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Introduction

The cupbearer remembers Joseph and what he did, so he tells Pharaoh of the Hebrew youth who can explain dreams. Pharaoh summons Joseph from prison and shares his two dreams with him. Joseph explains both dreams which are one dream. Joseph advises Pharaoh, and Pharaoh realizes he will not find anyone as wise as Joseph, so he makes him second in command of all Egypt. This is the beginning of Joseph's own dreams beginning to be fulfilled.

Genesis 41:9-16

9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today. ¹⁰ When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, ¹¹ we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. ¹² A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. ¹³ And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged." ¹⁴ Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." ¹⁶ Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." (ESV)

As many have seen, the story of Joseph is one that mirrors the Messiah Yeshua in many ways. The main lesson we learn from his story is that as Joseph suffered in his life with being thrown into prison on a false charge, so too did Messiah Yeshua face false charges against him. In both instances they rose up to overcome the trials they faced because they both held fast to their faith in the Father. You may be asking how could Yeshua hold fast to His faith in His own Father since He has always been with Him? Because, to take on becoming human holds many trials that we must face in the temptations placed before us by the Adversary with permission from the Father. Yes, even Satan needs the Father's permission to come against mankind and to tempt the Son of God, Yeshua. But we all know how that encounter turned out.

Psalm 105:8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, ⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, ¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, ¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." ¹² When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, ¹³ wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, ¹⁴ he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, ¹⁵ saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!" ¹⁶ When he summoned a famine on the land and broke all supply of bread, ¹⁷ he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸ His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; ¹⁹ until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. ²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free; ²¹ he made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, ²² to bind his princes at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom. ²³ Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. (ESV)

Unbeknownst to Joseph, the Almighty had chosen him at a young age to be his chosen vessel who would protect his people once they came to Egypt. Over time the Children of Israel, descendants of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jacob's sons multiplied while in Egypt causing the Egyptians to fear them and putting them into slavery. Through it all, the Lord had made a covenant with the Patriarchs, and He would keep that covenant with them, their descendants, and with us if we followed the covenant. He gave the land of Canaan to the Patriarchs and their descendants, and no matter where they travelled throughout the world, that covenant would remain in force forever. Today, a remnant of Judah with a mix of some of the other tribes have returned to the Promised Land to hold it for those who will follow. It will be to these people that Israel will be reborn as a nation made up of twelve tribes plus those who the Holy One has called to become a part of His people from out of the nations. This is not a covenant just based on blood, but one based on faith in Messiah Yeshua for redemption and living out Torah in our lives as best as we can.

Zechariah 3:1-5

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. **2** And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" **3** Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. **4** And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." **5** And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So, they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by. (ESV)

As Joseph was brought out of prison and dressed in new clothing, so the High Priest Joshua was standing before the angel of the Lord, most likely Yeshua, while Satan stood at Joshua's right hand to accuse him before the Almighty. The Holy One would have none of it and rebuked Satan. Standing before Messiah, He stated that Joshua's iniquity had been removed, and now he could be clothed with pure garments. Standing by him the entire time was the angel of the Lord, who I believe, was Yeshua because only Yeshua

can take away our iniquities. As Joseph was raised up from prison and clothed in new garments, now Joshua was also. One day we too will be clothed in new garments by our Messiah and king Yeshua.

Jude 1:9-19

9 When Mikha'el, one of the ruling angels, took issue with the Adversary, arguing over the body of Moshe, he did not dare bring against him an insulting charge, but said, "May *ADONAI* rebuke you." ¹⁰ However, these people insult anything they don't understand; and what they do understand naturally, without thinking, like animals- by these things they are destroyed! ¹¹ Woe to them, in that they have walked the road of Kayin, they have given themselves over for money to the error of Bil'am, they have been destroyed in the rebellion of Korach. ¹² These men are filthy spots at your festive gatherings meant to foster love; they share your meals without a qualm, while caring only for themselves. They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; trees without fruit even in autumn, and doubly dead because they have been uprooted; ¹³ savage sea-waves heaving forth their shameful deeds like foam; wandering stars for whom the blackest darkness has been reserved forever. ¹⁴ Moreover, Hanokh, in the seventh generation starting with Adam, also prophesied about these men, saying, "Look! *ADONAI* came with his myriads of holy ones ¹⁵ to execute judgment against everyone, that is, to convict all the godless for their godless deeds which they have done in such a godless way, and for all the harsh words these godless sinners have spoken against him." ¹⁶ These people are grumblers and complainers, they follow their evil passions, their mouths speak grandiosities, and they flatter others to gain advantage. ¹⁷ But you, dear friends, keep in mind the words spoken in advance by the emissaries of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. ¹⁸ They told you, "During the *acharit-hayamim* there will be scoffers following their own godless passions." ¹⁹ These are the people who cause divisions. They are controlled by their impulses, because they don't have the Spirit. (CJB)

Michael, one of the arch-angels came against Satan contending for the body of Moses. So, while the people of Israel did not know where Moses was buried, the angels knew. But, as with the case of Joshua the high priest, Satan was rebuked by Michael in the name of the Lord. Michael did not bring charges against Satan but simply rebuked him in the power of the Lord. Notice that the writer of Jude goes even further by referring to those who do not walk the road of Messiah as walking the road of Cain. If one chooses to go down the road of Cain, one will be lost separated from Messiah forever. If one chooses the road of Abel and then Seth, one chooses the right road that leads you to Yeshua the Son of the Holy One of Israel. Remember the words of the emissaries of the Lord Yeshua. We are being told to listen to the words of those who walked with Messiah and hear His teachings and follow Him. We are called to this same walk or else we will be lost. Enoch, the seventh generation that began with Adam prophesied that Yeshua would come to bring judgment against everyone, the godless sinners who speak passionately but only bring division. Why – because they do not have the Ruach HaKodesh-the Holy Spirit to guide them. They follow the spirit of Satan which will lead them into temptation but not out of it. Only the Spirit of the Almighty can do that. Which one will you follow to determine where you are as the *Last Days* come upon us and we face the tests laid out from the beginning for all of us.

Torah Man says: “Many people believe in God, but not many believe God, do you?”

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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TORAH: LEARN IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT AS YESHUA DID! PSALM 119.

