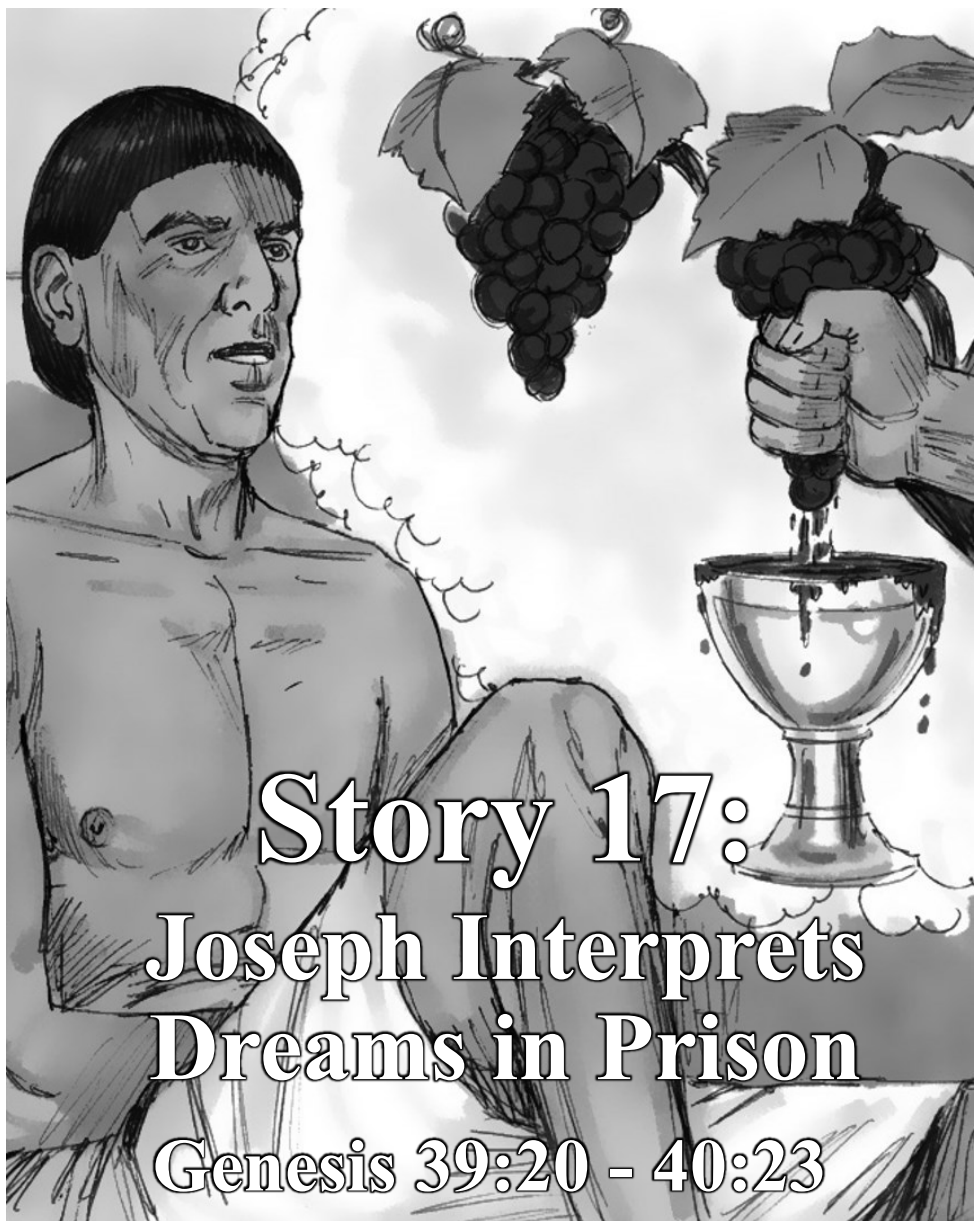
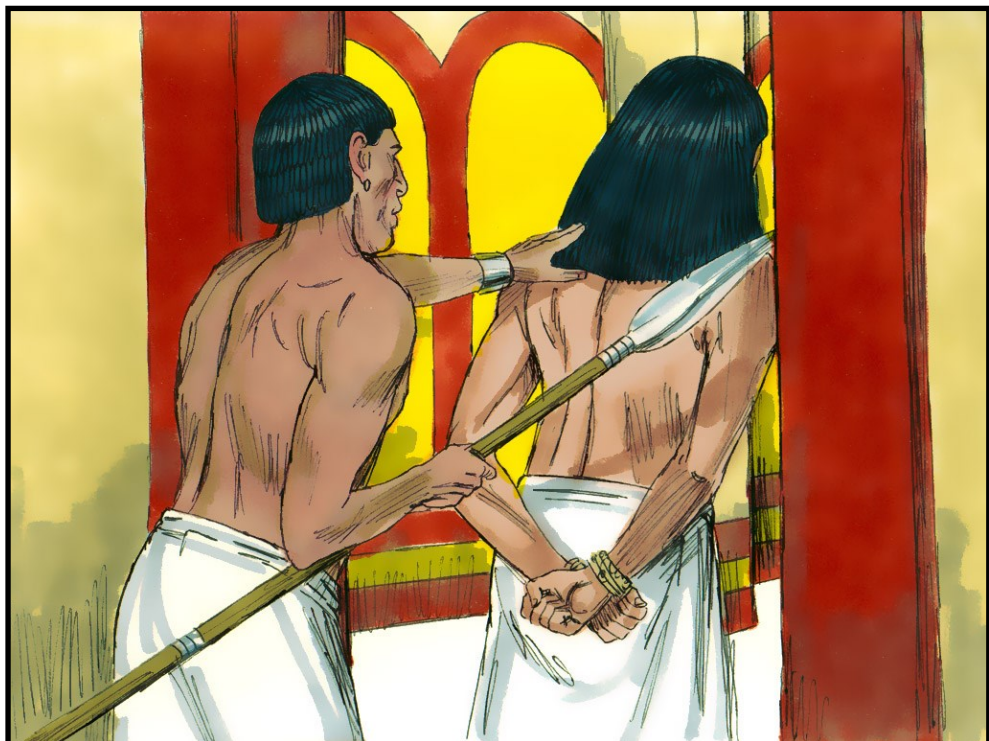


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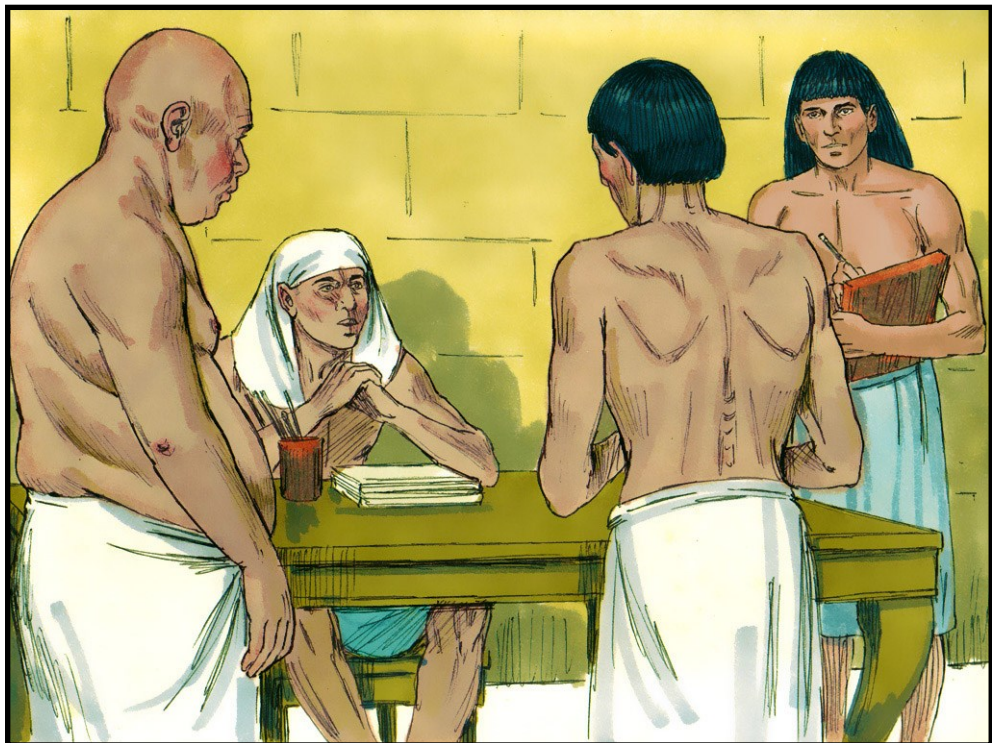


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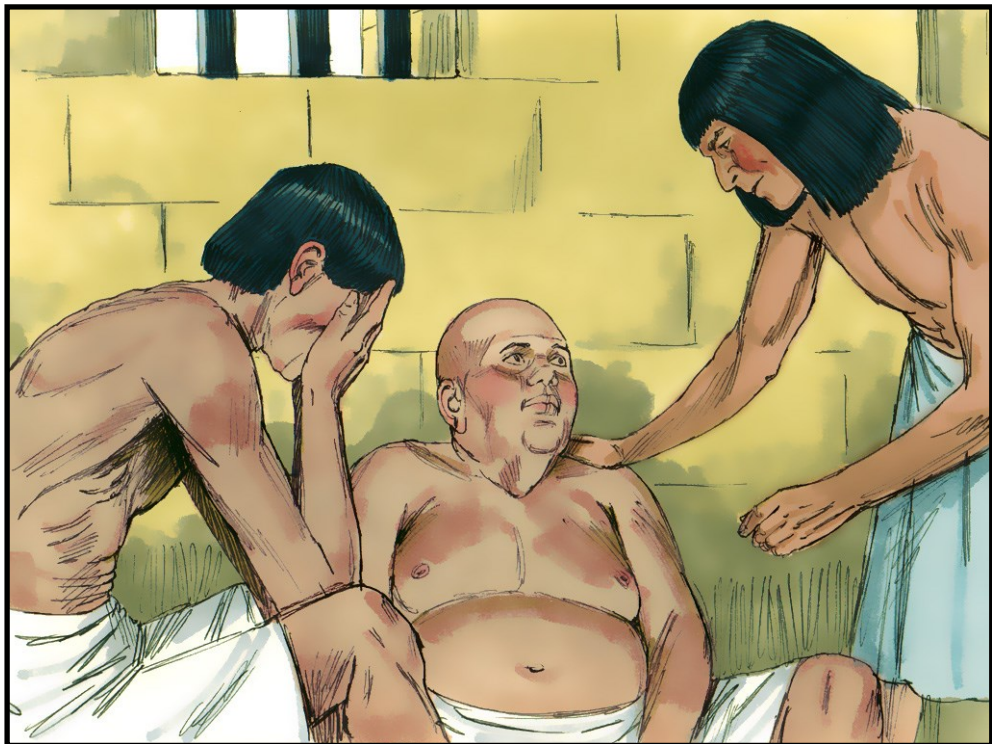


Potiphar's wife had lied saying that Joseph had tried to be with her. Potiphar believed her story and was furious. Immediately, he had Joseph thrown into Pharaoh's prison.





But the LORD was with Joseph and gave him favor with the warden over the prison. The warden put all of the prisoners under Joseph and made him responsible for everything that went on. The warden did not worry about Joseph because God gave Joseph success in all that he did. One day, two new prisoners arrived—Pharaoh’s cupbearer and baker. Each one had done something to anger Pharaoh.

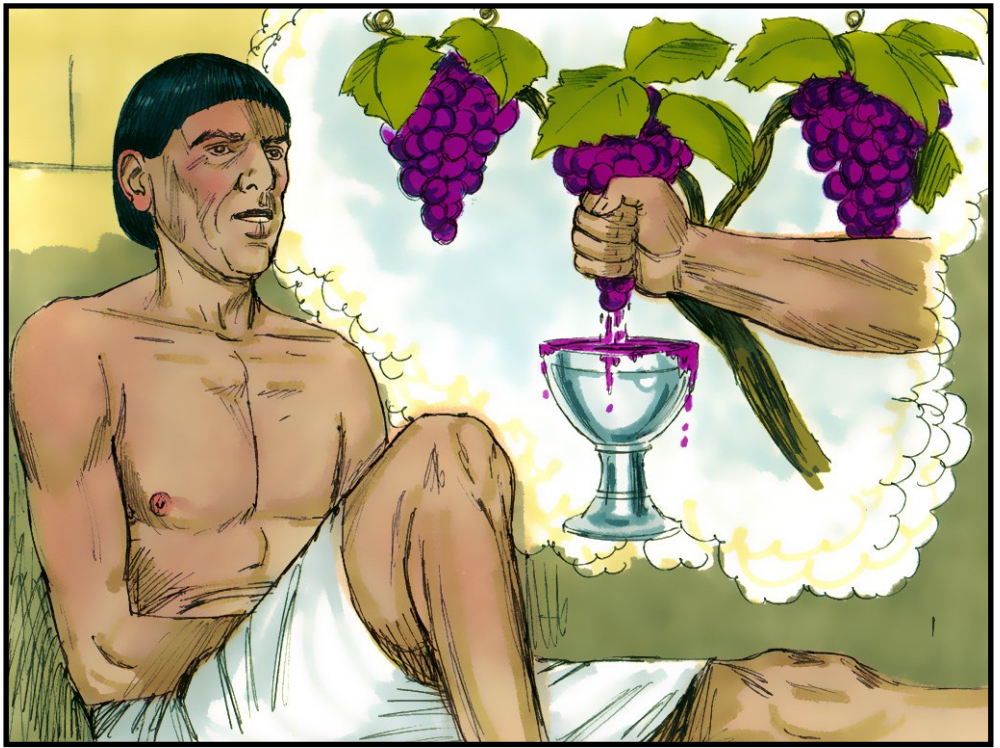


The two men were in the prison for some time, and Joseph was put in charge of assisting them. One morning, Joseph came to them and noticed that they looked very troubled.

Joseph asked, “Why do you look sad today?”

They replied saying, “We both had dreams last night, but there is no one to interpret them.”

“Don’t all interpretations belong to God?” asked Joseph. “Tell me your dreams.”



The cupbearer went first. “In my dream,” he said, “I saw a vine. The vine budded and three clusters of grapes grew out of it. I looked down and Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, so I squeezed the juice from the grapes into the cup. Then, I took it and put it into Pharaoh’s hand.”



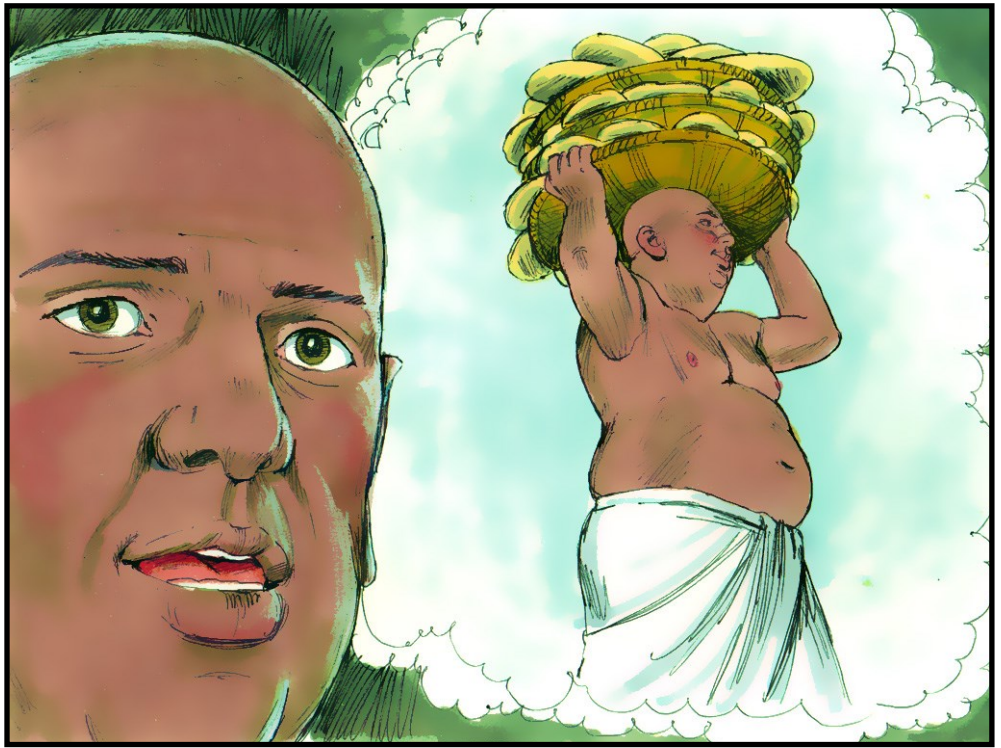


Joseph looked at the cupbearer and said, “I know what your dream means. The three clusters of grapes represent three days. In just three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and you will be restored to your old position. You will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand the way you used to when you were his cupbearer.”

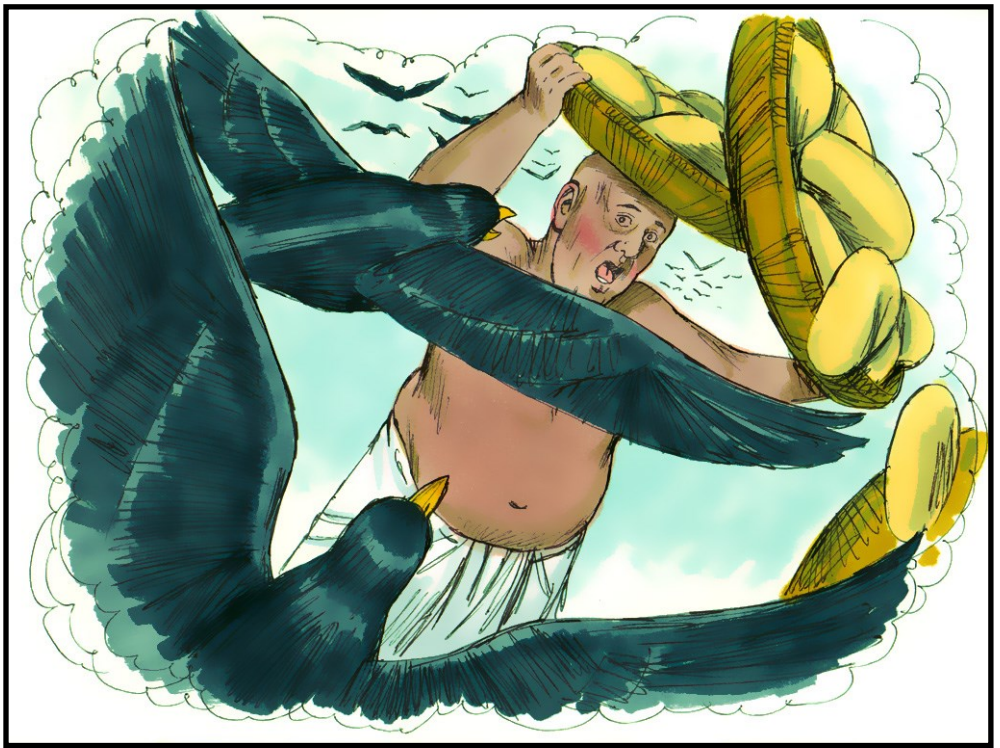


“When things go well for you,” Joseph said, “please remember me. Mention me to Pharaoh so that I may get out of this prison. For I was kidnapped from my homeland and have done nothing deserving punishment in this dungeon.”

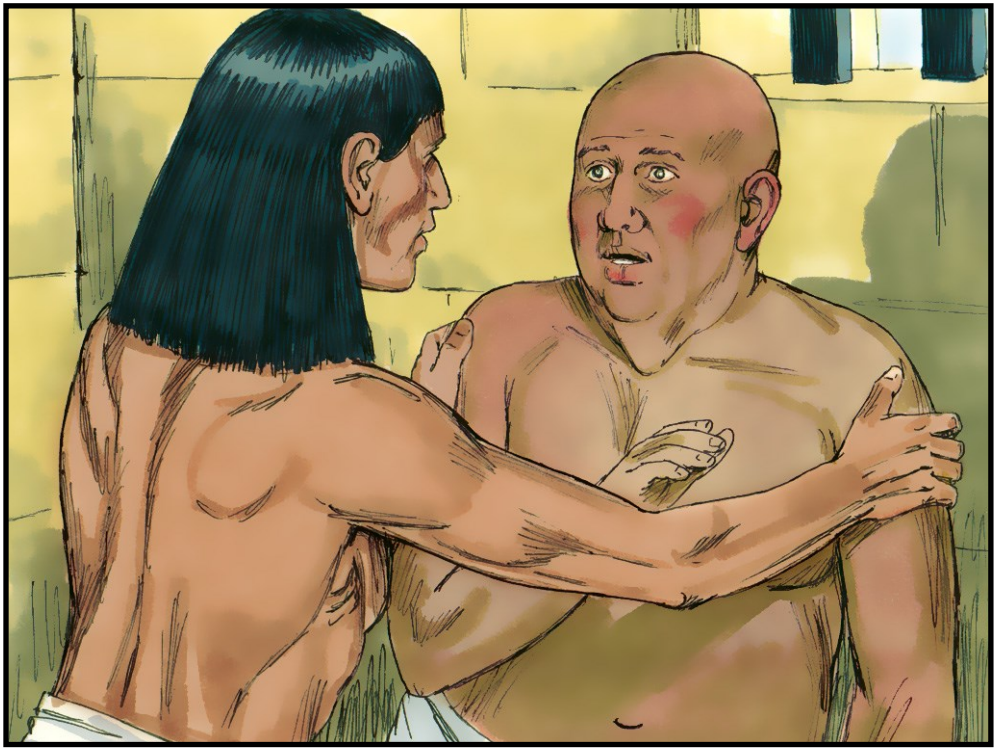




When the baker saw that the cupbearer was given a favorable answer, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream. I was carrying three baskets of bread on my head. All of it was meant for Pharaoh.”



“All of a sudden, birds came down from the sky and began picking and eating at the bread that I was carrying,” said the baker.

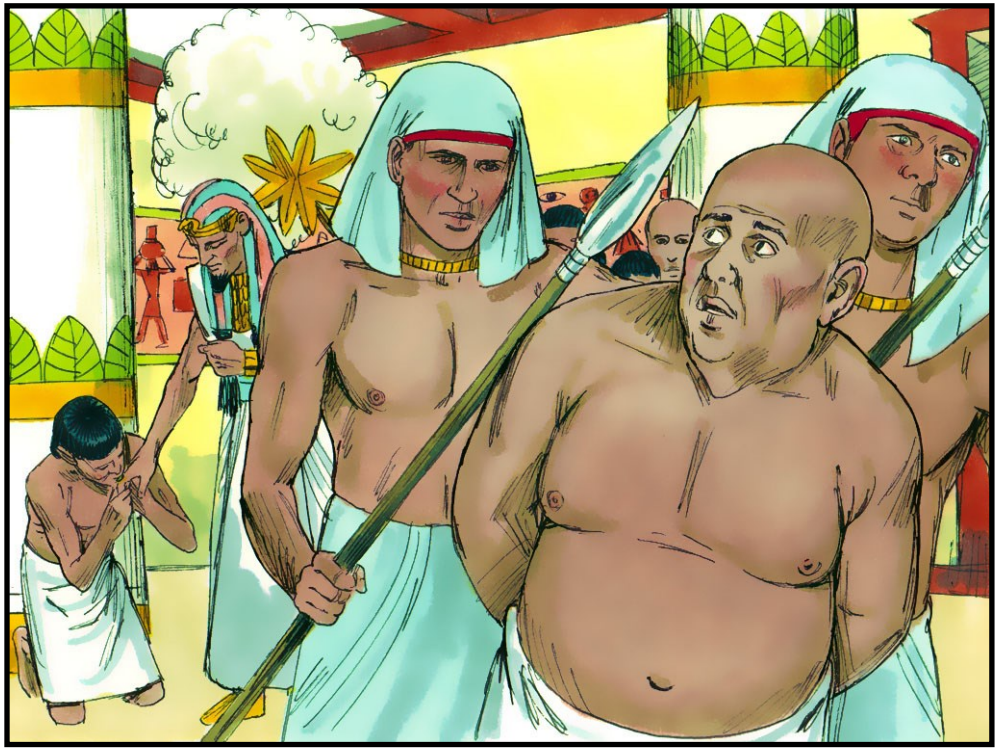


Joseph said, “I know what your dream means. The three baskets that you were carrying represent three days. In three days your head will be lifted from your body. You will be executed and hung on a tree. Then, the birds will swoop down and eat what’s left of your body.”

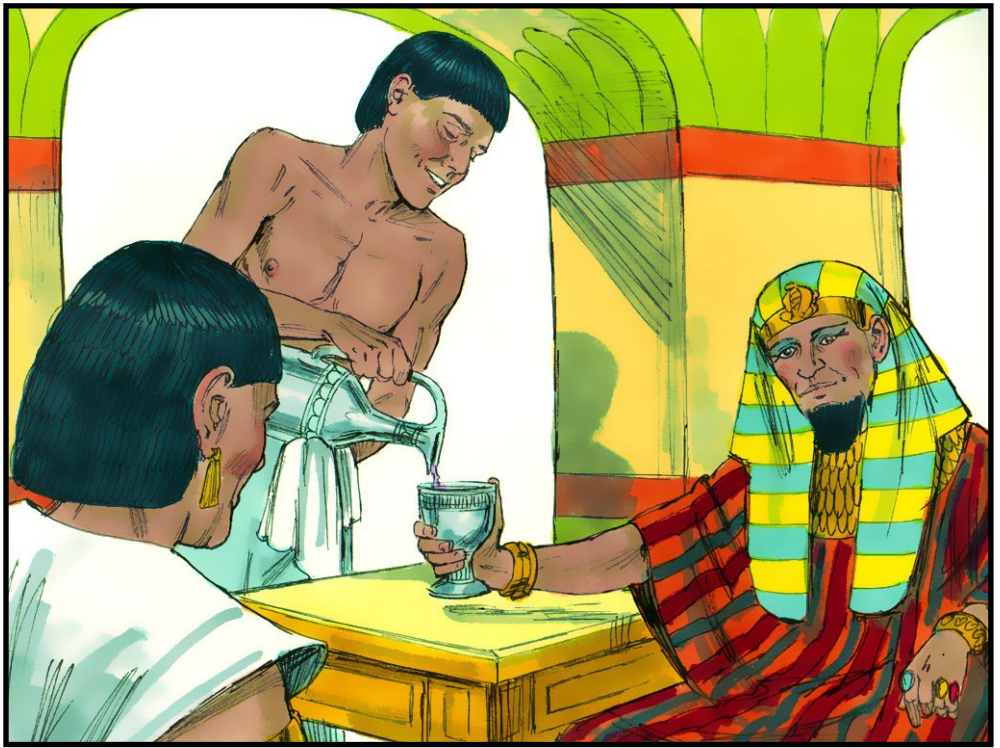




Three days after Joseph interpreted the dreams, Pharaoh celebrated his birthday. He gave a huge feast and invited all of his servants.



The cupbearer was restored to his old position. He placed Pharaoh's cup back in his hand as he had done before. Nevertheless, Pharaoh's baker was taken away to be executed. Everything happened just as Joseph said that it would.



Unfortunately, when Pharaoh's cupbearer went back to work, he forgot all about Joseph. He did not remember to mention him like Joseph had asked.



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