



# A BIBLICAL PLAN from Centuries Ago that Can CHANGE LIVES Today!

## The Biblical PREMISE

The story of Joseph is one of blight and blessing. His early years were as a prince of a wealthy father. His next years were years of servitude, misrepresentation, and imprisonment. Interspersed were momentary reprieves from this life of multiplied disappointments. In a particular account of Joseph's life, God had prepared him for a particular task. Joseph's direct authority, Pharaoh, had a dream as recorded in Genesis forty-one. This dream was a graphic description of a foreboding event in the future of Egypt.

Genesis 41:1-4 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. <sup>2</sup> And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. <sup>3</sup> And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. <sup>4</sup> And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

The dream pictured seven fat and healthy cows and seven thin and sickly cows. This very pathetic scene predicts two things: first, there will be something good that will happen, and second there will be something bad that will happen. In a dream picture, Joseph is presented with the most simplistic view of all of man's days.

Job 14:1-2 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup> He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

In these verses Job echoes the obvious lesson behind this dream. There will always be ill days of sickness, disaster, and hardship. No one will be exempt from these events in their personal life. This is also true of national life. The national attitude toward the suffering of large sections of the country due to disaster is based upon leadership. The leaders of Israel in Ezekiel 34 are the antithesis of Joseph's role. Joseph is assigned to prepare the nation of Egypt to face these ill favored days without

producing a nation of selfish, cruel, and fearful people because of great lack. Joseph's solution was simple—prepare for the bad days during the plentiful days.

His leadership in this preparation led to the nation being able to meet the needs of all while requiring responsibility from all. They were responsible to turn over 20% of each crop for storage against the day of hardship. As much as the ill-favored days would be hard, harmful, and cruel, so much the more the preparations would have to be mandatory, binding, and protected.

Genesis 41:35, 36 (KJV)

<sup>35</sup> And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. <sup>36</sup> And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

## The PROGRAM Details

The wise man foresees the evil and shuns it according to the writer of Proverbs. If we would be wise and godly stewards, we should do likewise. In order to do this we must have a purpose with objectives—then we must make a plan. As a result of the Katrina disaster, in which we witnessed to over 44,000 people, we have the trucks necessary to engage the churches in such a project.



*In order to meet the needs of people during national, state, or even local crisis, we must have food stuffs and general necessities stored waiting to be distributed.*

Operation Renewed Hope is proposing such an event. We would like to have churches gather specific food stuffs, box it, and then load it on our truck that will come through their area. If you are interested in using the ill-favored days to witness to thousands, we are asking you to help us by signing on as a gathering church in what we are calling "The Joseph Project." We will store up food and other necessities for future ministry in disaster areas. If 20 churches in each state would fill 20 banana or apple box size boxes we could fill a tractor trailer in each state.

The Joseph Project can be used as an effective tool to witness to your neighbors. Operation Renewed Hope will provide a card to introduce each of your church members as our representative through your church. It will explain that they are preparing for future times of great need like Katrina. The card will encourage people to donate certain canned goods for the purpose of helping the nation. On the back of this card will be the plan of salvation. Your church congregation can witness all through their neighborhood as they do the good works of gathering food for the future ill days.

In the event the donated food is not needed before the expiration date it will be distributed to rescue missions and food distribution programs.

Would you to prayerfully consider your congregation's role and ask them if they would be willing to fill boxes to store for the work of the Lord? A tractor-trailer of food will cost as much as \$20,000.00. If we only pay the cost of picking up the materials and storing them, that will allow us to help a greater number of needy people.

## The PROCEDURE to Help

The following instructions will help you to administrate this program in your church:

1. Please collect the following items:  
Peanut butter, apple sauce, saltine crackers, bottled water, canned tuna, canned chicken, pork & beans, canned fruit, vienna sausage, cereal bars, or paper products (plates, utensils, cups, paper towels, handy wipes, and toilet paper)
2. Contact Operation Renewed Hope with your food choice, and you will be given a date to have the items ready for pick-up.
3. Your church may purchase these items by the case to avoid multiple expiration dates.
4. Your church may have individuals bring in the items for the cases and make up banana or apple boxes. This would work with your evangelism teams. Please make sure the boxes are very sturdy.

### Expiration Dates

All food items should have expiration dates on them of not less than 1 year. After finding the earliest expiration date for the product write it in bold print on the outside of the box. It should read as follows: canned tuna/EXP: 01/01/08. Place the box with the latest dates on the bottom of the pallet.

The works of our hands can open the hearts of thousands of people in the United States to hear the gospel. Pray that God will give the increase of souls as a result of our work.

We hope you will consider this very important opportunity to help our nation during times of need through good works while being a witness to thousands both now and at the point of God's opportunities.

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