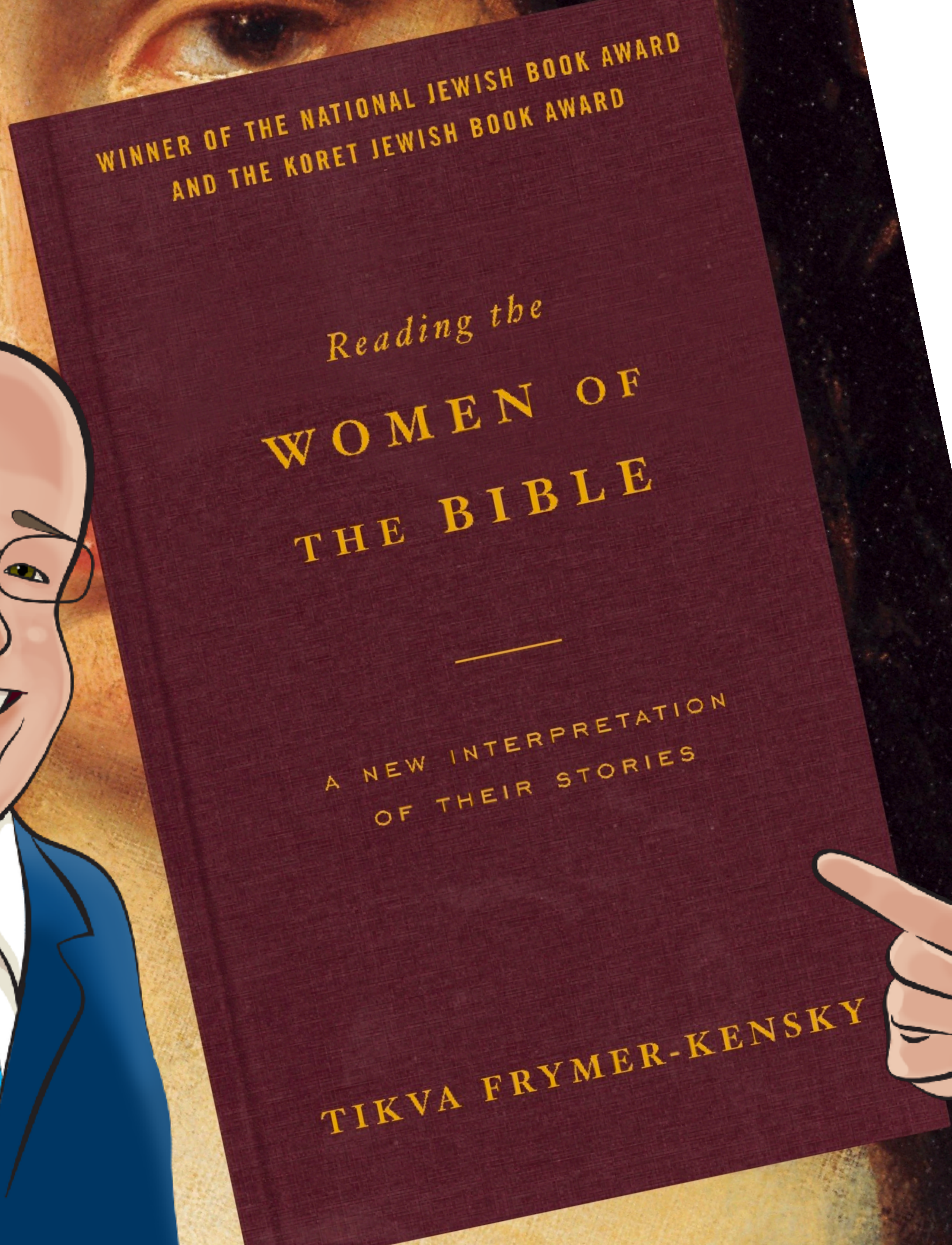


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Genesis 37-41





Genesis 34

Dinah goes out from Israel and has an encounter with prince Shechem which is inappropriate leaving her “defiled.”

“Love makes us instinctively reach out to God and other people. Lust, on the other hand, is anything but godly and celebrates self-indulgence. Love comes with open hands and open heart; lust comes with only an open appetite”

(Jeffrey R. Holland, “Place No More for the Enemy of My Soul,” GC April 2010, Ensign or Liahona, May 2010, 45).



Genesis 34

This incident leads to the wholesale slaughter of the men of the city of Shechem, instigated by Levi and Simeon, two of Dinah's older brothers. Jacob was greatly distressed by what Simeon and Levi had done and worried that surrounding tribes would gather together to destroy his household.

Conclusion: Simeon and Levi are not worthy to be the birthright sons.





Genesis 35

Jacob is commanded by the Lord to return to Beth-El. Jacob commanded his people to purify themselves, and he built an altar to the Lord there, and again, the Lord appeared to him (v. 9). God announces Himself as “God Almighty” in v. 11, or, “El Shaddai” (see footnote). God reaffirmed his covenant with Jacob and after God left, Jacob set up a pillar in that place to memorialize the event.



Genesis 35

On the way back from this holy experience in Beth-el, tragedy struck: Rachel died bringing Jacob's 12th son into the world - his name was Benjamin (v. 16-19). Then Jacob's oldest son, Reuben, slept with Bilhah, his father's 3rd wife and formerly Rachel's handmaid (v. 22). Finally, his father, Isaac, died. He would be buried by both Jacob and Esau (v. 28-29).

Conclusion: Reuben is not worthy to be the birthright son.

Genesis 36

The descendants of Esau, who was the son of Isaac and brother of Jacob, are listed in this chapter.



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22 And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister *was* Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran.

29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of ^aEdom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of

Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth,

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he *is* ^aEsau the father of the ^bEdomites.

CHAPTER 37

Jacob loves and favors Joseph, who is hated by his brothers—Joseph dreams that his parents and brothers make obeisance to him—His brothers sell him into Egypt.

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3 Now Israel loved ^aJoseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a ^bcoat of *many* ^ccolours.

4 And when his brethren saw that

Joseph's Dreams

their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a ^adream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

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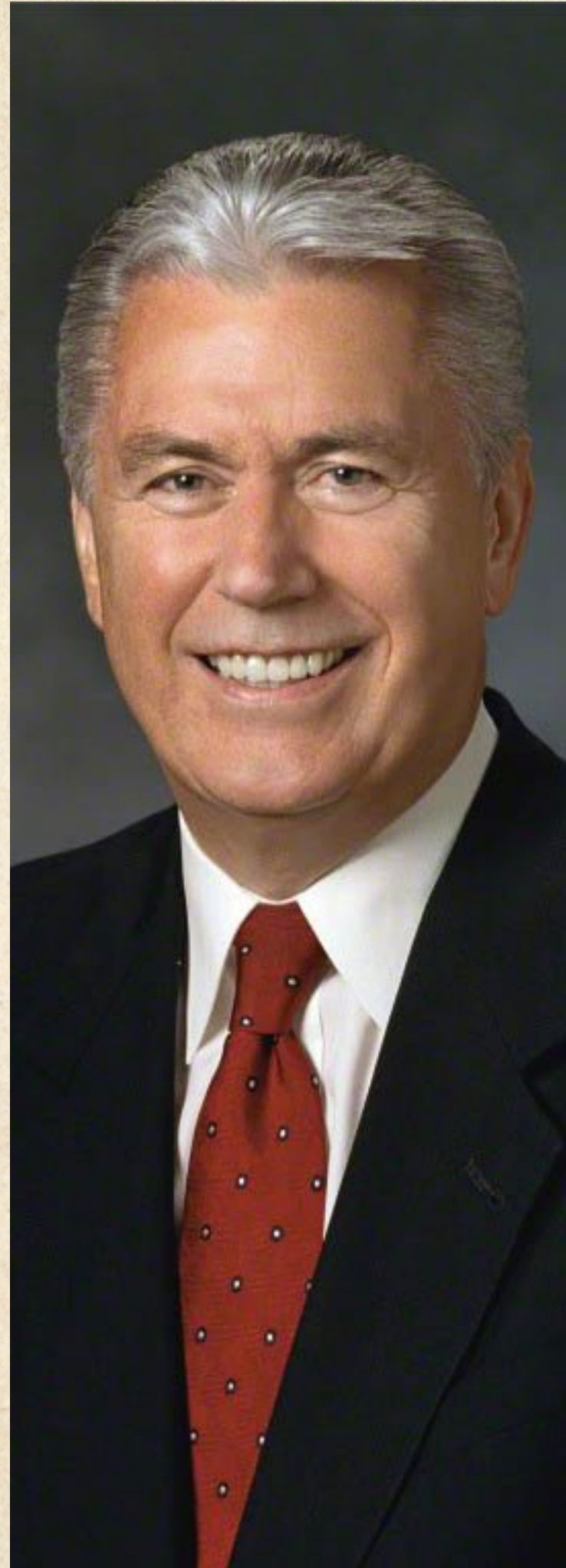
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(“A Yearning for Home,” Oct 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2017, 22).

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Professor Gary A. Rendsburg

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(Professor Gary A. Rendsburg, "The Book of Genesis," The Great Courses, 2006, p. 94).

Leviticus 27:5

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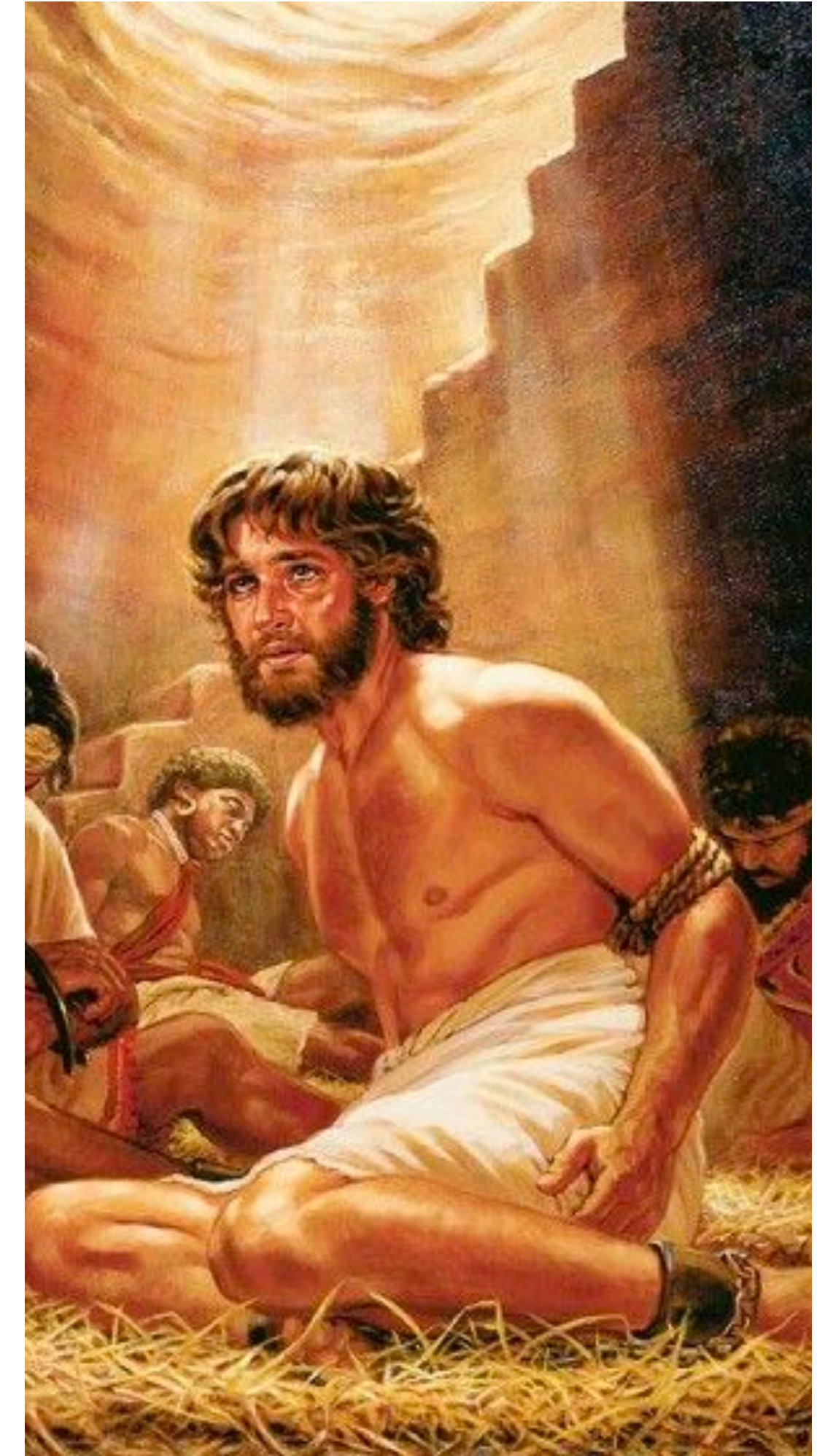
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(Professor Gary A. Rendsburg, "The Book of Genesis," The Great Courses, 2006, p. 98).



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Ruth 4:12.

And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman.

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Pharez → King David → Jesus Christ

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c TG Trustworthiness.
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b 2 Sam. 12:13.

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was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and ^afled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

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22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and

whatsoever they did there, he was the ^adoer of *it*.

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2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the ^aprison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a ^adream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not ^binterpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him,

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(Reading the Women of the Bible, Tikva Frymer Kensky, pg 75)



30a Gen. 46:12;
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Genesis 39:6

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome (*NIV*).

And Joseph was handsome in form, and exceedingly beautiful in countenance (*Septuagint*).

and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to ^aprosper in his hand.

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“With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.

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7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her ^aeyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he ^arefused, and said unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master ^bwotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath ^ccommitted all that he hath to my hand;

9 *There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great ^awickedness, and ^bsin against God?*

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph ^aday by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there*

17 And according to the Hebrew custom, he brought her to mock him.

18 And he said, up my voice, for his garment is here.

19 And he said, his master’s wife, who saying, a servant kindled.

20 And he said, and put in place where were bound the prisoners.

21 ¶ But Joseph, and gave him the keeper of the prison.

22 And he committed the prisoner.

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19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the ^aprison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 ¶ But the ^aLORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and

3a Ps. 1:3 (2–3);
Matt. 10:31 (29–31);
Mosiah 2:41.

b JST Gen. 39:8 . . .
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c TG Trustworthiness.

20a Gen. 40:3 (3, 5); 41:14;
Ps. 105:18;
Mosiah 7:7;

was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and ^afled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

“fled”

HEB: Vay-ya-nos - *to flee*

Psalms 114:1-3

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and **fled**:

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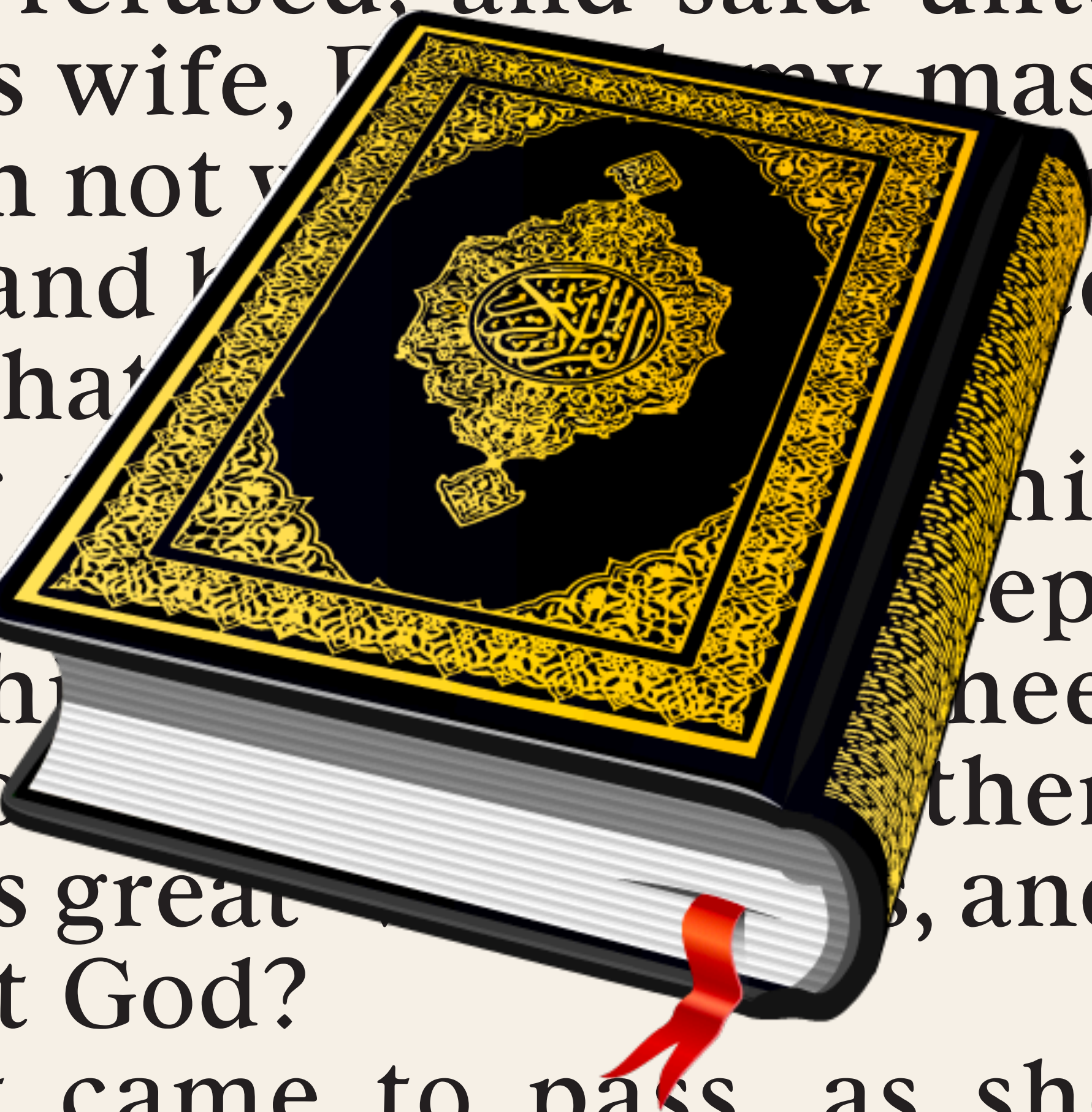
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(“God’s Love for All Mankind,” First Presidency Statement, February 15, 1978)

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3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard,

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CHAPTER 40

Joseph interprets the dreams of Pharaoh’s chief butler and chief baker—The butler fails to tell Pharaoh about Joseph.

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3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the “prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh’s officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord’s house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a “dream, and *there* is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not ^binterpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him,

In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;

10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Pharaoh’s cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh’s hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches *are* three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh’s cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and, behold, *I had* three white baskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bake-meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days:

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20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh’s birthday, that he made a feast unto all his

servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh’s hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but “forgot him.

CHAPTER 41

Pharaoh dreams of the cattle and the ears of grain—Joseph interprets the dreams as seven years of plenty and seven of famine—He proposes a grain storage program—Pharaoh makes him ruler of all Egypt—Joseph marries Asenath—He gathers grain as the sand upon the seashore—Asenath bears Manasseh and Ephraim—Joseph sells grain to Egyptians and others during the famine.

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2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 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.

4 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was “troubled; and he sent and called for all the ^bmagicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard’s house, *both* me and the chief baker:

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23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but ^aforgot him.

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Pharaoh dreams of the cattle and the ears of grain—Joseph interprets the dreams as seven years of plenty, and

8 And it came to pass in the second year of his reign, that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called the wise men, the magicians of Egypt, and he made known unto them his dream; but they could not interpret it.

9 ¶ Then spake Joseph unto Pharaoh, saying, I have dreamed this dream. Remember my faults this day.

10 Pharaoh waked his servants, and he said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and I will tell it to you: if ye can interpret it for me, then shall I promote you, and put you in charge over my household: for I have dreamed, and there is no man that can tell me.

11 And we dreamed a dream in the same night, we two brethren, and

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Joseph was in prison for two years after he interpreted the dreams of the chief butler and baker (see Genesis 41:1). He was sold into slavery when he was about seventeen (see Genesis 37:2), and he was thirty years of age when he became vice-regent to the pharaoh (see Genesis 41:46). Altogether he served thirteen years with Potiphar and in prison. The record does not tell how long he served Potiphar before his imprisonment, but that he worked his way up to be the overseer of the prison implies some period of time before the butler and baker joined him. So it is likely that Joseph was in prison at least three years and possibly much longer.

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18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very

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20 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the ^aeast ^bwind, sprung up after them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

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32 And for that the dream was
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to pass.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look
out a man discreet and wise, and set
him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him
appoint officers over the land, and
take up the fifth part of the land of
Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the
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of God *is*?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
Forasmuch as God hath ^ashewed
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CHAPTER 42

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Now when Jacob saw that there was ^acorn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

3 ¶ And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy ^acorn in Egypt.

4 But ^aBenjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

43^a Gen. 42:6; 45:8, 26;
1 Ne. 3:29.

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"Many years later, when Joseph had saved Egypt from famine and made a progress through the land, women threw him thank-offerings. Among them was Asenath who, having no other gift, tossed Joseph her silver disk, which he caught as it flew by. He recognized the inscription and, knowing that she must be his own niece, married her."

(V. Aptowitzer, "Asenath, the Wife of Joseph," Hebrew Union College Annual (New York: Ktav Publishing, 1924), Vol. I, pp. 239-255.)



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