mind, and at the same time a conviction of his forgetfulness and ingratitude. "Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day." He then related to the king the dreams which he and the chief baker had, which troubled them as the dreams which now troubled the king, and said, "And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged."

It was humiliating to Pharaoh to turn away from the magicians and wise men of his kingdom to a Hebrew servant. But his learned and wise men failed him, and he now will condescend to accept the humble services of a slave, if his troubled mind can obtain relief.

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Welcome

Welcome to the East Auckland City Seventh-day Adventist Church.
We pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together.

Tonight Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 08th April 2026 7:00pm

Speaker: Brother Siti Buwawa

Topic: Reasons To Pray

Zoom ID: 836 3376 4709 ~ **Password:** eacsd

Next Week Prayer Meeting

Speaker: TBC

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Elder John Mata'afa

Title: Jesus says "We Always Ought To Pray And Not Lose Heart" | Luke 18:1

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 6:02pm Date: 10 th April 2026	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Apr 12 ^h to Apr 17 th No One
End Time: 6:01pm Date: 11 th April 2026	Divine Service Offering Hope Channel International	Duty 2: Apr 12 ^h to Apr 17 th No One

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors and newcomers. Please let our greeters know that you are visiting today. We would like to officially welcome you, and we are so happy to have join us.

STAFF DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

S.T.A.F.F. Discipleship Training with Pastor Tehuiarii Leverd Tuesday 7pm on Zoom only.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON PAYMENTS

If you have been blessed to receive a lesson and have not yet paid into our Sabbath School Pamphlet Fund, please make payments to this fund through eGiving, envelope or bank deposit. Reference Sabbath School Pamphlet fund for envelope or bank deposit. Or See Sister Nancy or Elder Ross D or Brother Madu

BAPTISMAL SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

Baptismal Sabbath School Class each Sabbath through to Sabbath, 12th of September for 2026 led by Pastor, Elder Fitu, Elder Jay and Elder John. We request your prayers and support as we work with new believers, young people and any church members preparing for baptism.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2nd QUARTER 2026

Cleaning the church is a ministry in itself. Please consider giving of your time to help keep our Lord's house clean. **These are the dates available for Q2. Apr (12-17), May (15-22), May (24-29), May (31-Jun5), Jun (7-12)** Please contact me on 0211449366. Or leave a message on Messenger

NOTICE FOR ADVENTURERS & PATHFINDERS

Classes will be Sabbath 11th of April at 2:30pm-4:30pm and 12th of April at 9am-10:30am

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

We will have a Church Board Meeting April 19th at 5:30pm on Zoom This will be on the church Zoom only.

SABBATH COMBINED LUNCH

Sabbath 11th April. We invite you to bring what you can but most importantly yourselves. Any other contribution is greatly appreciated. Please drop your vegetarian dishes off in the kitchen before Divine Service starts for our team to warm up. On behalf of the hospitality team, we thank you, God bless.

KIDS CAMP

Start: April 13th End: April 17th | Tui Ridge Park, 260 Anderson Road, Rotorua, Bay of Plenty 3072 |

<https://www.tuiridgepark.co.nz/autumn-kids-camp/>

PATHFINDERS OVERNIGHT CAMP

EA Pathfinders will join with the Waitakere Pathfinders to have an overnight camp on the 16th of April to the 19th of April. Meeting at: 43 Swanson Road at 10am. Location: is at 1159D State Highway 25, Te Kouma 3582.

Admission: \$60 per person. RSVP to 0212369302 or waitakerpathfinders@gmail.com

EACSDA CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

New date for EA Church Business Meeting on Sunday, 26th of April in person and on Zoom at 3.30pm to 5.30pm. All church members and church leadership supported by their church departments and teams are required to attend.

LITERATURE OUTREACH

Literature Outreach in your neighbourhood - If you would like to connect with your neighbour's with health and spiritual literature and have a taste of Literature Evangelism work, then please see Elder John to make a time to go out together in your neighbourhood. Phone: 021 165 3772

Church Bank Account: 38-9010-0456352-00 **Phone Payment** 09 277 8529

e-giving: [https://egiving.org.nz/EastAuckland\(NthNZ\)](https://egiving.org.nz/EastAuckland(NthNZ))

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UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. STAFF Training | Every Tuesday Evening | 7pm on Zoom only
2. Church Combined Lunch | 11th April
3. Kids Camp | April 13th to April 17th | Tui Ridge Park
4. EA Church Eldership Meeting | Thursday 16th April | TBC
5. EA Church Board Meeting | April 19th | 5:30pm on Zoom
6. Pathfinder Overnight Camp | Friday April 16th to Sunday April 19th
7. EA Church Business Meeting | Sunday, 26th of April | 3.30pm – 5.30pm | In person and on Zoom
8. Women's Retreat | May 8th & May 9th | Silverstream Retreat, 3 Reynolds Bach Dr, Lower Hutt

Prayer Requests

**“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:19
NKJV**

- 🙏 We praise God for beautiful, reassuring Bible promises reminding us that the God we serve is great, He is Able, He is the Source. Even with fuel running out of supply, we can have peace for our Heavenly Father is the greatest supplier.
- 🙏 Praise God for answers to prayers this week, victory over besetting sins. For Christ atoning blood that has power to cleanse us from all our sins and is able to transform us from within out.
- 🙏 Special prayer for our beloved uncle Tevita in hospital, for God's hands to be upon him and medical team. For God's will, purpose and peace to prevail in his hospital bed and among family members. May uncles faith be a living testimony and may God use this experience for His glorious sake.
- 🙏 Praise God in prayers for a wonderful experience at NZYC. The youths were thoroughly blessed and encouraged with the Messages, United Prayers, Testimonies etc. The prayer now is for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to live out all and practice all that has been learned. Please keep youths close in prayers.
- 🙏 Remember in prayers our Leverd family as they spend time with family in Tahiti and as they begin their Revival campaign. We pray for a special outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the family, the people and the messages prepared to penetrate hearts and win them back to the fold.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer our Church leadership team for Gods Holy Spirits anointing and unity. Pray for our elders and their families. All department leaders and plans for God to bless and equip through His provisions.
- 🙏 Pray for all church families, our mamas and papas. Our parents, single parents, children, teenagers and youths to have a growing relationship with Jesus and have Him in the homes, schools and day to day life.
- 🙏 Submit our Pastor Kris and sister Daphne into God's capable hands. For Gods Holy Spirit to heal and help in their journey of recovering. For His provision and we as a church to support in ways we can, especially with our prayers.
- 🙏 Pray for aunty Moira in hospital bed, for the Holy Spirits presence and healing as He wills. Pray for aunty's children and that her faith be a blessing for each of them.
- 🙏 As a church to watch and pray for our souls and souls of those God has placed in our keeping. That we become faithful stewards and faithful disciples for such a time as this.
- 🙏 Let's continue to watch and pray, focus and make time for our daily personal devotion time.

They will be included in our prayer list for the next 30 days.

If you have a prayer request please contact Sister Penny at pnakuta679@gmail.com