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Gardening, Mission, and The End, pt. 2



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The Story of Joseph

- Joseph was the son of Jacob, the firstborn of his favorite wife, Rachel. He was favored.
- Out of hatred and jealousy, his brothers sold him as a slave into Egypt.
- While serving Potiphar, he was falsely accused of a crime and thrown into prison.
- In prison he interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's baker and butler.



Genesis 41

Gen. 41:1-8

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. 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.



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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 magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.



Summary

- Seven well fed, good looking cows come out of the river.
- Seven bad looking, poorly fed cows come up out of the river.
- Bad cows eat the good cows.
- Seven good looking heads of grain grow out of the ground.
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- Bad heads of grain eat the good heads of grain.
- Bad grain was blasted by the east wind.



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Gen 41:25-28

And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. 26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. 28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.



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It was humiliating to Pharaoh to turn away from the magicians and wise men of his kingdom to consult an alien and a slave, but he was ready to accept the lowliest service if his troubled mind might find relief. { PP 220.1}



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5. That east wind.



The East Wind

Literally the phrase reads. “Dried up by an east wind.”

What’s east of Egypt?





Pharaoh's Conclusion

Gen 41:33-39 – "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 food of those good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.



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Opportunities for Service

“The most effective way to teach the heathen who know not God, is through his works. In this way, far more readily than by any other method, they can be made to realize the difference between their idols, the works of their own hands, and the true God, the Maker of heaven and earth.” {SpTEd 59.3}

“A knowledge of how to cultivate the land will make rough places much smoother. This knowledge will be counted a great blessing, even by our enemies.” {19MR 26.2}



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Hi Mr. Obermiller, We are interested in starting a garden at our elementary school and got your name from _____. Our school is new in the Clovis unified district and we are excited about our opportunities. We would love to have you come out and look at our space and help us brainstorm location and needs. Please let me know if you are available to help us get this project started. Thank you!

Virginia Borris Elementary School, Clovis Ca.



Constantine's Sunday Law of 321 A.D.

“On the venerable Day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not so suitable for grain-sowing or for vine-planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost. (Given the 7th day of March, Crispus and Constantine being consuls each of them for the second time [A.D. 321].)



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Where can we find...

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