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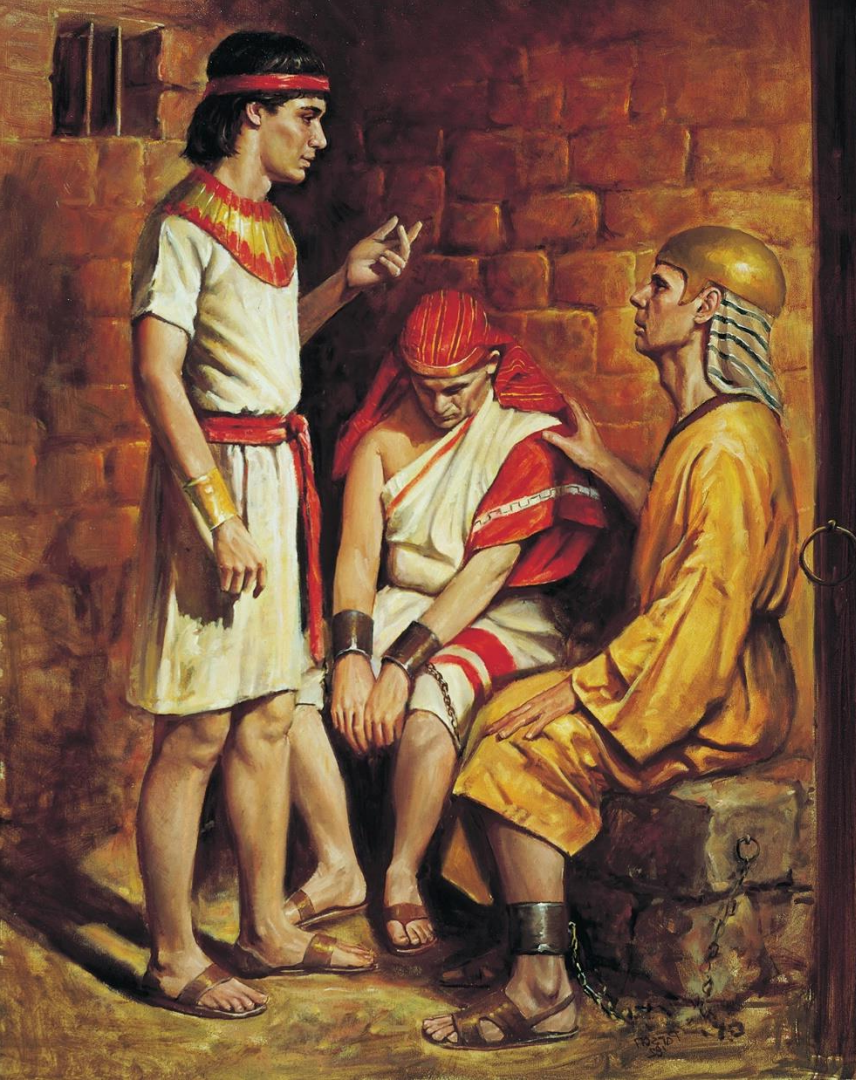


Abu Simbel Temple at Egypt's Border with Sudan









Joseph's Early Life

17 when sold into slavery

30 when freed from prison

13 years a slave or prisoner

At least two years in prison

Contemplate Suicide?



Joseph's Early Life

Father's Favorite Son

Blessed with Visions

Head of Potipher's House

Prison Overseer

Second Over All of Egypt

Frequently, the most oppressed
(when they become rulers)
are the worst OPPRESSORS

Vengeance is VERY Tempting



Genesis 41:39-46

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you. See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck. He had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said, "Though I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt. Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 40:8, 41:16, 48:8f, 50:20

They said to him, “We have had a dream and there is no one to interpret it.” Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please.”

Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Joseph said to his father, “These are my sons, whom God has given me here.”

You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Proverbs 6:16-23

16 There are six things which the Lord hates.

Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil,

19 A false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.

20 My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

21 Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck.

22 When you walk about, they will guide you. When you sleep, they will watch over you. And when you awake, they will talk to you.

**23 For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light;
and reproofs for discipline are the way of life.**

HUMILITY

