

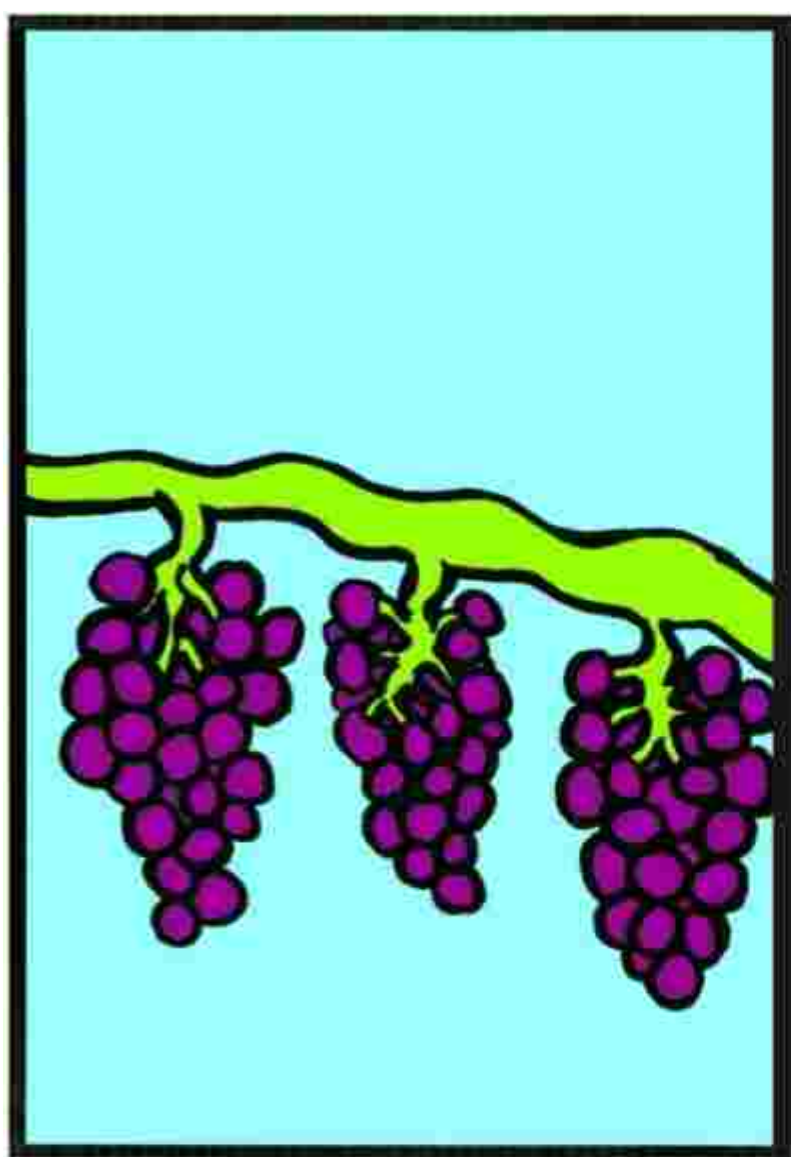
# Joseph Becomes the Governor

*(Based on Genesis 40:1-41:44)*

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Pharoah put his butler and his baker into prison. One morning when Joseph served them he asked, "Why are you so sad today?" They had dreamed dreams and they didn't know the meaning. "God could show you what they mean," said Joseph.



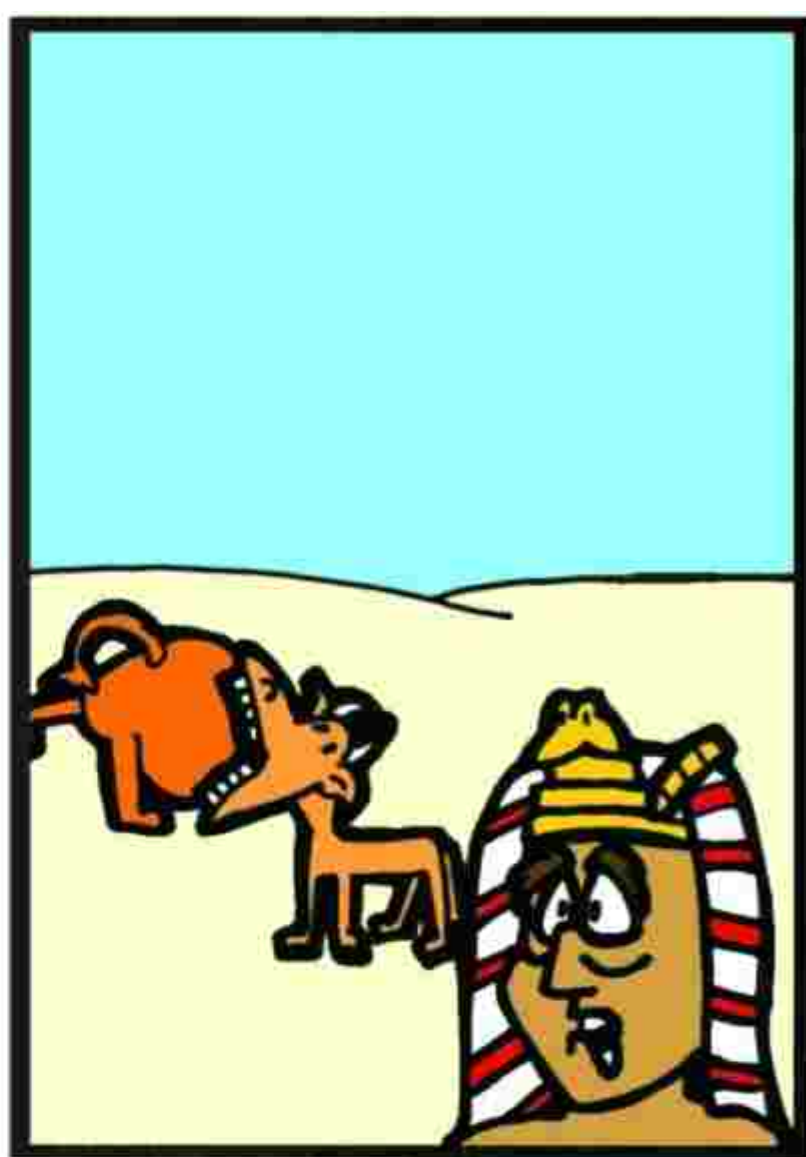
The butler dreamed he saw a grape vine with three branches. "I squeezed grapes into Pharaoh's cup and gave it to him." Joseph answered, "In three days Pharaoh will give you back your job. Remember to tell the king about me and get me out of this prison."



The baker dreamed he had three white baskets on his head filled with yummy cakes for the king, but birds ate the yummy food out of the baskets." Joseph said, "In three days, Pharoah is going to cut your head off, hang you on a tree and the birds are going to eat you."



Three days later everything happened just as Joseph had said. The butler received his job, but he forgot about Joseph for two years. Then one night the Pharaoh had scary dreams. Pharaoh called for his wisemen.



“In my dream I was standing by the river and I saw seven fat cows come out of the river to eat grass. Then seven skinny cows came out of the river. Suddenly the skinny cows ate the fat cows and they were just as skinny and ugly as before.



I fell back asleep and I dreamed again. This time I saw seven fat juicy heads of grain on a stalk. Then after them grew up seven skinny heads of grain. Suddenly the seven skinny grains ate the juicy grains. What does this mean?"



The wisemen couldn't answer. Then the butler remembered his promise and told the king about Joseph in prison.





"Get him out of jail and bring him here!" ordered the Pharoah. They brought Joseph out of Jail. He shaved and put on clean clothes before he went to visit the king.



Pharoah told Joseph the dreams, and Joseph told Pharoah that it was God who would give the meaning. "The dreams both mean the same thing," said Joseph. "There will be seven good years to grow lots of food followed by seven years when nothing will grow."



Pharoah, you should put a wise man in charge of collecting food in the good years to store up for the bad years.” “This is a great idea!” said Pharoah. “I want you to do the job.”



Joseph was thirty years old when Pharaoh made him the boss over everyone in Egypt (except the king of course). Pharaoh gave Joseph a special ring and fine clothes. Everyone was commanded to bow when Joseph passed by.



Lord, I thank you that you do keep your promises. Help me to depend on your Spirit to give me the wisdom I need, even as you helped Joseph.