

JOSEPH'S ASCENT: GENESIS 40

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1 After these things, the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord, the king of Egypt. 3 He put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison. 4 The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he took care of them. They stayed in prison many days. 5 They both dreamed a dream, each man a separate dream, in the same night, with a separate interpretation, the cup bearer and the baker of the king of Egypt. 6 Joseph came to them in the morning, and saw them, and saw that they were sad. 8 They said to him, "We have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it."

Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me."

9 The chief cup bearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "In my dream, behold, a vine was in front of me, 10 and on the vine were three branches. It budded, it blossomed, and its clusters produced ripe grapes. 11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's hand."

12 Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. 13 Within three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head, and restore you to your office. You will give Pharaoh's cup to him, the way you did when you were his cup bearer. 14 Remember me when it will be well with you, and please show kindness to me, and mention me to Pharaoh, and take me out of this house. 15 For indeed, I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews."

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40:1 וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה חָטְאוּ מִשְׁקָה מֶלֶךְ־מִצְרַיִם וְהָאֶפֶס לְאֲדֹנָיהֶם לְמֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם: 40:3
 וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם בְּמִשְׁמַר בַּיַּת שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אֶל־בַּיַת הַסֵּהֶר: 40:4 וַיִּפְקֹד שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אֶת־יֹסֵף אֹתָם
 וַיִּשְׁרַת אֹתָם וַיְהִי יָמִים בְּמִשְׁמַר: 40:5 וַיַּחְלְמוּ חֲלוֹם שְׁנֵיהֶם אִישׁ חֲלָמוֹ בְּלַיְלָה אֶחָד אִישׁ
 בְּפִתְרוֹן חֲלָמוֹ הַמִּשְׁקָה וְהָאֶפֶס אֲשֶׁר לְמֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם: 40:6 וַיָּבֹא אֲלֵיהֶם יֹסֵף בְּבֹקֶר וַיֵּרָא אֹתָם
 וַיְהִי זַעֲפִים: 40:8 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו חֲלוֹם חֲלָמְנוּ וּפְתָר אֵין אֵתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם יוֹסֵף הֲלוֹא לֵאלֹהִים
 פְּתָרִים סִפְרוּ־נָא לִי: 40:9 וַיִּסְפֹּר שַׂר־הַמִּשְׁקָה אֶת־חֲלָמוֹ לְיוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בְּחִלּוּמַי וְהִנֵּה־גֹפֶן
 לִפְנֵי: 40:10 וּבְגֹפֶן שְׁלֹשָׁה שָׂרִיגִם וְהִיא כְּפָרְחַת עֲלֶתָה נֹצֵה הַבְּשִׁילוֹ אֲשַׁכְּלֶתֶיהָ עֲנָבִים: 40:11
 וְכֹס פְּרֹעָה בִּידֵי וְאָקַח אֶת־הָעֲנָבִים וְאֲשַׁחַט אֹתָם אֶל־כֹּס פְּרֹעָה וְאֶתֶּן אֶת־הַכֹּס עַל־יָדְךָ
 פְּרֹעָה: 40:12 וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יוֹסֵף זֶה פְּתָרְנוֹ שְׁלֹשַׁת הַשָּׂרִיגִים שְׁלֹשַׁת יָמִים הֵם: 40:13 בְּעוֹד ׀
 שְׁלֹשַׁת יָמִים יֵשֵׂא פְּרֹעָה אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ וְהִשִּׁיבָה עַל־פְּנֵיהָ וְנָתַתְּ כֹּס־פְּרֹעָה בְּיָדוֹ כַּמִּשְׁפָּט הָרִאשׁוֹן
 אֲשֶׁר הָיִיתָ מִשְׁקָהוּ: 40:14 כִּי אִם־זָכַרְתָּנִי אֶתְּךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר יִיטֵב לָךְ וְעָשִׂיתָ־נָא עִמָּדִי חֶסֶד וְהִזְכַּרְתָּנִי
 אֶל־פְּרֹעָה וְהוֹצֵאתָנִי מִן־הַבַּיַת הַזֶּה: 40:15 כִּי־גָנַב גְּנֹבְתִי מֵאֶרֶץ הָעֶבְרָיִם

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16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, “I also dreamed, and behold, three baskets of white bread were on my head. 17 In the uppermost basket there were all kinds of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head.”

18 Joseph answered, “This is its interpretation. The three baskets are three days. 19 In three days, Pharaoh will take off your head, and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from off you.” 20 On the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, he made a feast for all his servants, and he lifted up the heads of the chief cup bearer and of the chief baker among his servants. 21 He restored the chief cup bearer to his position, and he put the cup into Pharaoh’s hand; 22 but he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted for them. 23 Yet the chief cup bearer didn’t remember Joseph, but forgot him.

According to E, Joseph was taken from the pit by the Midianites to be sold as a slave to Potiphar, Pharaoh’s minister, as recounted in the final verse of Genesis 37, and alluded to in vs. 15 here. His further degradation in Genesis 39, from slave to prisoner, is not recorded in E. Here, in Genesis 40,

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40:16 וַיֵּרָא שְׂרֵי־הָאֲפִים כִּי טוֹב פֶּתֶר וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֶהְיֶה בְּחַלּוּמַי וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה סִלֵי חֲרִי עֲלֶיךָ

רֵאשִׁי: 40:17 וּבְסֵל הָעֲלִיּוֹן מִכֹּל מֵאֲכַל פְּרֹעָה מֵעֲשֵׂה אִפְּהָ וְהָעוֹף אֲכַל אֶתְּם מִן־הַסֵּל מֵעַל

רֵאשִׁי: 40:18 וַיַּעַן יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר זֶה פֶּתְרוֹנוֹ שְׁלֹשֶׁת הַסֵּלִים שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים הֵם: 40:19 בְּעוֹד |

שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים וַיֵּשֶׂא פְרֹעָה אֶת־רֵאשֵׁף מֵעֲלִידָה וַתִּלְהָ אֹתָהּ עַל־עֵץ וְאָכַל הָעוֹף אֶת־בְּשׂוּרָהּ

מֵעֲלִידָה: 40:20 וַיְהִי | בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יוֹם הַלֵּדָת אֶת־פְּרֹעָה וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתָּה לְכָל־עַבְדָּיו וַיֵּשֶׂא אֶת־

רֵאשׁ | שֵׁר הַמִּשְׁקִים וְאֶת־רֵאשׁ שֵׁר הָאֲפִים בְּתוֹךְ עַבְדָּיו: 40:21 וַיָּשָׁב אֶת־שֵׁר הַמִּשְׁקִים עַל־

מִשְׁקָהוּ וַיִּתֵּן הַכֹּס עַל־כַּף פְּרֹעָה: 40:22 וְאֵת שֵׁר הָאֲפִים תִּלְהָ כַּאֲשֶׁר פֶּתַר לָהֶם יוֹסֵף: 40:23

וְלֹא־זָכַר שְׂרֵי־הַמִּשְׁקִים אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁכַּחְהוּ: פ