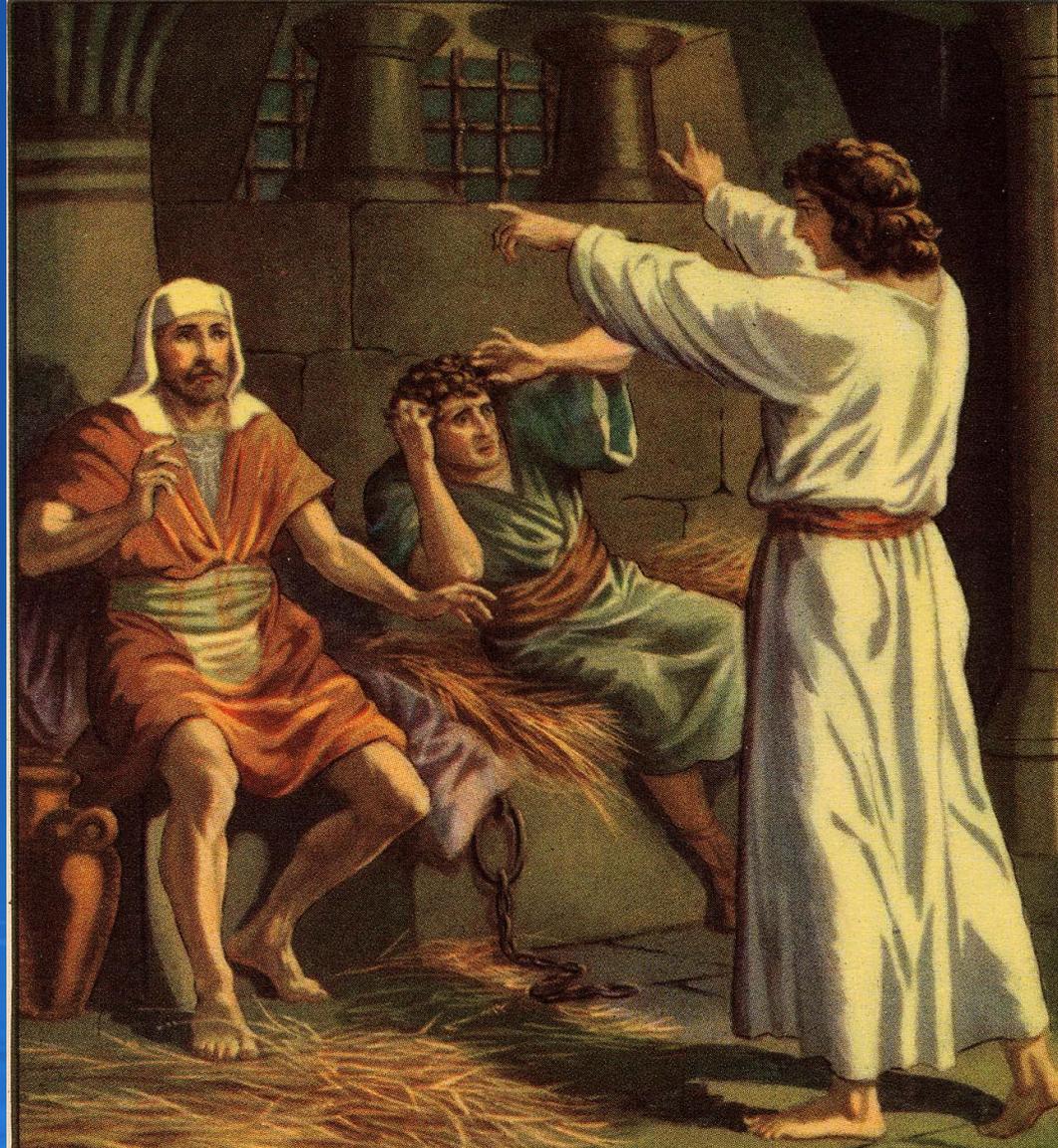


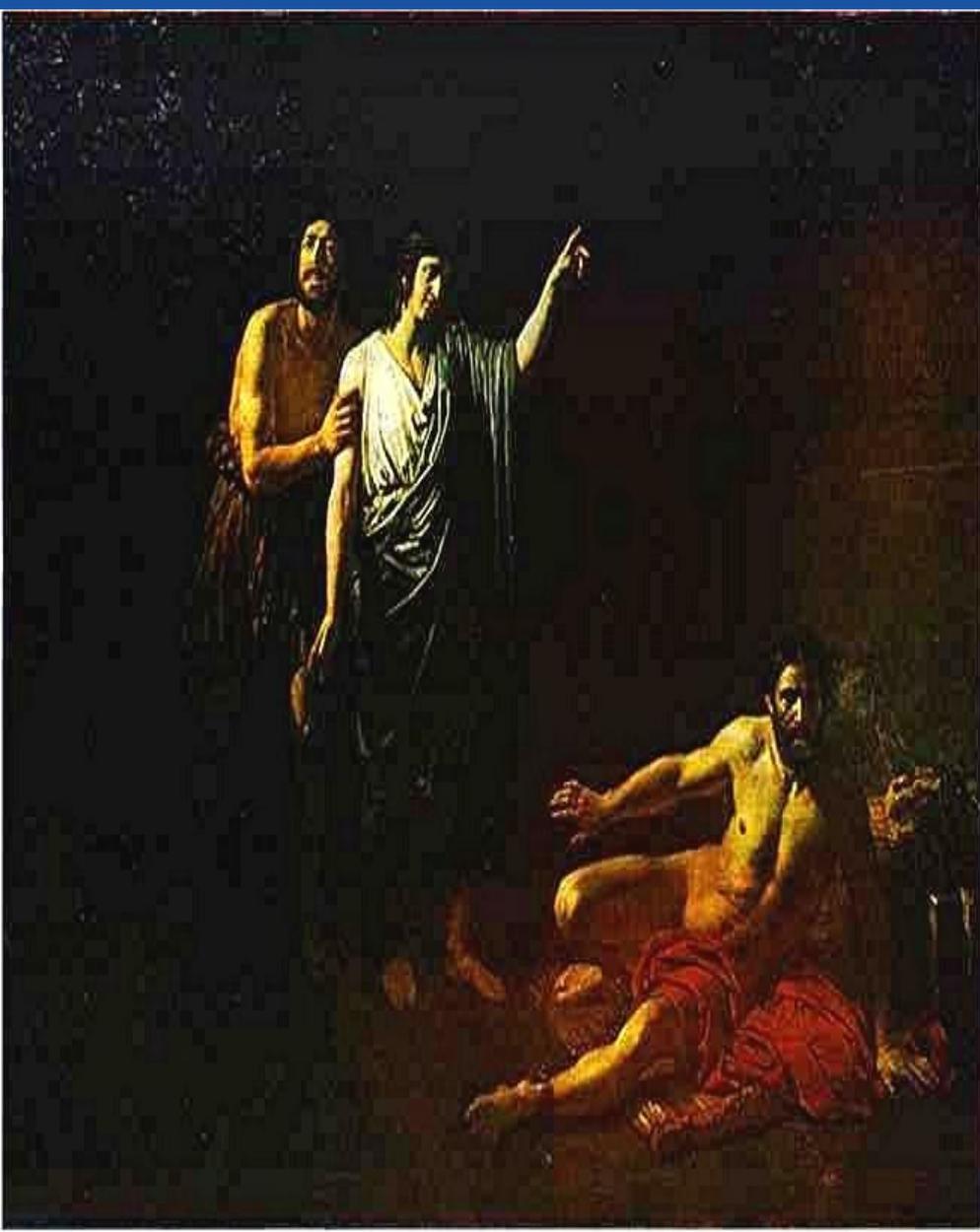
GENESIS CHAPTER 40

JOSEPH IN PRISON

- Joseph is 28 years old
- Did Joseph believe those old dreams were still valid?
- Cup-bearer and baker were high positions
- Not held in regular prison, but in captain of the guard's house



THE BAKER AND THE CUPBEARER



- Dreams once again enter the picture
- Men were troubled because the Seer was not available to them
- Cupbearer goes first
- Good news: within 3 days he will be restored to his position
- Bad news for the baker: in 3 days he will die

EGYPTIAN MEN CARRIED BASKETS ON THEIR HEAD

- Women carried baskets on hip or shoulder
- Egyptians carried baskets the opposite way of Oriental cultures
- Joseph asked cupbearer to remember him
- Cupbearer forgot about Joseph

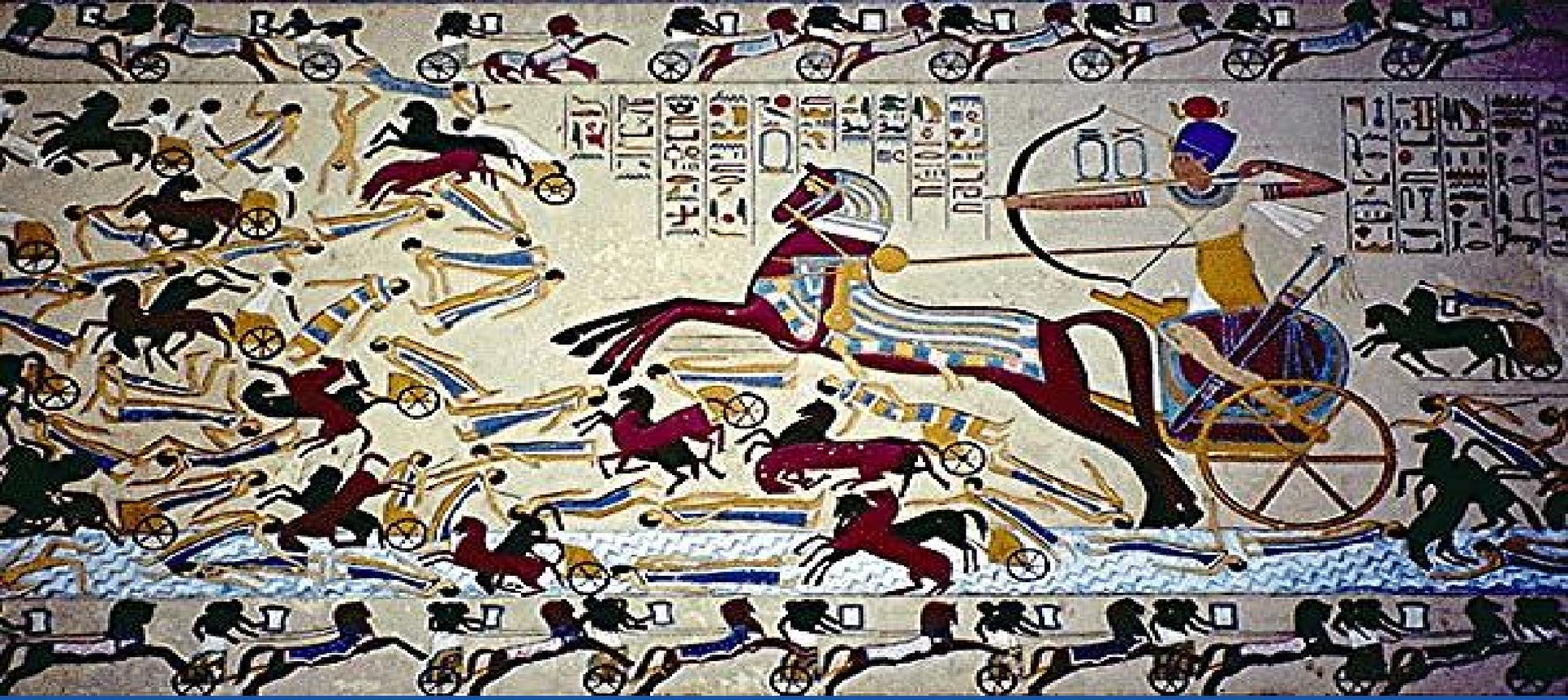


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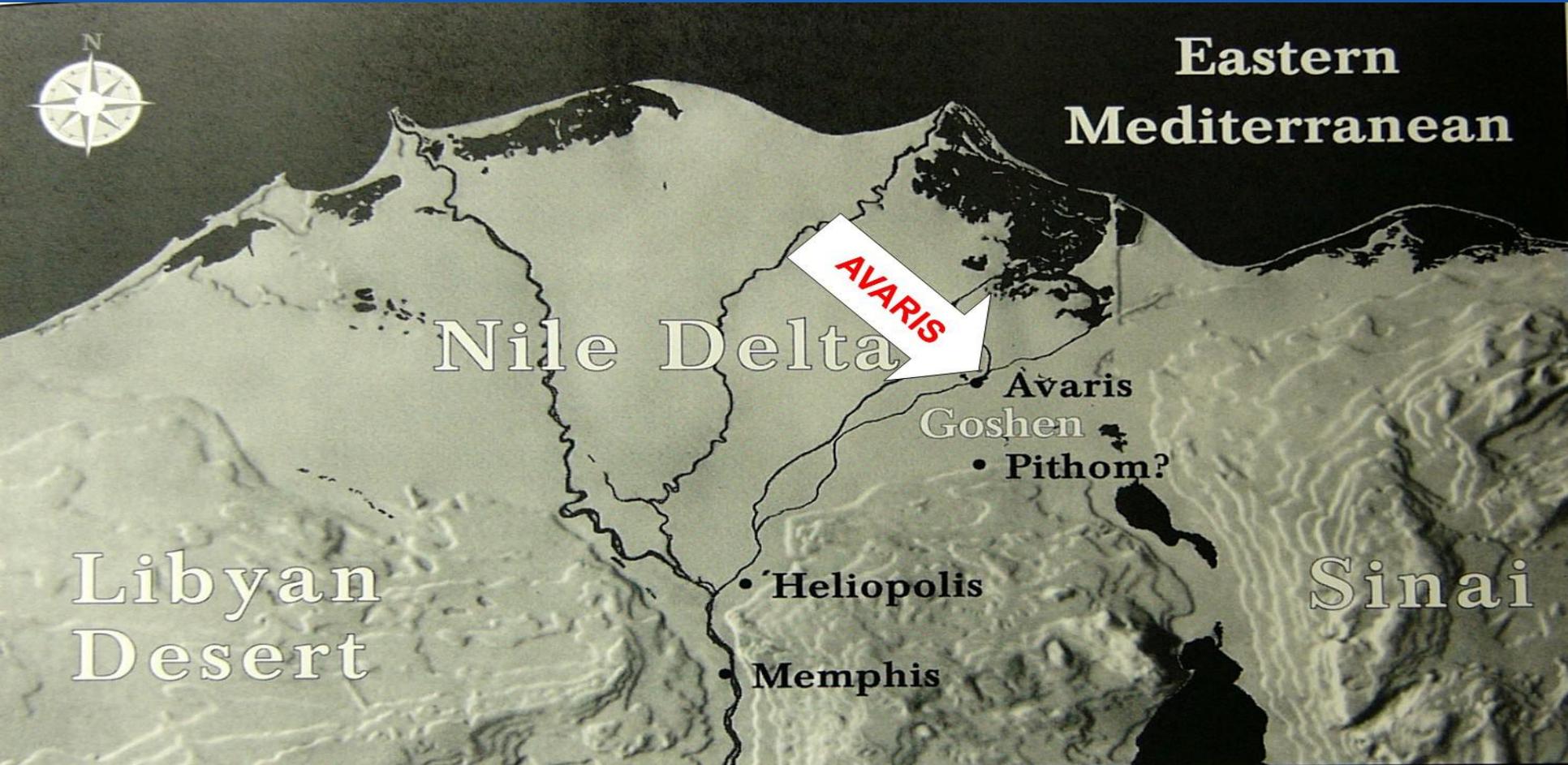
THE HYKSOS



- At the time of Joseph, Semites ruled Egypt
- The Pharaoh was NOT Egyptian, but was a Semite
- Israel was free and prosperous in Egypt for a long time



- Manetho, Egyptian historian
- Conquering Semite king named Salitis
- Egypt humiliated by being over-run by these uncivilized hords
- Divine Providence allowed Joseph to rise to power

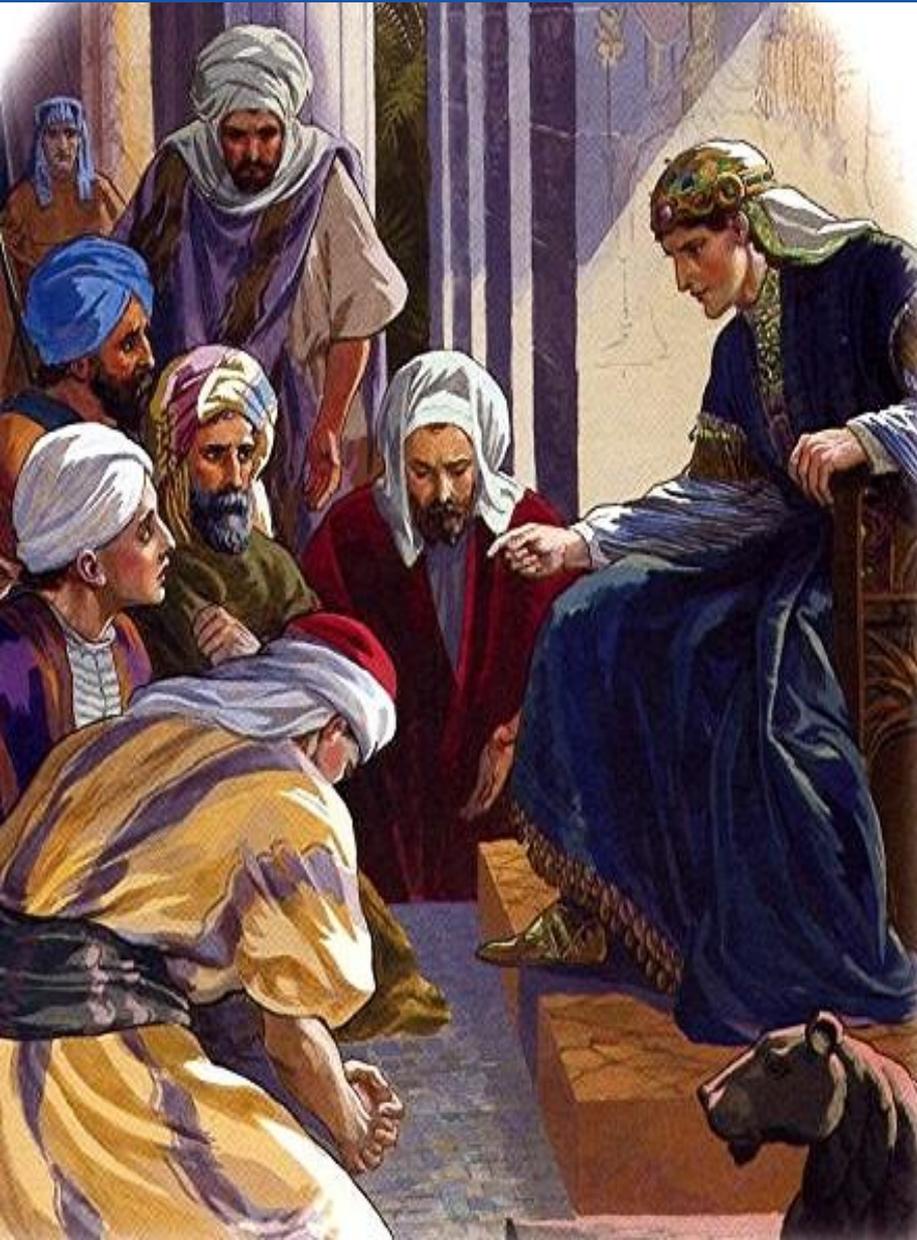


- Avaris became home to the Hebrews
- Located in Goshen
- Salatis stationed 240,000 soldiers there

- Middle East in continent of Asia
- People of Middle East are Asians/Orientals
- Semites descended from Shem (son of Noah)
- Hyksos were Bedouin/Semites/Orientals/Asians



THE PHARAOH'S DREAMS

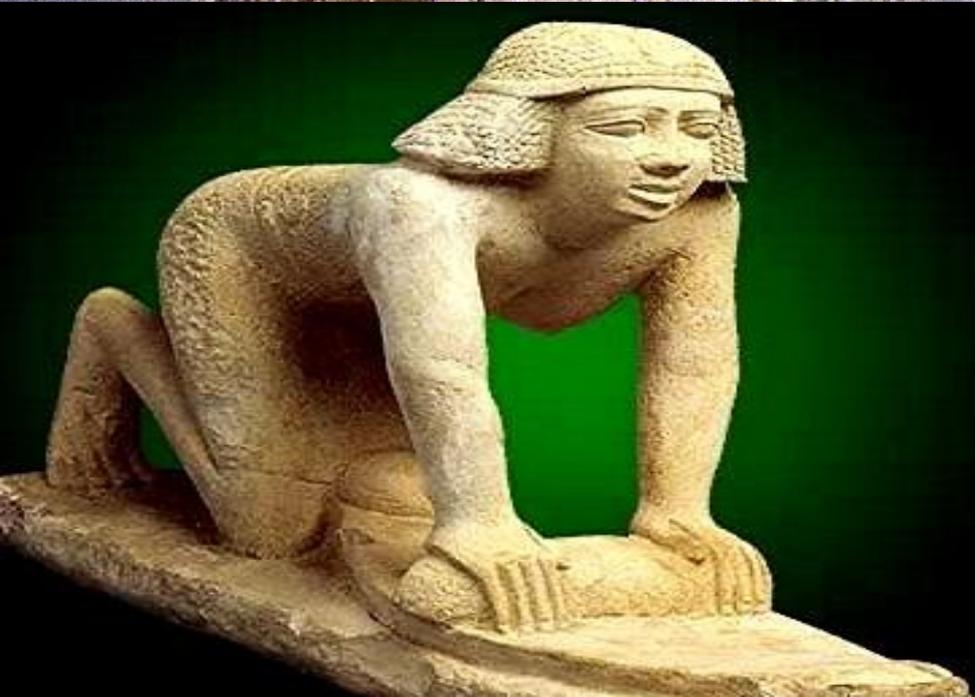


- Joseph now 30 years old
- Dreams disturb Pharaoh because they seem so real
- He calls his magicians, who are really his brain-trust
- Mystery Babylon religion was part of Egyptian life
- Wise men were the intellectuals
- His men cannot interpret the dreams

JOSEPH INTERPRETS PHARAOH'S DREAMS

- Joseph admits it is not he but God who interprets
- Prophetic dreams
- First dream: Cows
- 7 healthy, 7 sickly
- Second dream: Corn
- 7 healthy, 7 sickly
- 7 abundant years, then 7 years of famine





PLAN FOR THE FAMINE

- 20% of all produce is to be stored
- People not thrilled because they couldn't enjoy their abundance
- A Hyksos plan, led by Joseph to take wealth from the people?
- Pharaoh had FAITH!!
- Our time of plenty is now
- Ahead lies our greatest trial
- We know the truth and better heed it

JOSEPH THE VIZIER

- Pharaoh selects Joseph to run the nation
- Joseph's Egyptian name: Zaphenath-Panea
- Meant: "he who is called life" in Egyptian
- A name indicated reputation, status



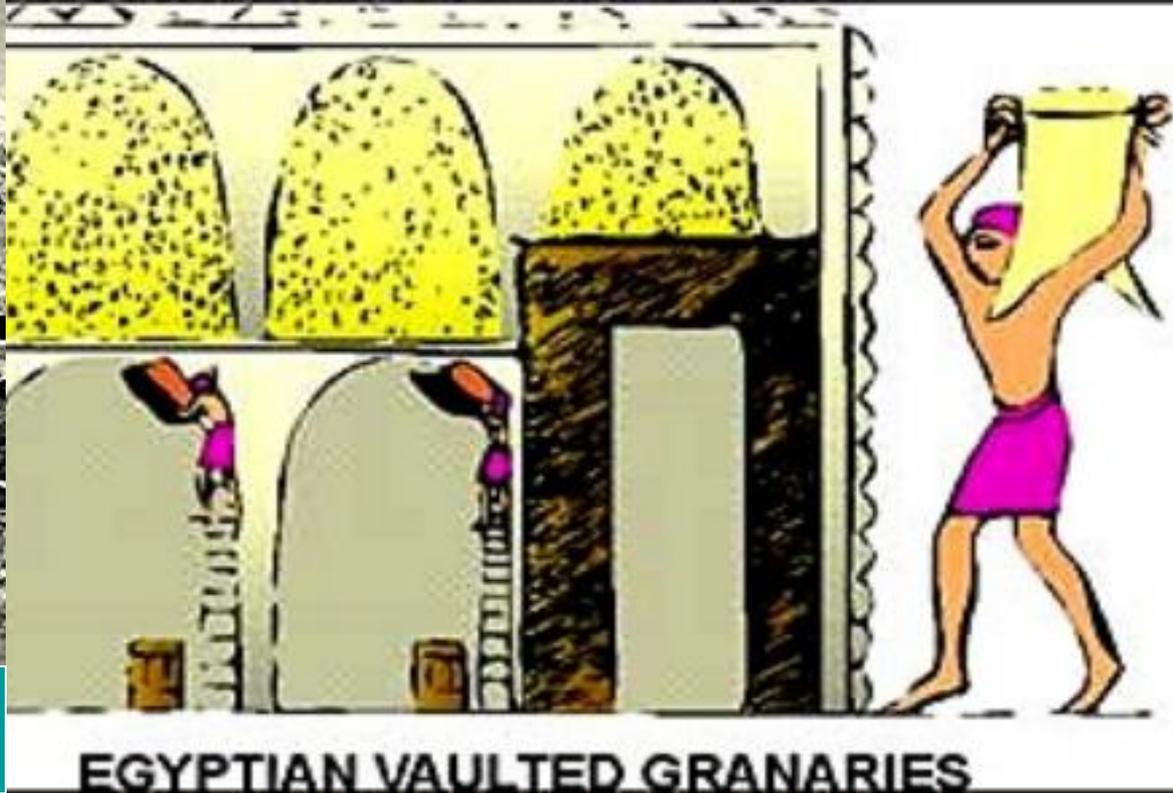
JOSEPH IS GIVEN A WIFE

- Wife is Asenath, daughter of the High Priest of On
- On was the Temple of the Sun-God Re
- On also called Heliopolis
- Two sons born to Joseph: Ephraim and Manasseh
- These are Egyptian children
- Joseph sees Egypt as a friend, a replacement home





Inscription of 7 year famine



- The famine strikes
- NOT a world-wide famine, primarily Middle East
- ***Panim of the eretz*** = face of the land
- Stored grain was sold back to the people
- People ran out of money, sold themselves into bond-servitude to Pharaoh for food

JOSEPH THE FRONT-MAN



- Joseph got credit AND blame!
- It was Joseph's plan that brought many Egyptians into slavery to the Hyksos rulers (foreigners)
- Long term bitterness of Egyptians led to enslaving the Israelites