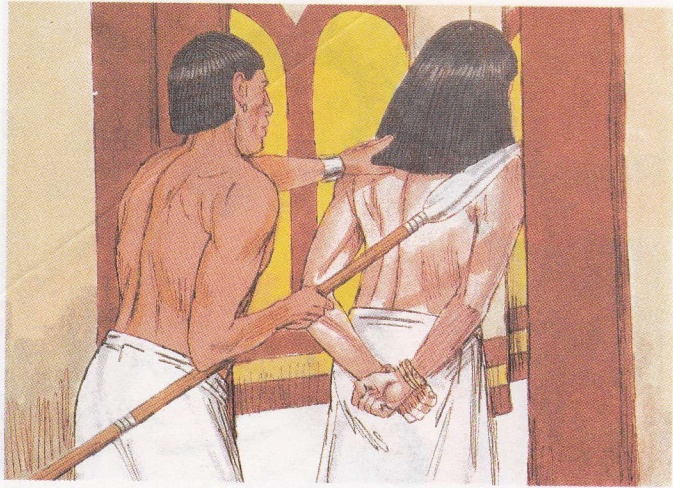
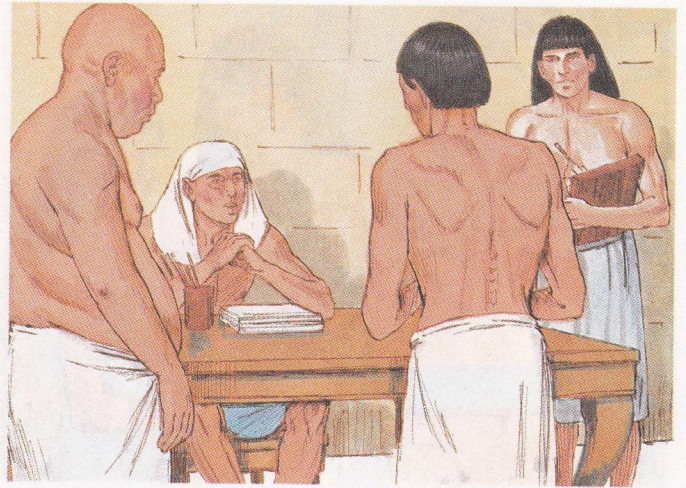


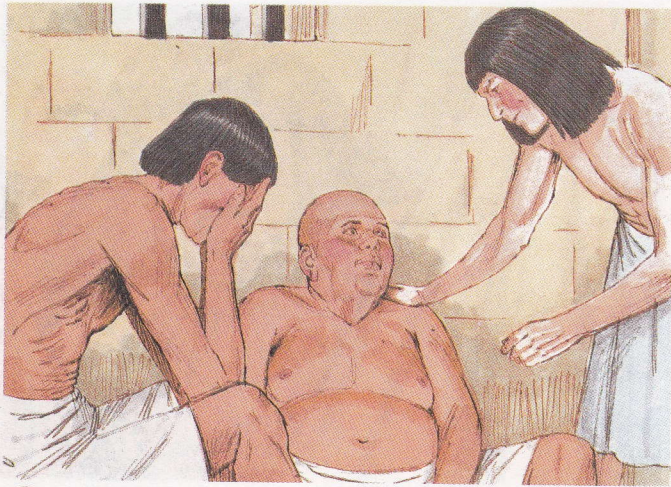
Joseph in Prison



1 Joseph was imprisoned unfairly, but God was with him still. Even in prison Joseph was successful in what he did.



2 Some time later, Pharaoh became angry with two of his servants—his chief baker and his butler. He had them thrown into prison. Joseph met them and became their friend.



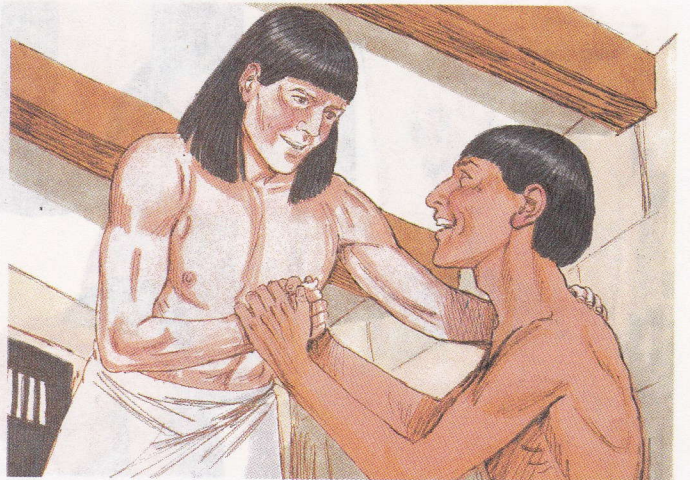
3 One night, both of these men had disturbing dreams. The next morning, Joseph noticed their unhappy faces and said, "Tell me your dreams."



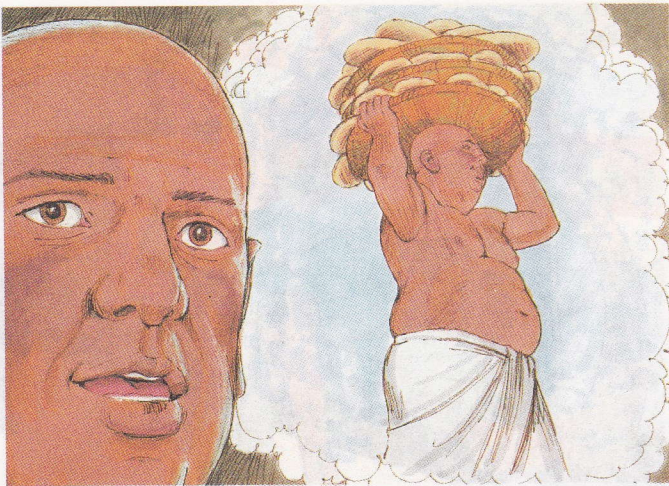
4 The butler spoke first. "In my dream I saw a vine with three branches. It budded and filled with grapes. I squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup and gave him a drink."



5 Joseph smiled. "Your dream has a happy meaning. Three days from now, Pharaoh is going to take you out of prison and give your job back to you."



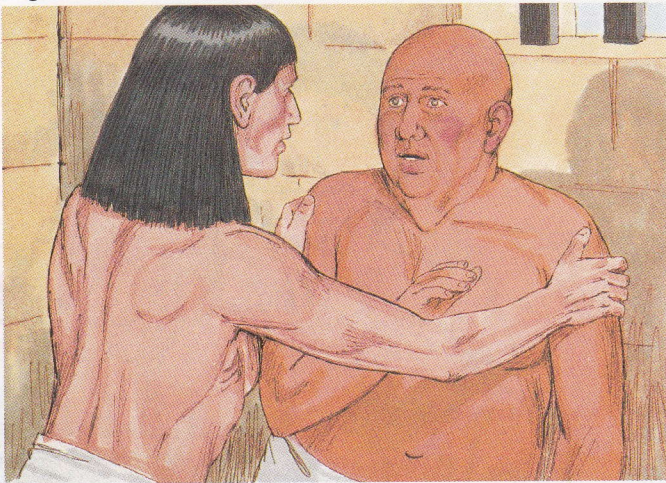
6 Joseph continued, "When this happens, please try to help me if you can. I am a foreigner—a Hebrew. As a youth I was kidnapped and sold into slavery. I am now in prison for a crime I did not do."



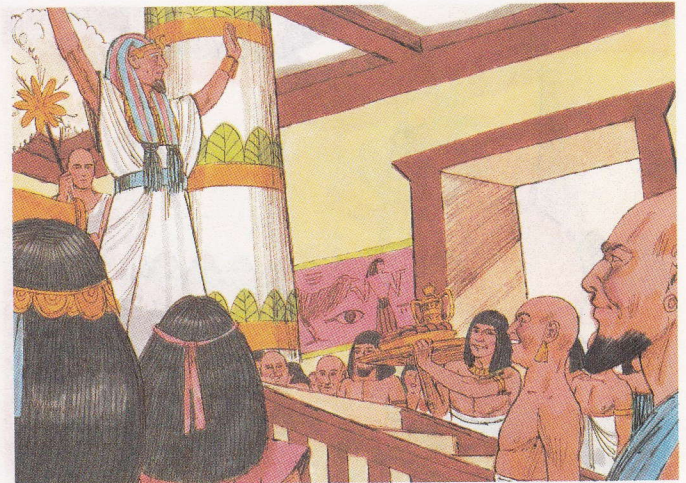
7 The butler promised that he would help. Then Joseph listened to the baker's dream. "I dreamed I was carrying three baskets of baked goods on my head," began the baker.



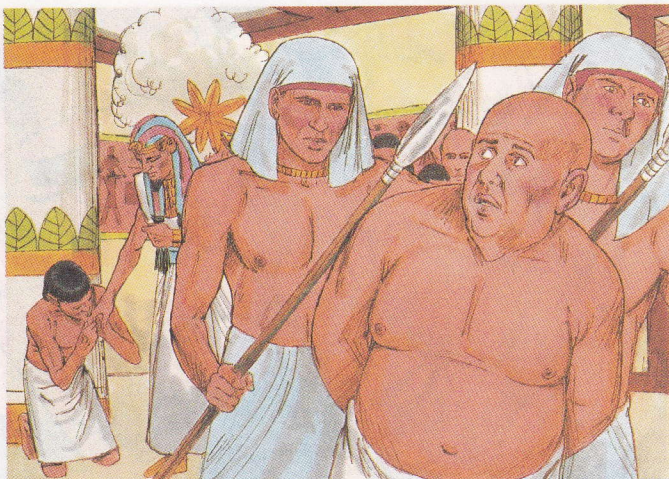
8 "But before I could deliver them to Pharaoh, a great cloud of birds came and ate all the loaves and cakes."



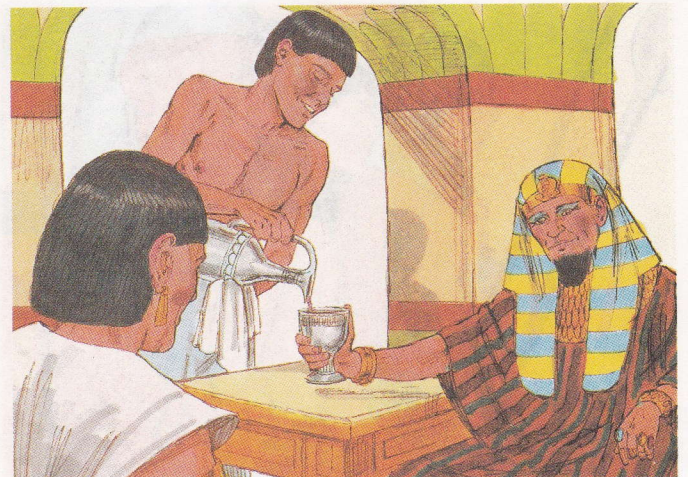
9 Joseph's face was saddened. "My friend, prepare yourself for bad news! Your dream means that three days from now you will be put to death by Pharaoh's order."



10 Sure enough, Pharaoh's birthday came three days later. He gave a party for all the people who worked in his government and on his staff.



11 Just as Joseph had predicted, the butler was restored to Pharaoh's service, but the chief baker was sentenced to die a terrible death.



12 The butler, however, forgot all about Joseph and his promise to help him.