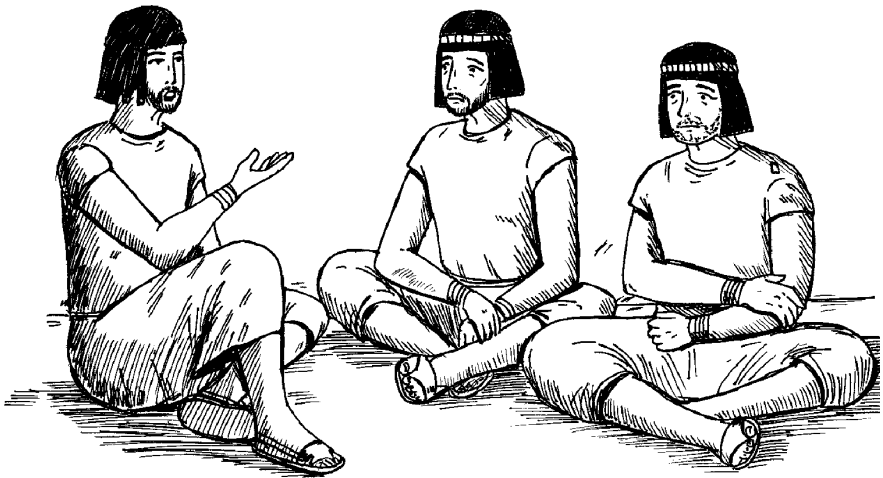


# Joseph Interprets the Prisoners' Dreams



THE LIFE OF JOSEPH: PART 3

GENESIS 40

English

Spiritual

Copyright © 2005, Kartidaya



You may not use this work for commercial purposes. You may adapt and add to this work. You must keep the copyright and credits for authors, illustrators, etc.

English Scriptures quoted are from the Good News Bible © 1994 published by the Bible Societies/Harper Collins Publishers Ltd UK, Good News Bible © American Bible Society 1966, 1971, 1976, 1992. Used with permission.

# Joseph Interprets the Prisoners' Dreams

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH: PART 3  
GENESIS 40

Illustrated by:  
Noel Dapit

English

*Jacob had twelve sons. His favorite son was Joseph. This made his brothers very jealous. They captured and sold Joseph to Ishmaelites traveling to Egypt.*

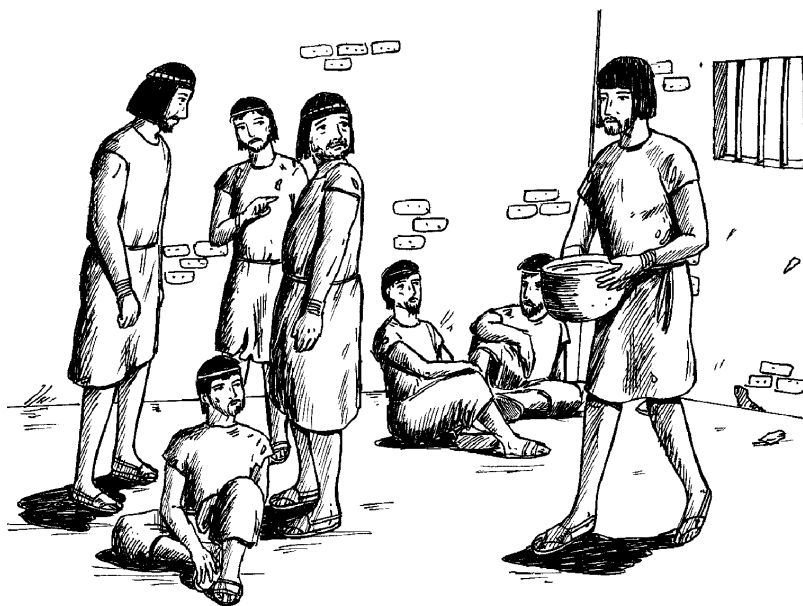
*The Ishmaelites sold Joseph to Potiphar, a rich and powerful Egyptian. Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph. When she failed, she convinced her husband to have Joseph thrown into prison.*

*The LORD was with Joseph and blessed him even in prison. The jailer was kind to Joseph and put him in charge of all the prisoners. And the LORD made Joseph succeed in everything he did.*



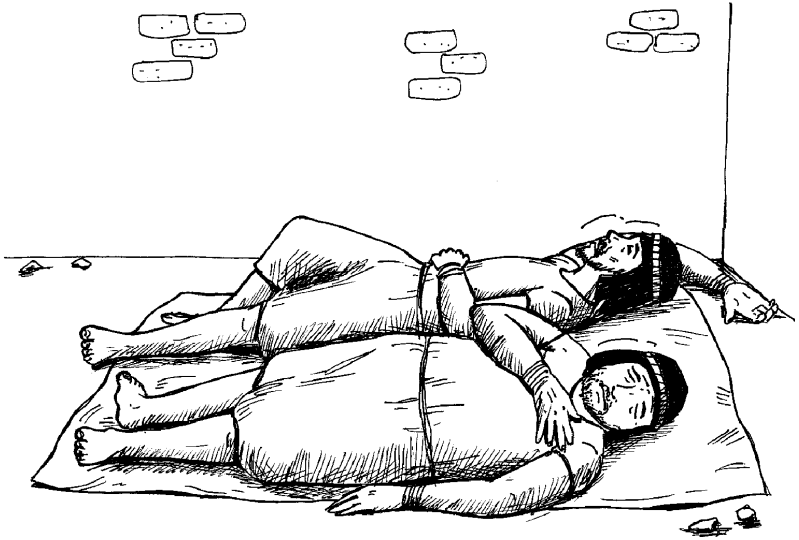
Some time later the king of Egypt's wine steward and his chief baker offended the king.

Genesis 40:1



He was angry with these two officials and put them in prison in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same place where Joseph was being kept. They spent a long time in prison, and the captain assigned Joseph as their servant.

Genesis 40:2-4



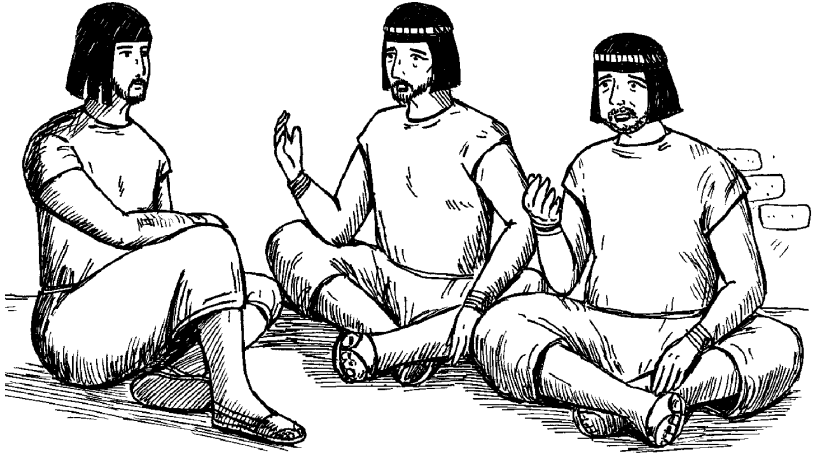
One night there in prison the wine steward and the chief baker each had a dream, and the dreams had different meanings.

Genesis 40:5



When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were upset. He asked them, “Why do you look so worried today?”

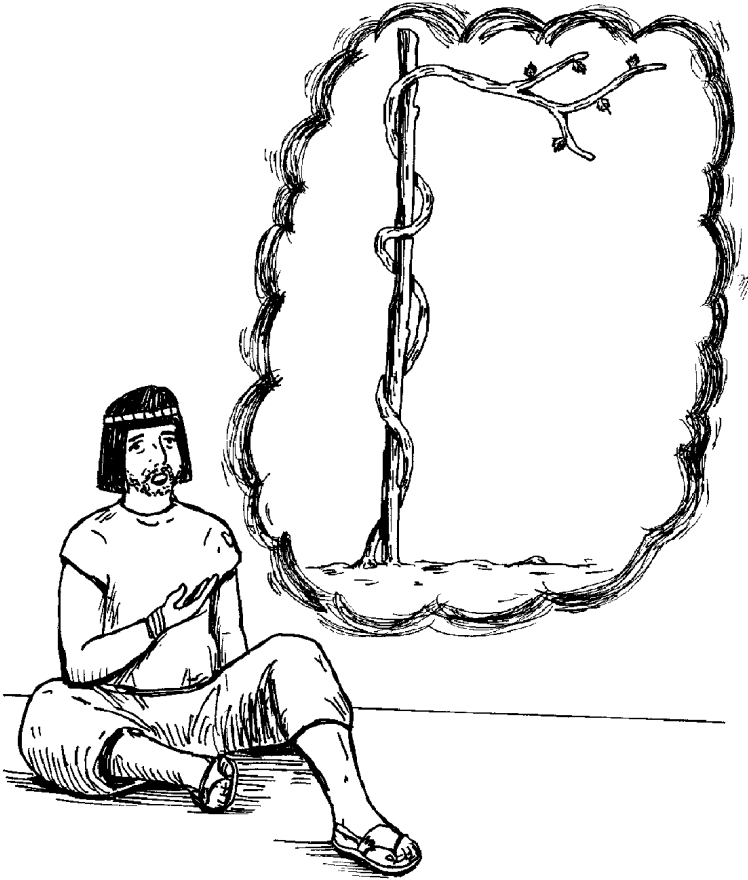
Genesis 40:6-7



They answered, “Each of us had a dream, and there is no one here to explain what the dreams mean.”

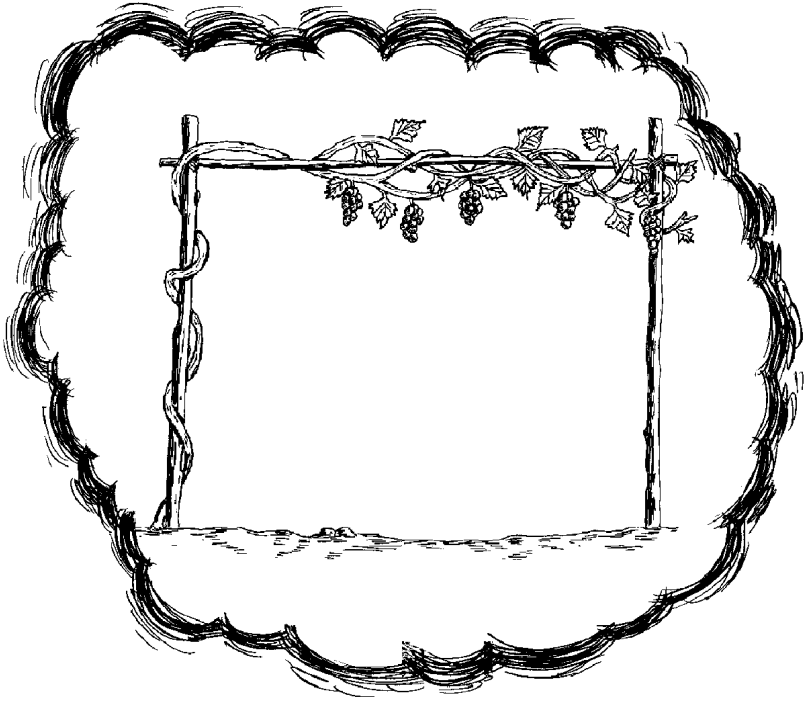
“It is God who gives the ability to interpret dreams,” Joseph said. “Tell me your dreams.”

Genesis 40:8



So the wine steward said, “In my dream there was a grapevine in front of me with three branches on it.

Genesis 40:9-10a



As soon as the leaves came out, the blossoms appeared, and the grapes ripened.

Genesis 40:10b



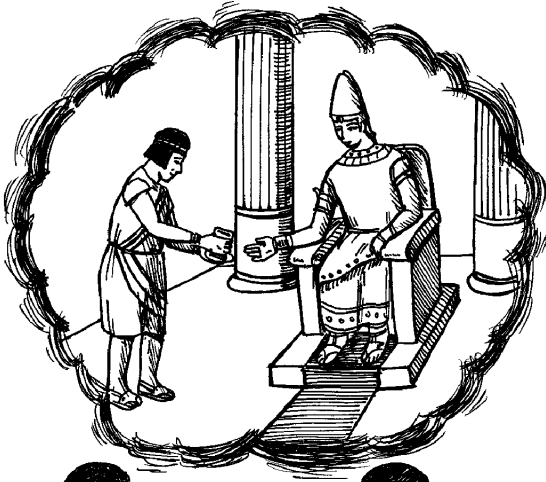
I was holding the king's cup; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into the cup and gave it to him.”

Genesis 40:11



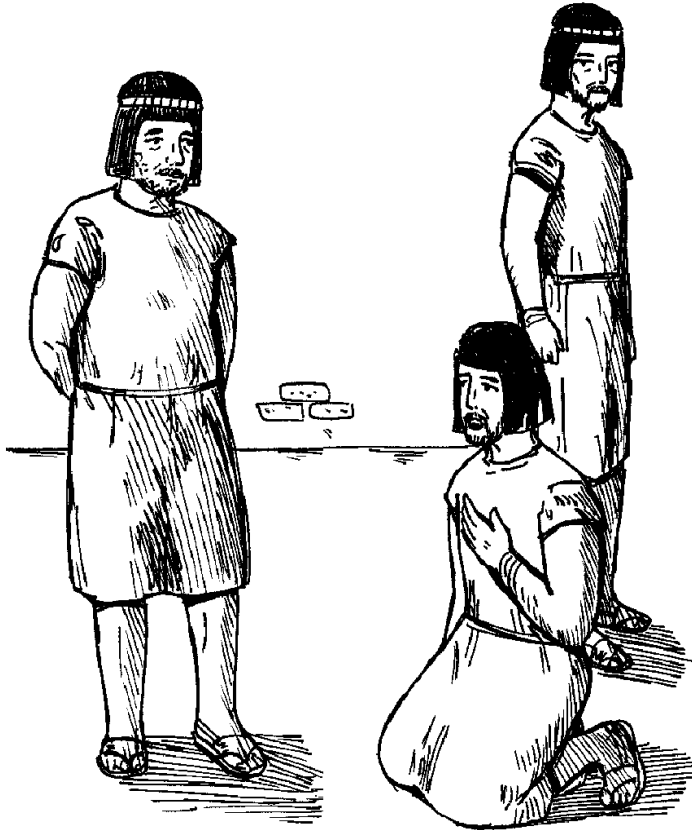
Joseph said, “This is what it means: the three branches are three days.

Genesis 40:12



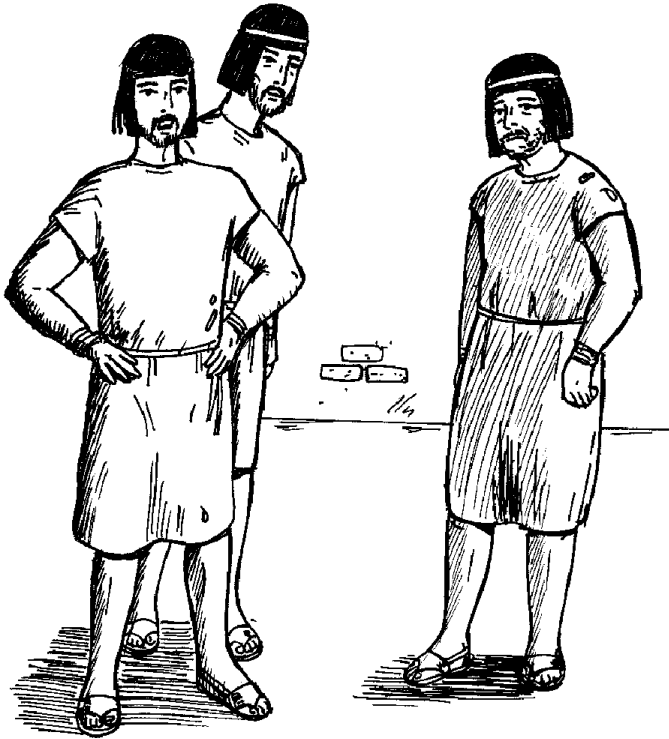
In three days the king will release you, pardon you, and restore you to your position. You will give him his cup as you did before when you were his wine steward.

Genesis 40:13



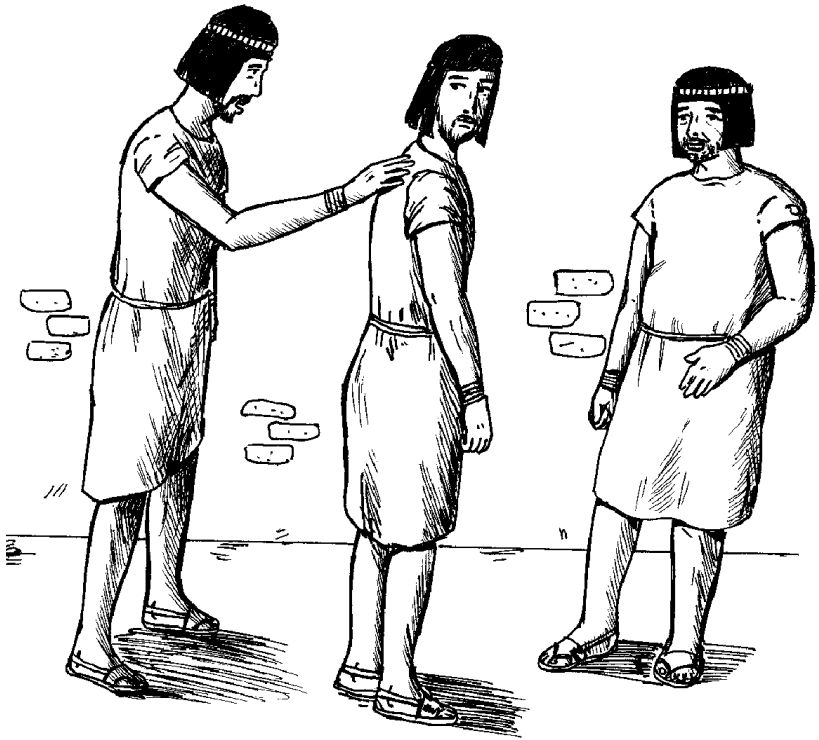
But please remember me when everything is going well for you, and please be kind enough to mention me to the king and help me get out of this prison.

Genesis 40:14



After all, I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here in Egypt I didn't do anything to deserve being put in prison.”

Genesis 40:15



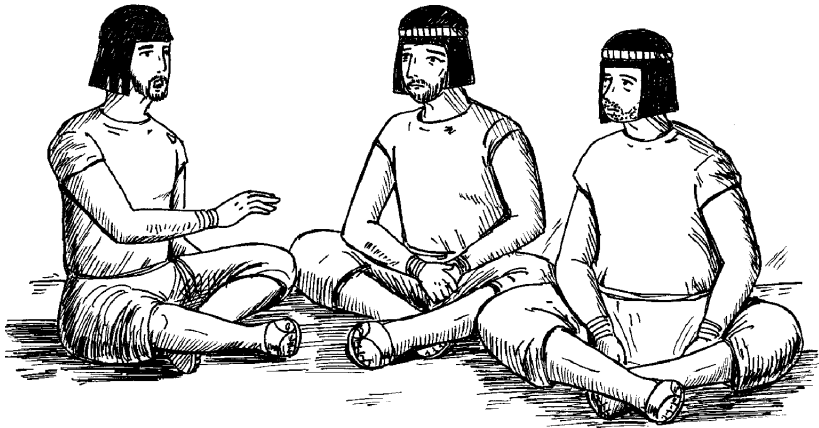
When the chief baker saw that the interpretation of the wine steward's dream was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I had a dream too; I was carrying three breadbaskets on my head.

Genesis 40:16



In the top basket there were all kinds of baked goods for the king, and the birds were eating them.”

Genesis 40:17



Joseph answered, “This is what it means: the three baskets are three days.

Genesis 40:18



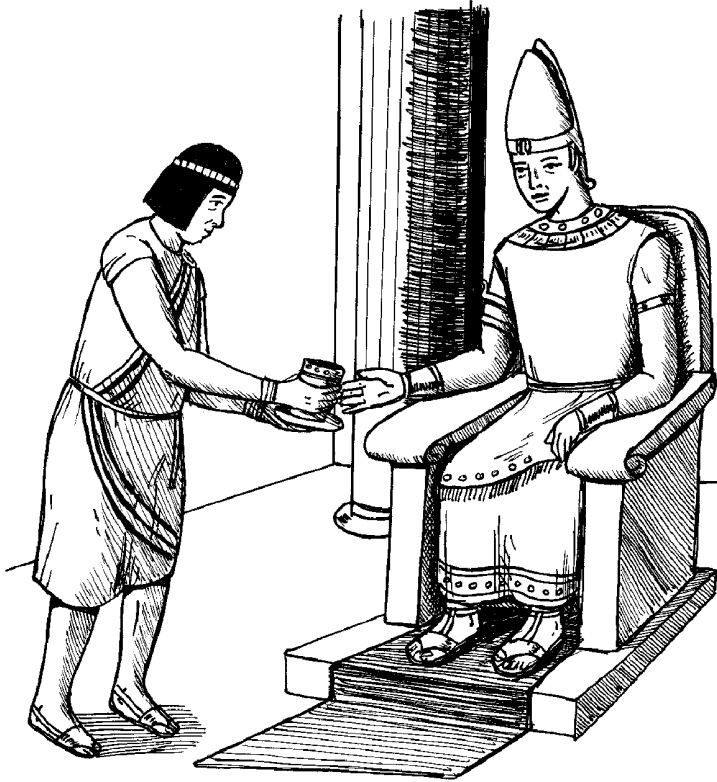
In three days the king will release you—and have your head cut off! Then he will hang your body on a pole, and the birds will eat your flesh.”

Genesis 40:19



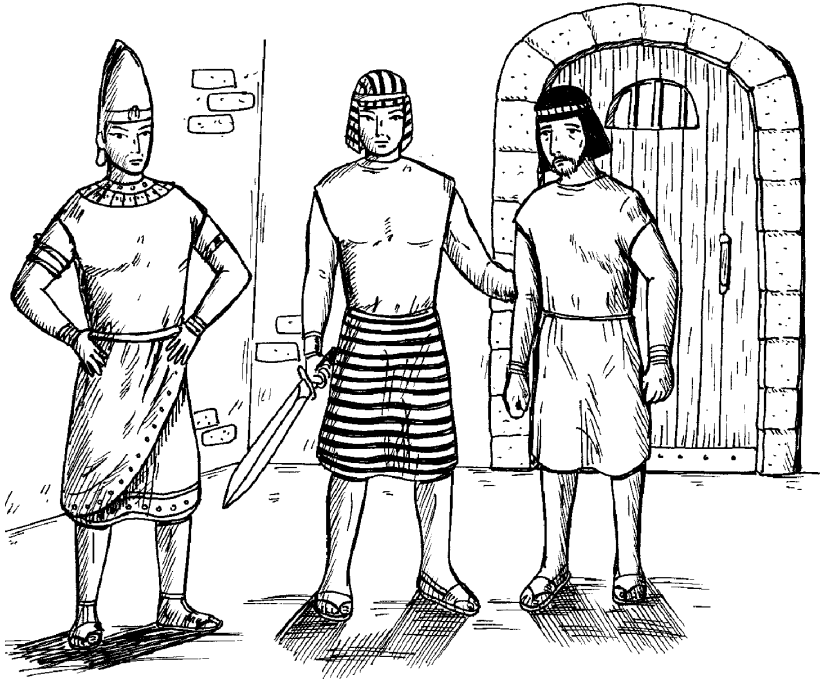
On his birthday three days later the king gave a banquet for all his officials; he released his wine steward and his chief baker and brought them before his officials.

Genesis 40:20



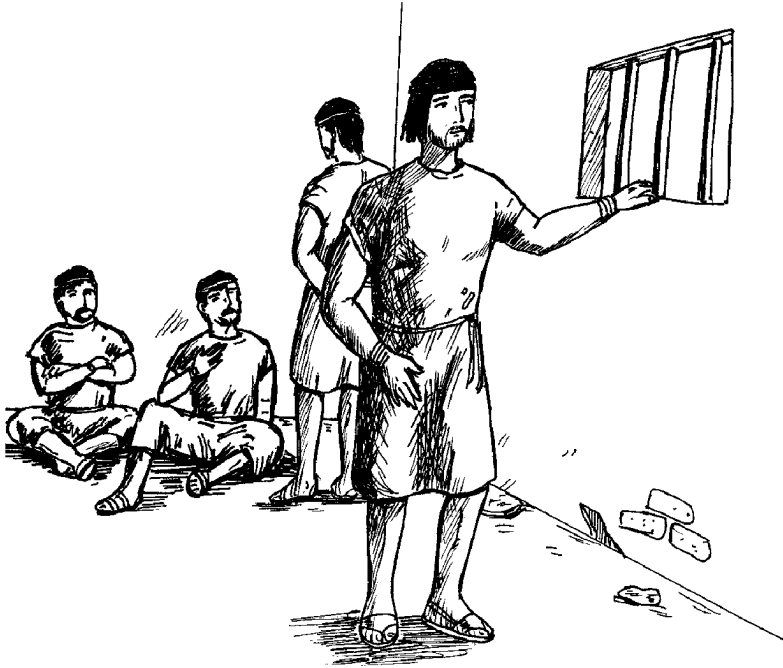
He restored the wine steward to his former position,

Genesis 40:21



but he executed the chief baker. It all happened just as Joseph had said.

Genesis 40:22



But the wine steward never gave Joseph another thought—he forgot all about him.

Genesis 40:23



