



Biblical Drama based on Genesis 41:1-45
Character Parts: Narrators 1-3, Pharaoh, Advisor, Butler, Joseph

Narrator 1: It happened that the Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, was troubled by strange dreams. So he called in his advisors and told them what he had dreamt, but none of them could tell him what the dreams meant.

Pharaoh: So what can you tell me?

Advisor: What do we know about dreams?

Butler: Wait a minute. I just remembered something! When the chief cook and I were in prison, we both had dreams, and each dream had a different meaning. There was a young Hebrew with us at the time; he was a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him our dreams, he explained what each of them meant, and everything happened just as he said it would.

Narrator 2: Pharaoh sent for Joseph, who was quickly brought out of jail. He was cleaned up, dressed, and sent to see the king.

Pharaoh: I had a dream, yet no one can explain what it means. I am told that you can interpret dreams.

Joseph: Your Majesty, I cannot do such a thing by my own power. Only God himself can reveal the meaning of your dreams.

Pharaoh: This is what I dreamt: I saw seven fat, healthy cows come up out of the Nile River, and they began feeding on the grass. Next, seven scrawny cows came up out of the river.

I have never seen such sick looking cows anywhere in Egypt! The skinny cows ate the fat ones, but they stayed just as skinny as they were before.

Joseph: Go on.

Pharaoh: I also dreamt that I saw seven heads of grain growing on one stalk. They were full

and ripe. Then seven shriveled heads of grain came up. They were thin and scorched by a wind from the desert. These scrawny heads of grain swallowed the full ones.

I told my dreams to my advisors, but none of them could tell me what they mean. What do you say?

Joseph: Your Majesty, both of your dreams mean the same thing; in these dreams God has shown you what he is about to do.

Pharaoh: Please tell me.

Joseph: The seven good cows stand for seven good years, and so do the seven good heads of grain. The seven scrawny cows and seven shriveled heads of grain also represent years. God is telling you that for seven years Egypt will have more than enough grain, but in the next seven years there won't be enough. The good years of plenty will be forgotten, and everywhere in Egypt, people will be starving.

God has given you two dreams to let you know that this is certain, and it will happen soon.

Pharaoh: There is nothing I can do?

Joseph: You should find someone who is wise to serve as manager in Egypt. Give that person the power to collect the grain during the good years and to store it in your cities. That way, when the bad years come, people won't die for lack of food.

Narrator 3: The Pharaoh was impressed with Joseph and everyone liked the plan.

Pharaoh: I can think of no one better than you, Joseph, to do this job — since the Spirit of God is with you. I will put you in charge and make you governor of Egypt!