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Narration Jacob had twelve sons. But of the twelve Jacob loved the eleventh son, Joseph, the most. Jacob clothed Joseph with a bright cloak different from his other sons. Joseph's brothers were envious of him and began to hate him.

Narration Joseph often dreamed. One day, he told his brothers about his dream.

Joseph My brothers! Last night I had a dream. Your sheaves of grain gathered around mine and bowed to it. I also had another dream. This time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.

Brother1 What? Do you mean to say you are above us?
How spiteful you are!

Joseph How can I, your mother and your brothers bow to you?
Don't ever say such a thing again!

Narration When his brothers heard about Joseph's dreams they hated him even more. His father Jacob even rebuked Joseph.
But he kept the matter of Joseph's dreams in mind.

Narration One day Jacob told Joseph to go and see if all was well with his brothers and their flocks.

Brother1 Here comes that dreamer Joseph. Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these water wells.

Reuben Let's not take his life - there is no need to shed blood.
Let's just throw him into this well here.

Narration Although his brothers wanted to kill Joseph, they did not kill him because of Reuben. Instead they stripped him of his robe and threw him into the water well. Joseph begged his brothers to help him out but his brothers ignored him.

Brother1 Let's not kill Joseph but let's sell him to that man.

Brother2 Yes, let's do that.



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- Narration** Joseph's brothers sold Joseph for twenty shekels of silver to the Midianite merchants who were on their way to Egypt. Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in its blood and took it to their father.
- Brother1** Father.. some ferocious animal has devoured Joseph.
- J a c o b** What? Joseph is dead? Are you sure?
- Brother2** Yes father.. look we found his robe...
- J a c o b** No~~~~ Joseph!!!! Joseph!!!! How am I to live without you!!!! Joseph!!!!!!!



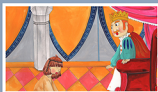
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- Narration** Joseph was taken to Egypt and was sold as a slave to Potiphar, a captain of the Pharaoh's guard. Soon Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household because he saw Joseph was loyal and worked hard. But Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife.
- Potiphar's wife** Sob sob sob. Dear husband! Joseph has mocked me. Punish him for me!
- Potiphar** What?! How dare he mock my wife! Guards, throw Joseph in prison immediately!
- Narration** Potiphar, believing his wife's lie, put Joseph in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.



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- Narration** Although Joseph had been falsely accused he did not resent anyone. Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt were placed in the same prison where Joseph was confined. One day each of the two men looked downcast.
- J o s e p h** Why are you so downcast?
- Cupbearer** I had the strangest dream. I am the king's chief cupbearer and in the dream I saw a vine with three branches. As soon as it budded, blossomed and its clusters ripened into grapes, I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup and put the cup in his hand. What do you think my dream means?
- J o s e p h** This is what it means. Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. When all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness and get me out of this prison.
- B a k e r** Oh~ you are able to interpret dreams! Then please have a listen to mine. I am the king's chief baker. In my dream there were three baskets of bread on my head. In the baskets were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.



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J o s e p h This is what it means. Within three days Pharaoh will lift off you head and hang you on a tree.

B a k e r Wha...what?????

Narration Three days later, it was as Joseph had said. But the king's cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Narration When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had two strange dreams. In the first dream, seven ugly and gaunt cows ate up seven sleek and fat cows. In the second dream, seven thin heads of grain swallowed up seven heads of grain that were healthy and good.

Pharaoh What strange dreams. Gather all the magicians and wise men of Egypt.

Narration But no one could interpret his dreams. Then the king's chief cupbearer remembered Joseph who had interpreted his dream whilst he was in prison.

Cupbearer Dear king, I know one who is wise enough to interpret your dreams.

Narration The king immediately sent for Joseph. Joseph was filled with the wisdom of God and was able to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams.

J o s e p h Pharaoh! The two dreams have the same meaning. God has shown you what He is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt but seven years of famine will follow them. The famine will ravage the land and will be very severe. You should collect all the food of the good years and store up the grain. This food should be sufficient reserve for the country to be used during the seven years of famine. You should appoint wise commissioners to prepare for the coming years.

Narration Pharaoh was amazed because no one in the land of Egypt was as wise as Joseph.

Pharaoh You are indeed a man of God! Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.

Narration Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. Then he put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt. God gave Joseph an amazing dream and made sure that the dream came true. God sent Joseph to Egypt and caused him to go through all of this in order to save the Israelites. In all of this God was always with Joseph.



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