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Now and to the end of his first book, Moses writes about the History of Joseph in Egypt. In this chapter two things God is bringing about:

1. The advancement of Joseph; and 2. The maintenance of Jacob and his family in the time of famine. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the earth, and direct the affairs of the children of men for the benefit of those few whose hearts are upright with Him – Matthew Henry.

- <sup>1</sup> And it happened at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream: and, behold, he stood by the river / by the Nile, the only river that matters in Egypt, still today.
- <sup>2</sup> And suddenly out of the river, there came up seven good, healthy looking cows well-fed; and they grazed among the reeds.
- <sup>3</sup>And, behold, seven other cows came up after them from the river, ill-favored and thin; and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.
- <sup>4</sup> And the ill-favored and thin cows ate up the seven healthy, well-fed cows.



<sup>5</sup> And he slept and dreamed a second time: and suddenly, seven ears of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good.



- <sup>6</sup> And behold, seven thin ears, scorched by the east wind sprang up after them.
- <sup>7</sup> And the seven thin ears devoured the seven plump and full ears. So awoke Pharaoh, and indeed, it was a dream.
- <sup>8</sup> And it happened in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none who could interpret them for Pharaoh.
- <sup>9</sup> Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, my faults I do remember this day:
- <sup>10</sup> Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody of the captain of the guard of this house, both me and the chief baker:

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<sup>11</sup> and we each dreamed a dream one night, I and he; according to the interpretation of his own dream, each of us dreamed.

<sup>12</sup> And there was with us a young Hebrew man, a servant of the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted for us our dreams; to each man according to his own dream he interpreted.





He restored me to my office, and him he hanged.

<sup>14</sup> Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon: and he shaved, and changed his clothes, and came to Pharaoh.

<sup>15</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, with no one to interpret it: but I have heard of you it said, that you can understand a dream to interpret it.

<sup>16</sup> So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, without me: God will answer Pharaoh with peace.

Pharaoh tells Joseph his dream

<sup>17</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood on the bank of the river:

<sup>18</sup> and suddenly, from the river there came up seven cows, well-fed and healthy looking; and they grazed among the reeds:

<sup>19</sup> and behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and ill-favored and very thin; I never saw such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt:

<sup>20</sup> then the lean and ill-favored cows ate up the first seven well-fed cows:



<sup>21</sup> and when they devoured them, no one would have known they devoured them;

for they were still ugly, just as at the beginning.

Then I awoke.



<sup>22</sup> And I saw in my dream, and suddenly, seven ears of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good:

<sup>23</sup> and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, sprouted after them:

<sup>24</sup> and the thin ears devoured the seven good ears.

So I told this to the magicians; but no one could explain it to me.

Joseph interprets the dream

<sup>25</sup> And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dreams of Pharaoh are one: what God is about to do, He has shown Pharaoh.



- $^{26}$  The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.
- <sup>27</sup> And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears scorched by the east wind are seven years of famine.
- <sup>28</sup> This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh: What God is about to do He has shown to Pharaoh.
- <sup>29</sup> Indeed, seven years will come of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:
- <sup>30</sup> and after, then will arise seven years of famine; and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and famine will deplete the land;
- <sup>31</sup> and the plenty will not be known in the land by reason of the famine following it; for it will be very severe.
- <sup>32</sup> So the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice; because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
- <sup>33</sup> So now let Pharaoh select a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.
- <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh do this, let him appoint officers over the land, to take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.
- <sup>35</sup> And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and store up grain under the hand / the authority... of Pharaoh, food to be preserved for the cities.



<sup>36</sup> And that will be food reserved for the land against the seven years of famine which will be in the land of Egypt; then those in the land will not perish during the famine / this stele discovered in 400 BC, was written by Pharaoh Djoser the pharaoh of Joseph (Imhotep, the chancellor to Pharaoh Djoser), about the land grants to the priests of the god Nun; it tells of seven years of famine, and seven years of plenty. Learn more about the complex at Saqqara: Evidence of Joseph in Egypt.

<sup>37</sup> So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

<sup>38</sup> Then Pharaoh said to his servants,

Can we find such as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?

<sup>39</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has shown you all this, no one is so discerning and wise as you:

 $^{40}$  You will be over my house, and according to your word will all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than you.

 $^{41}$  And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

<sup>42</sup> And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it on the hand of Joseph; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck;

<sup>43</sup> and he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, Bow the knee: and he set him ruler over all the land of Egypt / which is when the immense grain storage units were built at Saqqara, the first step pyramid in Egypt.

<sup>44</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, yet without you not a man will raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

<sup>45</sup> And Pharaoh called the name of Joseph: Zaphnath-Paaneah; and he gave him Asenath the daughter of Potiphera priest of On as a wife.

So Joseph went forth over all the land of Egypt.







<sup>46</sup>And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

<sup>47</sup> And the ground brought forth in the seven plenteous vears by handfuls.

<sup>48</sup> So he gathered up all the food of the seven years, that was in the land of Egypt, and stored the food for the cities: the excess food of the field, which was all around every city, he stored up the same.



<sup>49</sup> And Joseph gathered grain like the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped counting; for it was not measurable / the complex of 11 massive pits was built on the plateau at Saggara.

<sup>50</sup> And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potiphera priest of On bore to him.

<sup>51</sup> And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, has made me forget all my toil, and all the house of my father.

<sup>52</sup> And the name of the second he called **Ephraim**: For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.

<sup>53</sup> And so ended the seven years of plenty, that were in the land of Egypt.

<sup>54</sup> And the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph said: and the famine was in all lands / in all countries; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

<sup>55</sup> So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.

<sup>56</sup> And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine grew severe in the land of Egypt.

<sup>57</sup> So all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy grain; because the famine was severe in all lands.

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