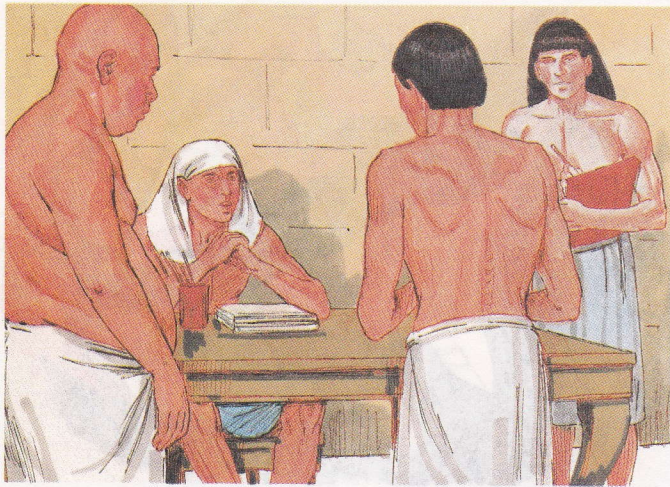
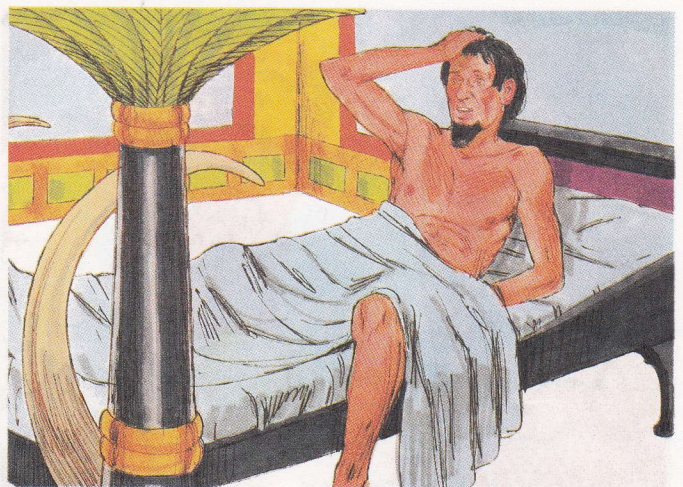


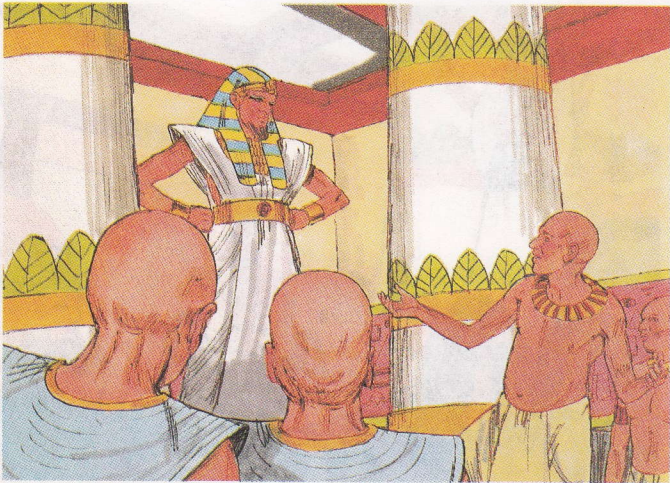
Pharaoh's Dream



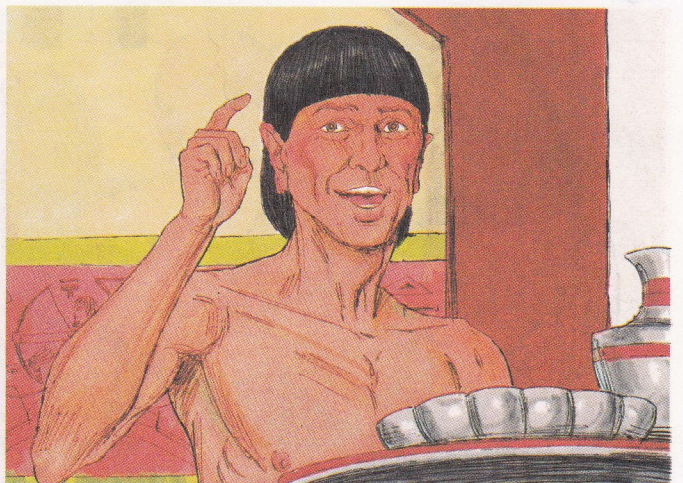
1 While Joseph was still in prison in Egypt, something happened which changed his life and the future of all Egypt.



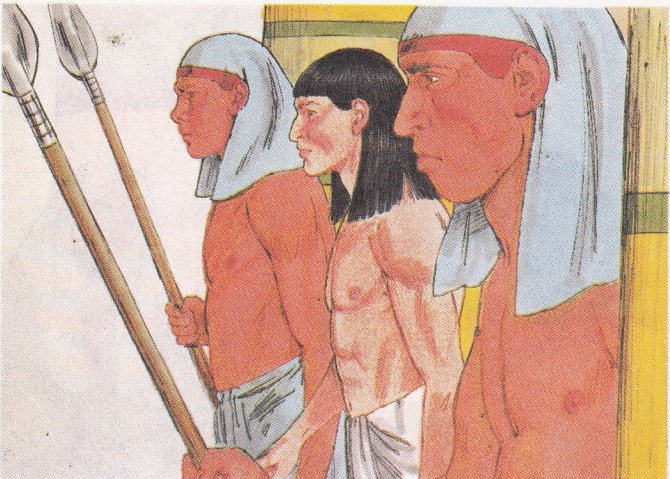
2 One night Pharaoh had a very disturbing dream. The next morning he became very worried about what the dream might mean.



3 Pharaoh called together the wisest magicians and thinkers of Egypt and told them about his dream, but they were just as confused about it as he was.



4 Then Pharaoh's butler spoke up. "Now I remember—back when the baker and I were in jail, we both had strange dreams. A young Hebrew explained them and everything came true as he said!"



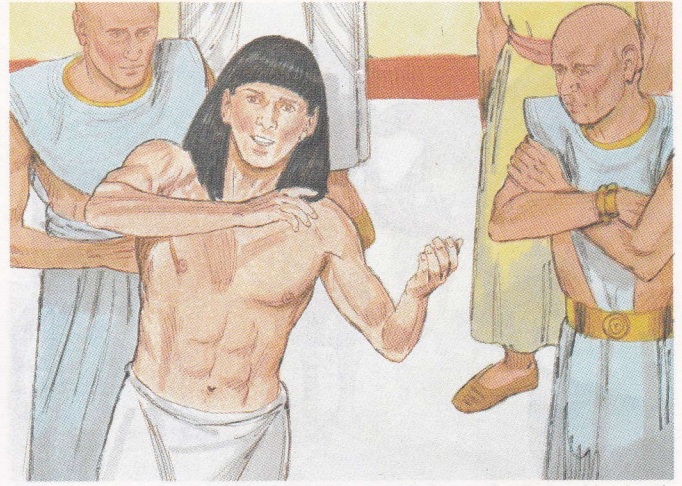
5 "Find this man immediately!" cried Pharaoh. So Joseph was taken from the prison and brought before Pharaoh.



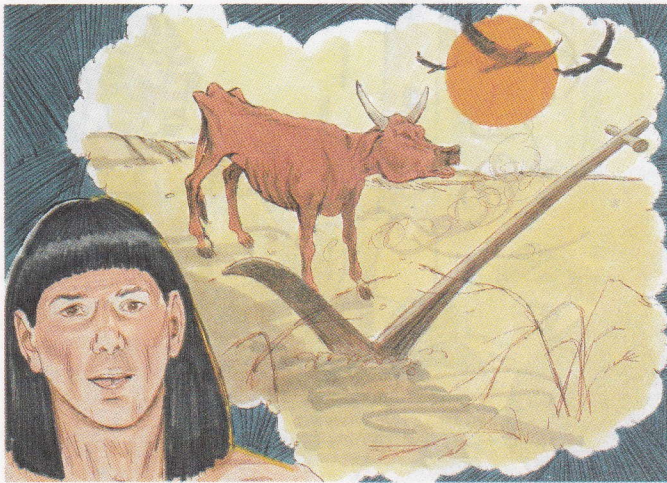
6 Pharaoh told Joseph his dream: "Out of the Nile River came seven fat cows, followed soon after by seven thin cows. Then the thin cows ate the fat cows!"



7 "Soon afterward I had another dream. Seven plump ears of grain sprouted from a stalk, followed by seven withered ears. The withered ears ate up the plump ears!"



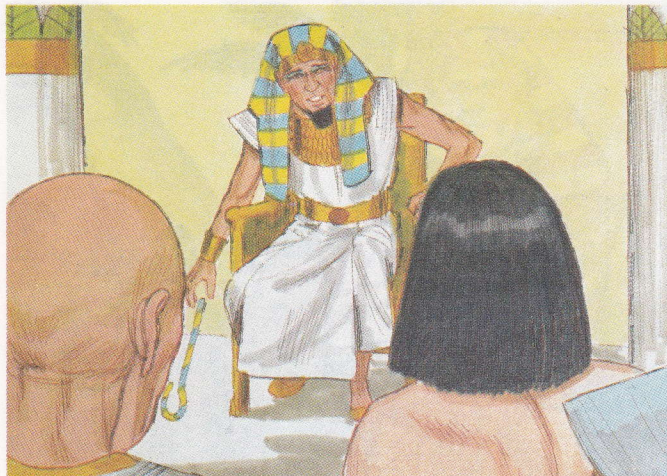
8 "God is trying to tell you the same thing in both dreams," explained Joseph. "The seven fat cows and plump ears mean that Egypt is going to have seven years of good crops and great wealth."



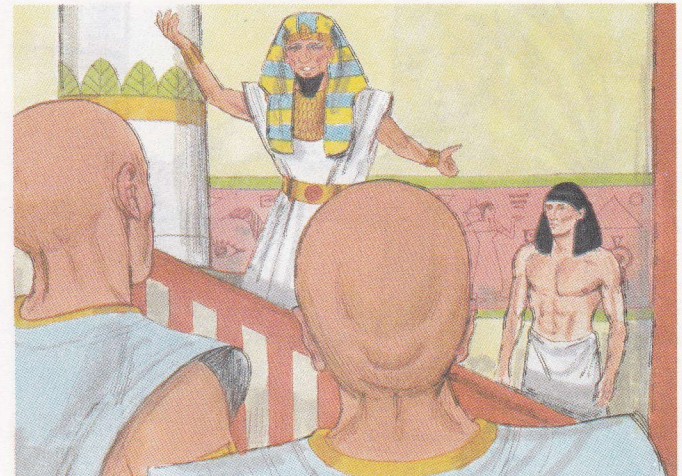
9 "But these years of plenty will be followed by seven years of famine, when crops will be poor and no one will have enough food," continued Joseph. "That's what the thin cows and withered ears mean."



10 "The famine will be so terrible that it will make everyone forget the seven good years. God has planned all this, and it is going to happen soon."



11 Seeing Pharaoh's dismay, Joseph added, "I would suggest that Pharaoh find a wise man to help the country prepare for this emergency."



12 Pharaoh said to his assistants, "Who could be better than Joseph? The Spirit of God is clearly in him." Then he proclaimed, "I appoint Joseph Prime Minister of Egypt. Only I will outrank him."