

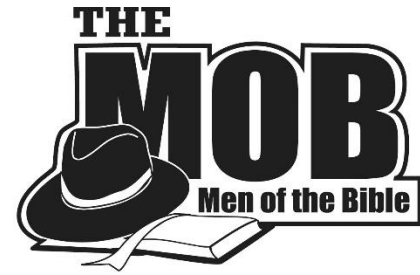
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

WELCOME TO THE MOB!



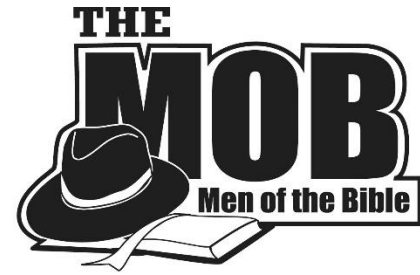
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! Website: www.ibcmob.net
- [Assist Pregnancy Center – Walk / Run / Ride Fundraiser](#)
[Saturday, May 11, 8:30 – 11:00 AM](#)
[Fairfax Community Church, 11451 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA](#)
- Please PRAY for MOB 2019 – 2020: What should we study?
 - Exodus or another Old Testament book(s)?
 - One of the Gospels or another New Testament book(s)?
 - [Please take MOB 2019 – 2020 study preference survey online](#)
 - [See what we've studied before online \(look at the bottom of our Resources webpage\)](#). **Note:** We *can* repeat a book.
- Please rise for a hymn of praise & invocation



Memory Verse



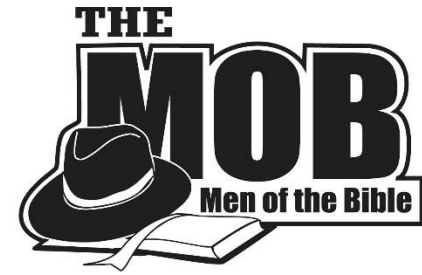
Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV)

Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV)



Another Great Verse



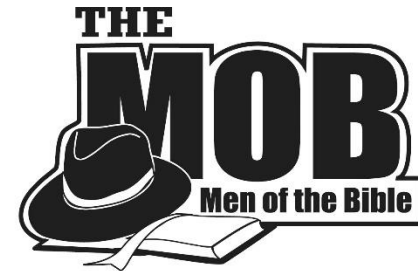
Romans 8:28 (ESV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (ESV)



Genesis Overview

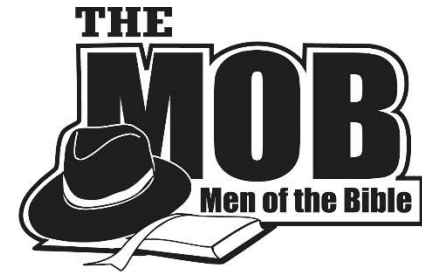


Focus	Four Events				Four People			
Reference	1:1 – 2:25	3:1 – 5:32	6:1 – 9:29	10:1 – 11:9	11:10 – 25:18	25:19 – 26:35	27:1 – 36:43	37:1 – 50:26
Division	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Topic	The Human Race				The Chosen Race (Hebrews)			
	Primeval History / Historical				Patriarchal History / Biographical			
Location	Fertile Crescent (Eden – Haran)				Canaan (Haran – Canaan)			
Time	cir. 2,000 years (cir. 4004 – 2090 B.C.)				193 years (2090 – 1897 B.C.)			





Genesis Divisions



בְּרֵאשִׁית (*bereshith*) = **Beginnings** (of many things)

Greek = Genesis = Origin, Source, Generation, Beginning

תּוֹלְדוֹת (*toledoth*) = “These are the generations of...” or “This is the history of...” or “account of...” **10 sections:**

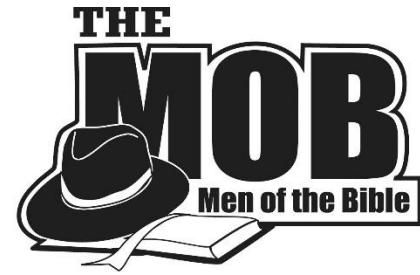
Prologue ([Genesis 1:1 – 2:3](#))

1. The generations of **heaven and earth** ([Genesis 2:4 – 4:26](#))
2. The generations of **Adam** ([Genesis 5:1 – 6:8](#))
3. The generations of **Noah** ([Genesis 6:9 – 9:29](#))
4. The generations of the **sons of Noah** ([Genesis 10:1 – 11:9](#))
5. The generations of **Shem** ([Genesis 11:10 – 26](#))
6. The generations of **Terah** ([Genesis 11:27 – 25:11](#))
7. The generations of **Ishmael** ([Genesis 25:12 – 18](#))
8. The generations of **Isaac** ([Genesis 25:19 – 35:29](#))
9. The generations of **Esau** ([Genesis 36:1 – 37:1](#))
10. The generations of **Jacob** ([Genesis 37:2 – 50:26](#))





Our Study of Genesis



Last Meeting:

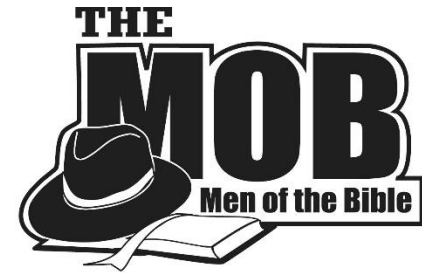
- [Genesis 39:1-23](#) Joseph the Slave, Potiphar's Wife & Imprisonment
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 11, pages 150 - 151

This Meeting:

- [Genesis 40:1 – 41:57](#) Joseph Interprets 4 Dreams & Rises to Power
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 11, pages 151 - 154



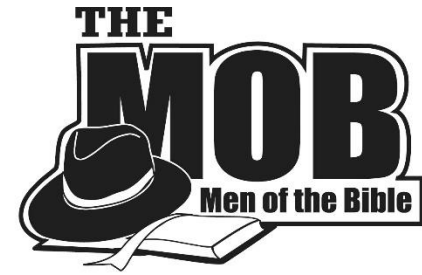
Overview



- In [Genesis 39](#), the LORD was with Joseph, a slave in the house of Potiphar and he excelled in all he did. Potiphar put him in charge of his entire household. Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph, eventually forcibly. Joseph refused and fled, but ended up in Pharaoh's prison. Again, in prison, the LORD was with Joseph and he was a model prisoner. The keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of everyone in the prison.
- In [Genesis 40](#), Pharaoh's cup bearer (butler) and baker offend Pharaoh and he puts them in prison. The captain of the guard puts them in Joseph's care.
- Both have troubling dreams. Joseph, trusting in God, interprets their dreams:
 - Cup Bearer: 3 branches with grapes, Pharaoh's cup in his hand, he gives it to Pharaoh
 - Baker: 3 baskets of bread on his head, birds eat the bread, he will be hanged and eaten by birds
- On Pharaoh's birthday, he restores the cup bearer to his position, but hangs the baker, just as Joseph had interpreted in their dreams.
- In Genesis 41, two years pass as Joseph waits, forgotten by the cupbearer
- Pharaoh has two dreams, which Joseph interprets (same meaning), giving glory to God
 - 1) Out of the Nile came 7 fat cows, then 7 skinny cows that eat the 7 fat cows, but still look skinny
 - 2) 7 fat ears of grain, then 7 skinny ears of grain that eat the 7 fat ears of grainMeaning: The region will have 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of extreme famine
- God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do and it is going to happen
- Pharaoh appoints Joseph as "Prime Minister" over Egypt to prepare for the famine
- Pharaoh gives Joseph an Egyptian name and wife, who produces 2 sons
- Egypt prepares and then the famine comes. Egypt is prepared.



Genesis 40



¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

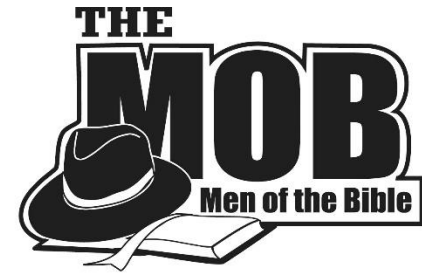
⁵ And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” ⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- We don't know why Pharaoh puts these two trusted servants in prison.
- The jail keeper probably was under the Captain of the Guard, who may have been Potiphar.
- Joseph cared for those under his care.
- Joseph immediately and directly gives credit to God for any ability he might have.



Genesis 40



⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.”

¹² Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days.

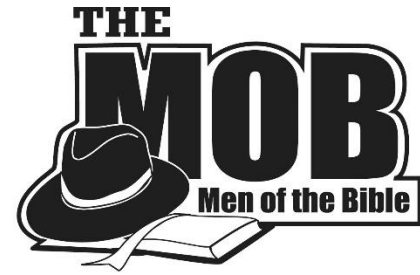
¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Joseph gives the cupbearer (butler) an honest and accurate interpretation of this dream.
- Joseph asks the cupbearer to remember him when he is back in the presence of Pharaoh and to put in a good word for him since he is in jail unjustly.
- Interesting Note: Nehemiah, was a cupbearer in the Persian court ([Nehemiah 1:11-2:8](#)).



Genesis 40



¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

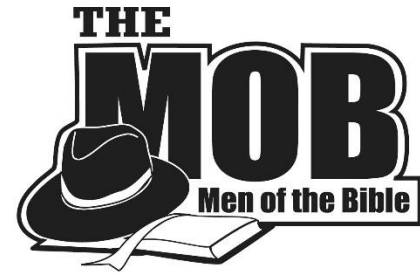
²³ Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Joseph gives the baker an honest and accurate interpretation of this dream.
- Notice that Joseph does not ask the baker for any favors!
- We don't know why Pharaoh brought these two men out of jail and then restored one (the cupbearer) and executed the other (the baker), but he did, just as Joseph had predicted.
- Restored to his previous position, the cupbearer forgets the Hebrew Joseph in prison.



Genesis 41



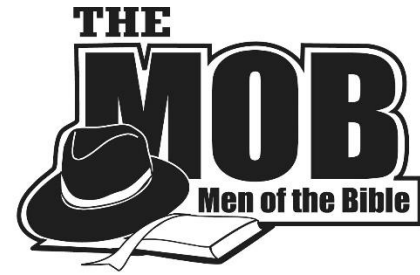
¹ After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, ² and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. ³ And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. ⁴ And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. ⁵ And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. ⁶ And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind. ⁷ And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. ⁸ So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Two years pass and Joseph continues to serve faithfully while he waits in prison.
- Pharaoh has two dreams: 7 fat cows / 7 thin cows; 7 fat ears of grain / 7 thin ears of grain
- Pharaoh is troubled by his dreams, but none of his wise men could interpret them.
- Note: Egyptians and Babylonians regarded dreams as significant in predicting the future. See [Daniel 2](#).



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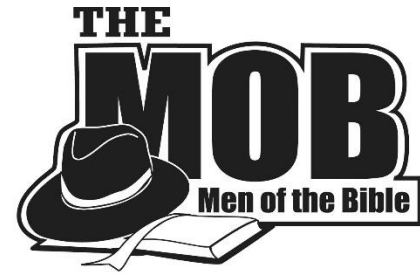
⁹ Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “I remember my offenses today. ¹⁰ When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, ¹¹ we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. ¹² A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. ¹³ And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Then the cupbearer remembers Joseph in prison. This was God’s work and God’s timing!
- What might have happened if the cupbearer had successfully secured Joseph’s release two years earlier?



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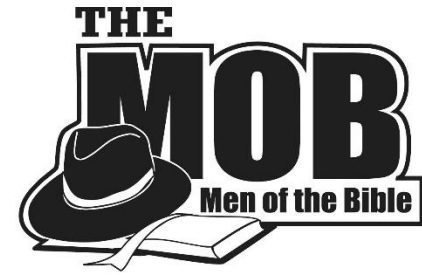
¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” ¹⁶ Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Pharaoh hopes Joseph can interpret his dreams based on Joseph’s past performance.
- Joseph immediate and directly gives all credit to God for any ability he has.



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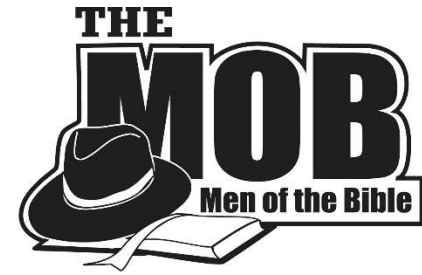
¹⁷ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile. ¹⁸ Seven cows, plump and attractive, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. ¹⁹ Seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin, such as I had never seen in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰ And the thin, ugly cows ate up the first seven plump cows, ²¹ but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were still as ugly as at the beginning. Then I awoke. ²² I also saw in my dream seven ears growing on one stalk, full and good. ²³ Seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them, ²⁴ and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Pharaoh’s dreams were vivid and shocking.
- The river was most likely the Nile, the source of life for Egypt (reliable water in a desert land).
- Cows were important symbols: [The Egyptians used them for food, milk, leather, and sacrifice. Ancient Egyptian cattle came to be considered so important that many Egyptian gods were considered to have the form of cattle, notable deities being Hathor, Ptah \(as the Apis Bull\), Montu \(as the Buchis bull\), and Atum-Ra \(as the Mnevis bull\).](#)



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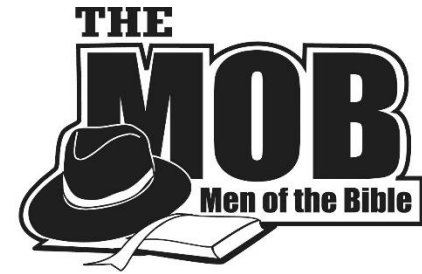
²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. ²⁷ The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. ²⁸ It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ³¹ and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. ³² And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Without hesitation, Joseph honestly and accurately interprets Pharaoh’s two (one) dream.
- Doubling was often symbolic of importance or certainty in ancient cultures’ literature.
- Pharaoh’s were often considered gods who could direct or influence worldly affairs.
- Joseph’s interpretation is essentially telling Pharaoh he is subordinate to the one true God.
- Pharaoh could have had Joseph executed for what his interpretation implied.



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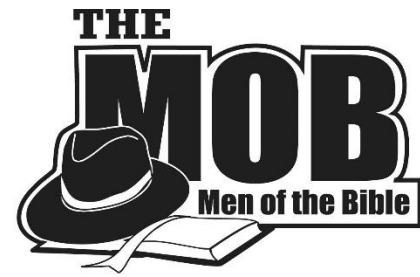
³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

Observations & Interpretation:

- Joseph not only brings a big problem to Pharaoh’s attention, he also proposes a solution!
- This is a good pattern for all of us to emulate.



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³⁷ This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. ⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Pharaoh recognizes the source of Joseph’s wisdom and submits to it. This is truly amazing!
- Pharaoh appoints a foreign slave to be the #2 man in all of Egypt.
- Pharaoh “naturalizes” Joseph by giving him an Egyptian name and wife of the high priest class.
- Potiphera (“he whom [Ra](#) has given”), Priest of On (Heliopolis, worship of [Ra](#), the sun god).



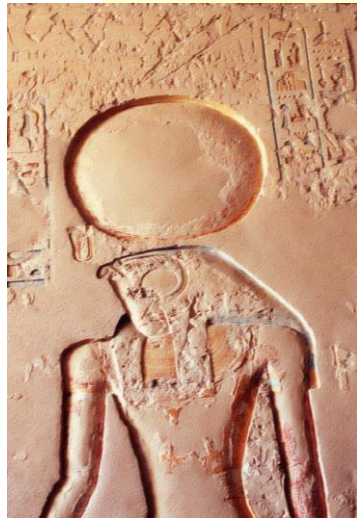
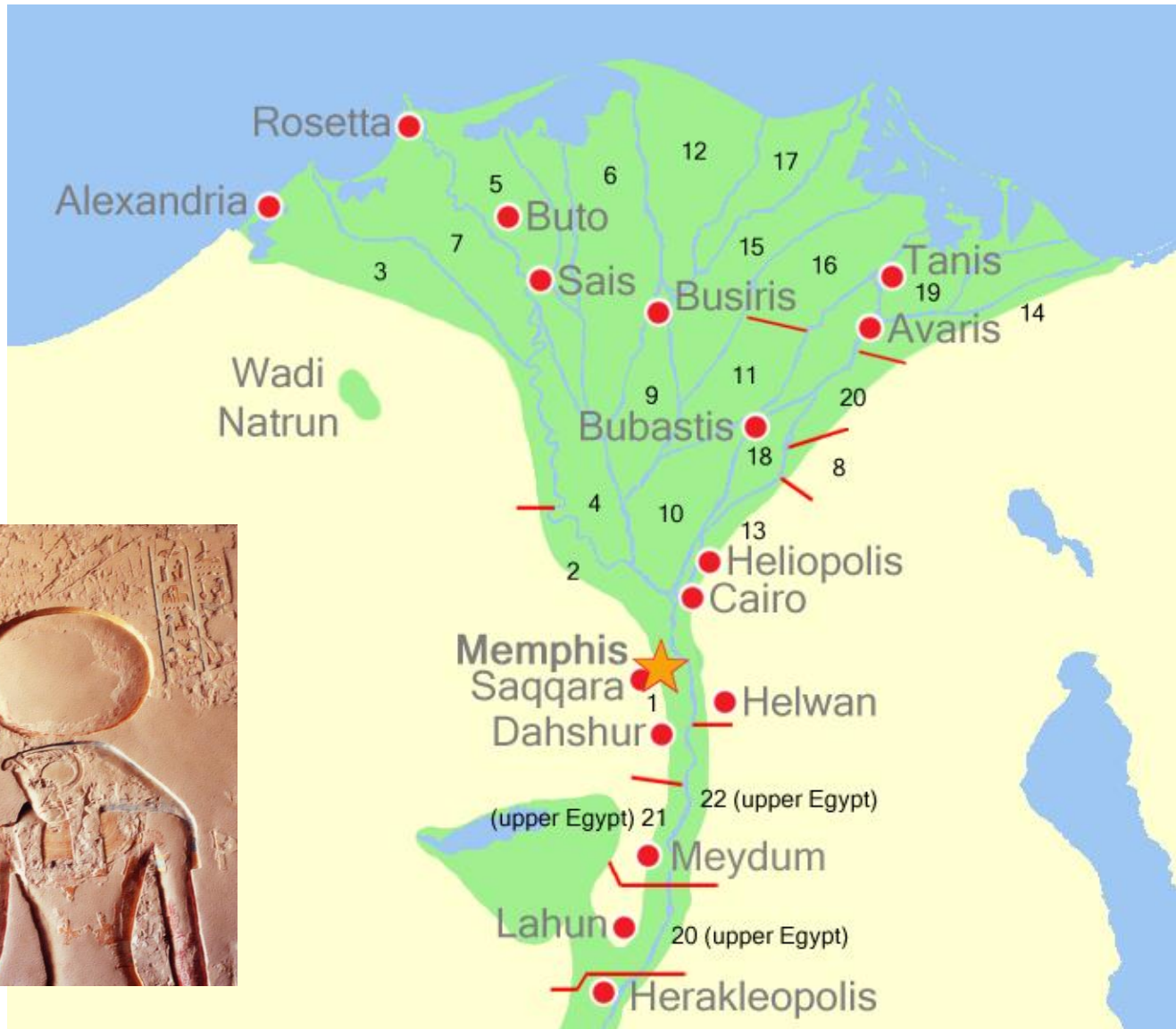
Ancient Egypt

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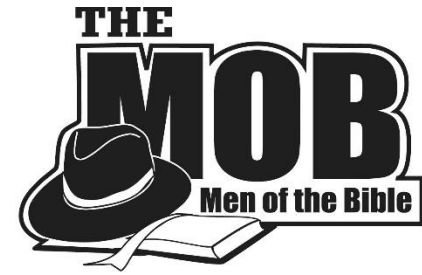
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⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁷ During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, ⁴⁸ and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. ⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

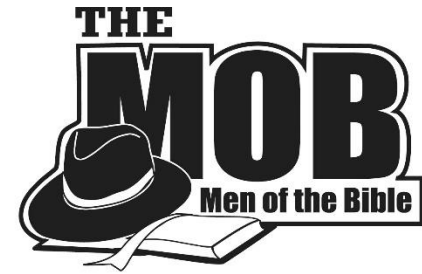
⁵⁰ Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." ⁵² The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Observations & Interpretation:

- Joseph was 30 when he was appointed.
- Joseph did not waste any time preparing.
- Asenath ("holy to Anath, possession of the goddess Neith").
- Sons Manasseh and Ephraim will be the fathers of 2 of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- Joseph acknowledged God's hand in his life when naming his sons.



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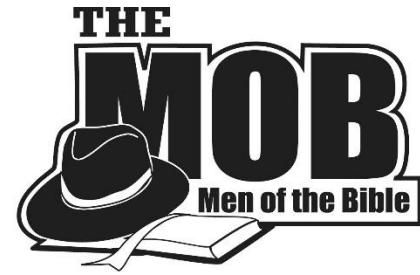
⁵³ The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.” ⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

Observations & Interpretation:

- Seven years of plenty came and went. Egypt was ready when the famine began.
- This was not a local famine (regional at least).
- Political Power = Control over scarce resources.
- Joseph’s faithfulness brought great wealth and power to Pharaoh.
- [“Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely”](#) – unless a man is with the LORD and the LORD is with the man!



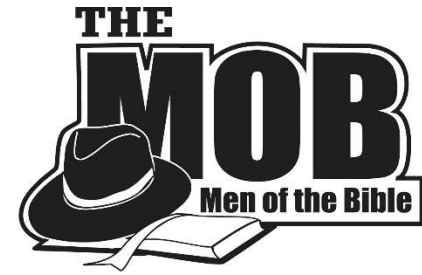
Discussion & Application



1. The cupbearer forgot Joseph after Joseph did him a big favor. Has this ever happened to you? How did it affect you? As followers of Christ, what is our “antidote” for this kind of situation? Consider [Deuteronomy 31:6](#), [Hebrews 13:5](#), and [other related Scripture verses](#).
2. What would have likely happened if the cupbearer had been successful in obtaining Joseph’s release from prison two years prior to Pharaoh’s dreams? Do you think this is clear evidence for God’s sovereignty and timing?
3. Joseph never forgot Who is always really in charge. When you have the opportunity to “be in the spotlight,” do you remember that God is your sole source of everything good? Consider [Psalm 127](#) and [James 1:17](#).
4. [Was it OK for Joseph to marry Asenath, a pagan daughter of a pagan high priest? Weren’t God’s people supposed to remain separate? Did God approve of this?](#)
5. Discuss ways in which this historical account demonstrates God’s Truth revealed to us in [Romans 8:28](#). Share your experiences. Give glory to God!



Next Meeting



Review:

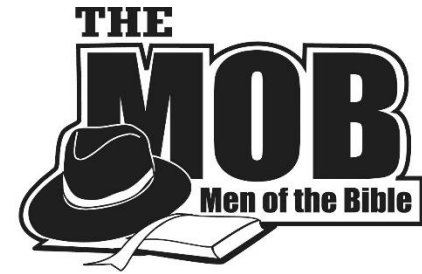
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Read:

- Genesis 40:1 – 41:57 Joseph & His Family: Tests, Reconciliation, and Rescue
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 11, pages 155 - 161



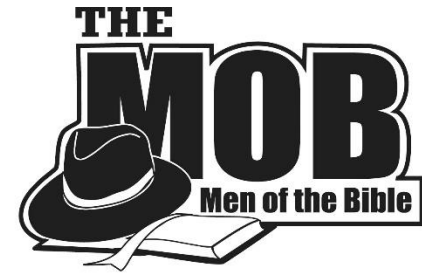
Closing



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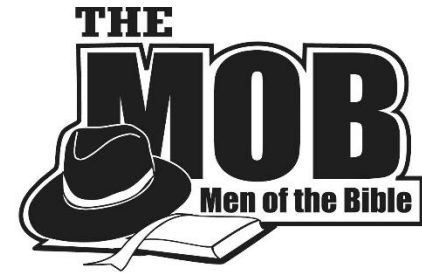
“The Bible is always the best commentary on the Bible.”

Additional References (as time permits):

- [Encountering the Book of Genesis](#), Bill T. Arnold, Baker Books, 1998
- [Dr. Constable's Notes on Genesis](#) (Full Commentary - FREE pdf download)
- [Grace to You - John MacArthur's sermons on Genesis \(audio files & transcripts\)](#)
- [Hebrew Interlinear](#) (look up the meaning of the original Hebrew words)
- “Genesis,” by Allen P. Ross, in [The Bible Knowledge Commentary – Old Testament](#), edited by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, David C. Cook Publisher, Colorado Springs, CO 1985
- “What is divine providence?” at www.gotquestions.net
- [Systematic Theology](#) by Wayne Grudem, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI 1994
- Others references available at www.ibcmob.net/resources and online



Bible Study



Inductive Bible Study Approach:

- **Observation** – What does it say?
- **Interpretation** – What does it mean?
- **Application** – How do I apply this in my life?

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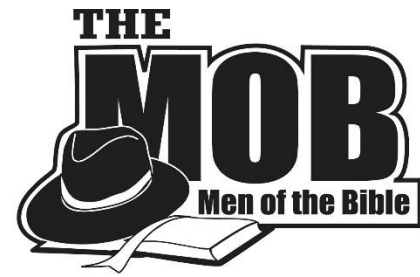
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Interpreting Scripture

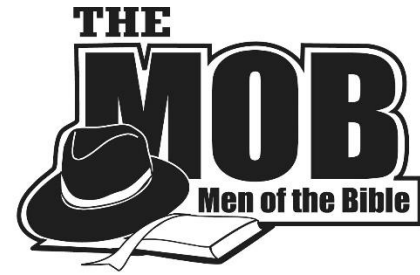
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1. **Normal** - understanding the words of Scripture in their common usage unless otherwise indicated by the context.
2. **Literal** - understanding the meaning of Scripture in its ordinary sense unless the context requires a figurative interpretation.
3. **Grammatical** - using the recognized rules of grammar to interpret the text.
4. **Historical** - understanding the words of Scripture in the context of the times in which they were written.
5. **Systematic** - categorizing and comparing the teaching of the Scriptures with the whole of Scripture in view.



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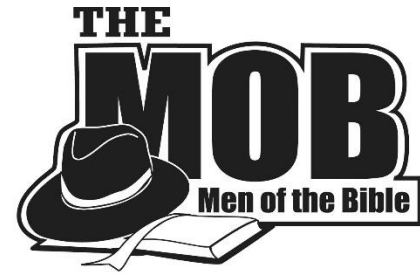
¹ Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, ³ and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. ⁴ The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody.

⁵ And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ⁶ When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast today?” ⁸ They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, ¹⁰ and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.”



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¹² Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days.

¹³ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer. ¹⁴ Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

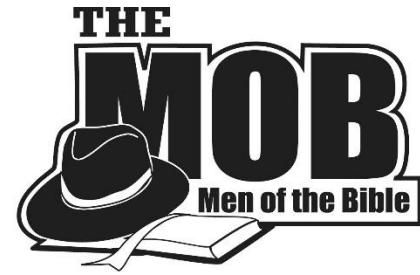
¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, ¹⁷ and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸ And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

²⁰ On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

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



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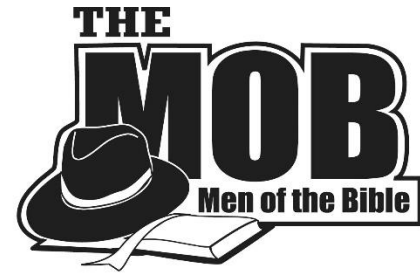


¹ After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, ² and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. ³ And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. ⁴ And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. ⁵ And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. ⁶ And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind. ⁷ And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. ⁸ So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

⁹ Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “I remember my offenses today. ¹⁰ When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, ¹¹ we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. ¹² A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. ¹³ And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.”



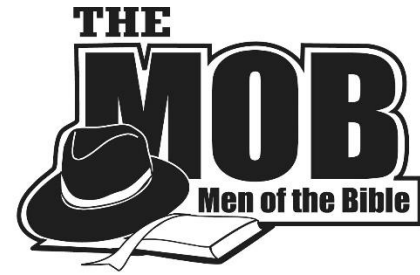
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¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." ¹⁶ Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." ¹⁷ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile. ¹⁸ Seven cows, plump and attractive, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. ¹⁹ Seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and thin, such as I had never seen in all the land of Egypt. ²⁰ And the thin, ugly cows ate up the first seven plump cows, ²¹ but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were still as ugly as at the beginning. Then I awoke. ²² I also saw in my dream seven ears growing on one stalk, full and good. ²³ Seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them, ²⁴ and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."



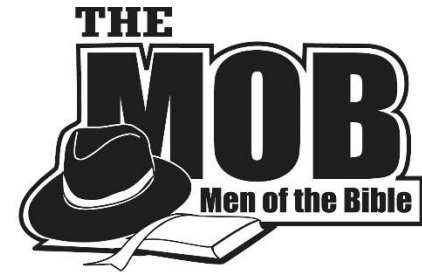
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²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. ²⁷ The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. ²⁸ It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. ²⁹ There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, ³⁰ but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, ³¹ and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe. ³² And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. ³³ Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴ Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. ³⁵ And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. ³⁶ That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”



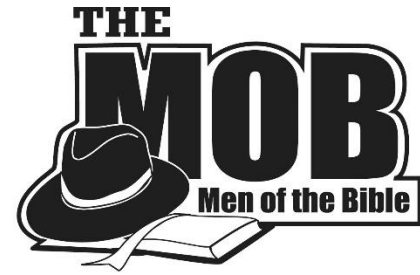
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³⁷ This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. ³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. ⁴³ And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” ⁴⁵ And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.



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⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁷ During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, ⁴⁸ and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. ⁴⁹ And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

⁵⁰ Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house." ⁵² The name of the second he called Ephraim, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³ The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do."

⁵⁶ So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.