

1 – LESSON #28: Joseph part 3 role-play (11th son of Jacob) - Genesis 40-41

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Narrator #1: While Joseph was in prison, he met two new prisoners: the chief cupbearer and the chief baker of Pharaoh.

Narrator #2: One night, each of them had a puzzling dream. They wondered, "What did my strange dream mean?"

Narrator #1: The next morning, Joseph saw their sad faces and asked what the source of their troubles was.

Narrator #2: They said to him, "**We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.**"

Narrator #1: Joseph said, "**Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell me about your dreams.**"

Narrator #2: The chief cupbearer went first. He said, "**In my dream, there was a vine before me. The vine had three branches.**"

Narrator #1: "**I saw each branch bud, then flower, then be covered with clusters of grapes. I squeezed those grapes into Pharaoh's cup and handed it to him to drink.**"

Narrator #2: Joseph said, "**Behold! The 3 branches represent 3 days. In 3 days, Pharaoh will lift up your head from this place and restore your job to you.**"

Narrator #1: "**As you again serve Pharaoh his cups of wine, please tell him of my kindness to you so that he can set me free as well.**"

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Narrator #2: The chief baker said, "Oh! Please consider my dream and hopefully provide me with good news. In my dream, I had 3 cake baskets on my head."

Narrator #1: "In the uppermost basket, there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh. Before I could give it to him, birds came and ate all the food in the 3 baskets on my head."

Narrator #2: Joseph sighed and sadly said, "The 3 baskets stand for 3 days. In 3 days, Pharaoh will lift up your head from off your body and hang you on a tree. Then, the birds will eat your flesh."

Narrator #1: On the 3rd day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he gave the chief cupbearer back his job and hanged the chief baker.

Narrator #2: Did the chief cupbearer keep his promise to Joseph? Nope! He forgot.

Narrator #1: Two years passed. Joseph was now 30 years old. At that time, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had a frightening dream.

Narrator #2: Pharaoh called for his magicians and wise men. But no one could reveal to him the true meaning of his dreams.

Narrator #1: The chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh, I just recalled that there is a man in prison who can interpret dreams. His name is Joseph."

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Narrator #2: Pharaoh ordered, "Bring Joseph to me!"

Narrator #1: Joseph shaved, cleaned up, and changed clothes. He then came to Pharaoh to hear about his dreams.

Narrator #2: Pharaoh said, "Joseph, in my first dream, I saw 7 plump cows come up out of the Nile River to eat grass."

Narrator #1: "Next, I saw 7 ugly, thin cows come up out of the river, and they ate the 7 plump cows. Even so, they were just as thin and ugly as before."

Narrator #2: "In my second dream, I saw 7 plump ears of corn growing on one stalk. Then, 7 thin and withered ears of corn appeared. They swallowed up the plump ears."

Narrator #1: Joseph said, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one. God has revealed to Pharaoh what He is about to do."

Narrator #2: "The 7 good cows and the 7 good ears of corn represent 7 years of plenty where there will be plenty of food for everyone to eat."

Narrator #1: "The 7 thin cows and the 7 thin ears of corn represent 7 years of famine that will follow those 7 years of plenty."

Narrator #2: "Wise Pharaoh that you are, you should appoint someone trustworthy to be set over Egypt as an overseer."

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Narrator #1: "This overseer should take up one-fifth of everybody's crop and store it up during the 7 years of plenty."

Narrator #2: "Then, when the 7 years of famine happen, Pharaoh will have plenty of food to use and share so that all the people will live and not die."

Narrator #1: Pleased, Pharaoh turned to Joseph and said, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so wise as you. You shall become my second-in-command and be that wise overseer to save us from what is to come."

Narrator #2: Pharaoh took the signet ring from his own hand and put it on Joseph's. He gave him fine clothes to wear and a gold chain on his neck.

Narrator #1: He commanded everyone to bow to Joseph and obey his every command. Only Pharaoh would be more powerful than him.

Narrator #2: So, Pharaoh gave 30-year-old Joseph a new name. Joseph was also married to the daughter of a priest.

Narrator #1: During the 7 years of plenty, Joseph took one-fifth of all the food produced and stored it away in safety.

Narrator #2: Joseph managed to gather up so much food that it was as much as the sand of the sea.

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Narrator #1: Before the 7 years of famine began, Joseph and his wife had 2 sons: Manasseh [Muh-na-suh] and Ephraim [Eff-rum].

Narrator #2: Next week, you will hear about the amazing things that happened during the 7 years of famine. FYI:



**Quote about Joseph, son of Jacob
From H.B. Charles, Jr.**

“Joseph did not endure the pit, Potipher’s House, and prison, because he knew he would end up in the Pharoah’s Palace. He simply remained faithful wherever he found himself. God did the rest.”

Narrator #1: **END OF SKIT.** Let's give our volunteers a great big hand!