

# Biblical Faith and the Ways of Wisdom

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## Lecture 1: Am I a substitute for God?

### Joseph and the Wisdom of the Torah

#### בראשית ב':ט"ז-י"ז

(טז) וַיֹּצֵו יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים עַל-הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר  
מִכָּל עֵץ-הַגֶּן אָכַל תֹּאכֹל: (יז) וּמֵעֵץ  
הַדֵּעַת טוֹב וָרָע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי  
בְיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת:

#### Genesis 2:16-17

(16) And God יהוה commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you are free to eat; (17) but as for the tree of knowledge of good and bad, you must not eat of it; for as soon as you eat of it, you shall die."

#### בראשית מ'

(א) וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה חֲטָאוּ  
מִשְׁקָה מַלְאָךְ-מִצְרַיִם וְהָאֹפֶה לְאֹדְנֵיהֶם  
לְמַלְאָךְ מִצְרַיִם: (ב) וַיִּקְצֹף פַּרְעֹה עַל שְׁנֵי  
סֹרִיסָיו עַל שֶׁר הַמִּשְׁקִים וְעַל שֶׁר  
הָאֹפִים: (ג) וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָם בְּמִשְׁמַר בֵּית שֶׁר  
הַטְּבָחִים אֶל-בֵּית הַסָּהָר מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר  
יוֹסֵף אָסוּר שָׁם: (ד) וַיִּפְקֹד שֶׁר הַטְּבָחִים  
אֶת-יוֹסֵף אֹתָם וַיִּשְׁרֹת אֹתָם וַיְהִי יָמִים  
בְּמִשְׁמַר: (ה) וַיַּחֲלֲמוּ חֲלוֹם שְׁנֵיהֶם אִישׁ  
חֲלֹמוֹ בְּלַיְלָה אֶחָד אִישׁ כְּפַתְרוֹן חֲלֹמוֹ

#### Genesis 40

(1) Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt gave offense to their lord the king of Egypt. (2) Pharaoh was angry with his two courtiers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, (3) and put them in custody, in the house of the prefect, in the same prison house where Joseph was confined. (4) The prefect assigned Joseph to them, and he attended them. When they had been in custody for some time, (5) both of them—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined

הַמִּשְׁקָה וְהָאֹפָה אֲשֶׁר לְמֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם  
אֲשֶׁר אֲסוּרִים בְּבֵית הַסֵּהֶר: (ו) וַיָּבֹא  
אֲלֵיהֶם יוֹסֵף בְּבֹקֶר וַיֵּרָא אֹתָם וְהֵנָּה  
זַעֲפִים: (ז) וַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת־סֹרִיסֵי פַרְעֹה  
אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ בְּמִשְׁמֶר בֵּית אֲדֹנָיו לֵאמֹר  
מָדוּעַ פָּנֵיכֶם רָעִים הַיּוֹם: (ח) וַיֹּאמְרוּ  
אֵלָיו חָלֹם חֲלָמְנוּ וּפְתָר אֵין אִתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף הֲלוֹא לֵאלֹהִים פְּתָרָנִים  
סָפְרוּ־נָא לִי: (ט) וַיֹּסֶפֶר שְׂרָה־הַמִּשְׁקִים  
אֶת־חֲלָמּוֹ לְיוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ בְּחֻלּוּמִי  
וְהִנֵּה־גֶפֶן לִפְנֵי: (י) וּבִגְפֹן שְׁלֹשָׁה שָׂרִיגִם  
וְהוּא כִפְרֹחַת עֲלֵתָהּ נֹצֵה הַבָּשִׁילוֹ  
אֲשַׁכְּלֶתֶיהָ עֲנָבִים: (יא) וְכֹס פַּרְעֹה בְּיָדִי  
וָאֵקַח אֶת־הָעֲנָבִים וָאֶשְׁחַט אֹתָם  
אֶל־כֹּס פַּרְעֹה וָאֵתָן אֶת־הַכֹּס עַל־כֶּף  
פַּרְעֹה: (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ יוֹסֵף זֶה פְּתָרָנִי  
שְׁלֹשֶׁת הַשָּׂרִיגִים שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים הֵם: (יג)  
בְּעוֹד | שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים יֵשֶׁא פַרְעֹה  
אֶת־רֹאשׁוֹ וְהִשִּׁיבָה עַל־כַּנְּהוֹ וְנָתַתָּ  
כֹּס־פַּרְעֹה בְּיָדוֹ כַּמִּשְׁפָּט הָרָאוּשׁוֹן אֲשֶׁר  
הָיִיתָ מִשְׁקֵהוּ: (יד) כִּי אִם־זִכְרְתָנִי אִתָּךְ  
כַּאֲשֶׁר יִיטֵב לָךְ וְעָשִׂיתָ־נָא עִמָּדִי חֹסֶד  
וְהִזְכַּרְתָּנִי אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וְהוֹצֵאתָנִי מִן־הַבַּיִת  
הַזֶּה: (טו) כִּי־גָנֹב גָּנַבְתִּי מֵאֶרֶץ הָעֶבְרָיִם

in the prison—dreamed in the same  
night, each his own dream and each  
dream with its own meaning. (6) When  
Joseph came to them in the morning, he  
saw that they were distraught. (7) He  
asked Pharaoh's courtiers, who were with  
him in custody in his master's house,  
saying, "Why do you appear downcast  
today?" (8) And they said to him, "We  
had dreams, and there is no one to  
interpret them." So Joseph said to them,  
"Surely God can interpret! Tell me [your  
dreams]." (9) Then the chief cupbearer  
told his dream to Joseph. He said to  
him, "In my dream, there was a vine in  
front of me. (10) On the vine were three  
branches. It had barely budded, when  
out came its blossoms and its clusters  
ripened into grapes. (11) Pharaoh's cup  
was in my hand, and I took the grapes,  
pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and  
placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." (12)  
Joseph said to him, "This is its  
interpretation: The three branches are  
three days. (13) In three days Pharaoh  
will pardon you and restore you to your  
post; you will place Pharaoh's cup in his  
hand, as was your custom formerly  
when you were his cupbearer. (14) But  
think of me when all is well with you

וְגַם־פֶּה לֹא־עָשִׂיתִי מֵאוֹמָה כִּי־שָׁמוּ אֹתִי  
בְּבוֹר: (טז) וַיֵּרָא שְׂרֵה־אֲפִים כִּי טוֹב  
פָּתַר וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־יוֹסֵף אֶף־אֲנִי בַחֲלוּמִי  
וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה סִלֵּי חֲרִי עַל־רֹאשִׁי: (יז)  
וּבִסֵּל הֶעֱלִיִּן מִכָּל מֵאֲכָל פְּרֹעָה מַעֲשֵׂה  
אִפֶּה וְהָעוֹף אָכַל אֹתָם מִן־הַסֵּל מֵעַן  
רֹאשִׁי: (יח) וַיַּעַן יוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר זֶה פָתַרְנִי  
שְׁלֹשֶׁת הַסִּלִּים שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים הֵם: (יט)  
בְּעוֹד | שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים יִשָּׂא פְרֹעָה  
אֶת־רֹאשִׁי מֵעֲלִיָּה וְתִלָּה אוֹתָהּ עַל־עֵץ  
וְאָכַל הָעוֹף אֶת־בְּשָׂרָהּ מֵעֲלִיָּה: (כ) וַיְהִי  
| בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי יוֹם הַלָּדֶת אֶת־פְּרֹעָה  
וַיַּעַשׂ מִשְׁתֶּה לְכָל־עַבְדָּיו וַיִּשָּׂא אֶת־רֹאשׁ  
| שֶׁר הַמִּשְׁקִים וְאֶת־רֹאשׁ שֶׁר הָאֲפִים  
בְּתוֹךְ עַבְדָּיו: (כא) וַיָּשֶׁב אֶת־שֶׁר  
הַמִּשְׁקִים עַל־מִשְׁקָהוּ וַיִּתֵּן הַכֹּס עַל־כַּף  
פְּרֹעָה: (כב) וְאֵת שֶׁר הָאֲפִים תִּלָּה  
כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּתַר לָהֶם יוֹסֵף: (כג) וְלֹא־זָכַר  
שֶׁר־הַמִּשְׁקִים אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיִּשְׁכַּחְהוּ:

again, and do me the kindness of mentioning me to Pharaoh, so as to free me from this place. (15) For in truth, I was kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews; nor have I done anything here that they should have put me in the dungeon.” (16) When the chief baker saw how favorably he had interpreted, he said to Joseph, “In my dream, similarly, there were three openwork baskets on my head. (17) In the uppermost basket were all kinds of food for Pharaoh that a baker prepares; and the birds were eating it out of the basket above my head.” (18) Joseph answered, “This is its interpretation: The three baskets are three days. (19) In three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale you upon a pole; and the birds will pick off your flesh.” (20) On the third day—his birthday—Pharaoh made a banquet for all his officials, and he singled out his chief cupbearer and his chief baker from among his officials. (21) He restored the chief cupbearer to his cupbearing, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand; (22) but the chief baker he impaled—just as Joseph had interpreted to them. (23) Yet the chief

cupbearer did not think of Joseph; he forgot him.

### בראשית מ"א

(א) וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ שְׁנַתַּיִם יָמִים וּפַרְעֹה חָלַם  
וְהִנֵּה עֹמֵד עַל-הַיָּאֵר: (ב) וְהִנֵּה מִן-הַיָּאֵר  
עָלָה שִׁבְעַת פָּרוֹת יְפוֹת מֵרָאה וּבְרִיאַת  
בָּשָׂר וַתִּרְעֶינָה בְּאַחוּ: (ג) וְהִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת  
פָּרוֹת אַחֲרוֹת עָלוּת אַחֲרֵיהֶן מִן-הַיָּאֵר  
רָעוֹת מֵרָאה וְדַקּוֹת בָּשָׂר וַתַּעֲמִדְנָה אֶצֶל  
הַפָּרוֹת עַל-שִׂפְתַּת הַיָּאֵר: (ד) וַתֹּאכְלֶנָּה  
הַפָּרוֹת רָעוֹת הַמֵּרָאה וְדַקַּת הַבָּשָׂר אֶת  
שִׁבְעַת הַפָּרוֹת יְפוֹת הַמֵּרָאה וְהַבְּרִיאַת  
וַיִּיקֶץ פַּרְעֹה: (ה) וַיִּישָׁן וַיַּחֲלֹם שֵׁנִית  
וְהִנֵּה | שִׁבְעַת שִׁבְלִים עָלוּת בְּקִנָּה אֶחָד  
בְּרִיאֹת וְטֹבוֹת: (ו) וְהִנֵּה שִׁבְעַת שִׁבְלִים  
דַּקּוֹת וְשָׂדוּפֹת קָדִים צִמְחוֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן: (ז)  
וַתִּבְלַעְנָה הַשִּׁבְלִים הַדַּקּוֹת אֶת שִׁבְעַת  
הַשִּׁבְלִים הַבְּרִיאֹת וְהַמְּלֵאוֹת וַיִּיקֶץ  
פַּרְעֹה וְהִנֵּה חֵלֹם: (ח) וַיְהִי בִבְקָר  
וַתִּפְּעֶם רוּחוֹ וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיִּקְרָא  
אֶת-כָּל-חֲרָטְמֵי מִצְרַיִם וְאֶת-כָּל-חֲכָמָיָהּ  
וַיְסַפֵּר פַּרְעֹה לָהֶם אֶת-חֲלָמוֹ וְאִין-פֹּתָר  
אוֹתָם לִפְרֹעָה: (ט) וַיַּדְבֵּר שָׂר הַמִּשְׁקִים

### Genesis 41

(1) After two years' time, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, (2) when out of the Nile there came up seven cows, handsome and sturdy, and they grazed in the reed grass. (3) But presently, seven other cows came up from the Nile close behind them, ugly and gaunt, and stood beside the cows on the bank of the Nile; (4) and the ugly gaunt cows ate up the seven handsome sturdy cows. And Pharaoh awoke. (5) He fell asleep and dreamed a second time: Seven ears of grain, solid and healthy, grew on a single stalk. (6) But close behind them sprouted seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind. (7) And the thin ears swallowed up the seven solid and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke: it was a dream! (8) Next morning, his spirit was agitated, and he sent for all the magician-priests of Egypt, and all its sages; and Pharaoh told them his dreams, but none could interpret them for Pharaoh. (9) The chief cupbearer then spoke up and said to Pharaoh, "I

אֶת־פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר אֶת־חֲטָאֵי אֲנִי מִזְכִּיר  
 הַיּוֹם: (י) פַּרְעֹה קָצַף עַל־עַבְדָּיו וַיִּתֵּן אֹתִי  
 בְּמִשְׁמַר בֵּית שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אֹתִי וְאֶת שַׂר  
 הָאֲפִים: (יא) וַנַּחֲלֵמָה חֲלוֹם בַּלַּיְלָה אֶחָד  
 אֲנִי וְהוּא אִישׁ כְּפַתְרוֹן חֲלָמוֹ חֲלָמָנוּ:  
 (יב) וְשֵׁם אֹתָנוּ נָעַר עַבְדִּי עֶבֶד לְשַׂר  
 הַטַּבָּחִים וְנִסְפָּר־לָו וַיִּפְתַּר־לָנוּ  
 אֶת־חֲלָמֵינוּ אִישׁ כְּחֲלָמוֹ פָּתַר: (יג) וַיְהִי  
 כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּתַר־לָנוּ כֵּן הָיָה אֵתִי הַשִּׁיב  
 עַל־כִּנִּי וְאֹתוֹ תָּלָה: (יד) וַיִּשְׁלַח פַּרְעֹה  
 וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־יֹסֵף וַיְרִיצֵהוּ מִן־הַבּוֹר וַיַּגְלַח  
 וַיַּחֲלֵף שְׂמֻלְתּוֹ וַיָּבֵא אֶל־פַּרְעֹה: (טו)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יֹסֵף חֲלוֹם חֲלָמָתִי  
 וּפָתַר אֲנִי אֹתוֹ וְאֲנִי שָׁמַעְתִּי עָלֶיךָ לֵאמֹר  
 תִּשְׁמַע חֲלוֹם לְפָתַר אֹתוֹ: (טז) וַיַּעַן יֹסֵף  
 אֶת־פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר בְּלִעְדֵּי אֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶה  
 אֶת־שְׁלוֹם פַּרְעֹה: (יז) וַיַּדְבֵּר פַּרְעֹה  
 אֶל־יֹסֵף בְּחִלְמֵי ...

must make mention today of my  
 offenses. (10) Once Pharaoh was angry  
 with his servants, and placed me in  
 custody in the house of the prefect,  
 together with the chief baker. (11) We  
 had dreams the same night, he and I,  
 each of us a dream with a meaning of its  
 own. (12) A Hebrew youth was there  
 with us, a servant of the prefect; and  
 when we told him our dreams, he  
 interpreted them for us, telling each of  
 the meaning of his dream. (13) And as he  
 interpreted for us, so it came to pass: I  
 was restored to my post, and the other  
 was impaled.” (14) Thereupon Pharaoh  
 sent for Joseph, and he was rushed from  
 the dungeon. He had his hair cut and  
 changed his clothes, and he appeared  
 before Pharaoh. (15) And Pharaoh said  
 to Joseph, “I have had a dream, but no  
 one can interpret it. Now I have heard it  
 said of you that for you to hear a dream  
 is to tell its meaning.” (16) Joseph  
 answered Pharaoh, saying, “Not I! God  
 will see to Pharaoh’s welfare.” (17) Then  
 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream...

...I have told my magician-priests, but  
 none has an explanation for me.” (25)  
 And Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s

וַאֲמַר אֱלֹהֵי חֲרָטָמַיִם וְאִין מַגִּיד לִי: (כה)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־פַּרְעֹה חֲלוֹם פַּרְעֹה אֶחָד  
 הוּא אֵת אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה הַגִּיד  
 לַפַּרְעֹה: (כו) שִׁבְעַת פָּתַת הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת  
 שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת  
 שָׁנִים הֵנָּה חֲלוֹם אֶחָד הוּא: (כז) וְשִׁבְעַת  
 הַפְּרוֹת הָרָקוֹת וְהָרָעָת הָעֲלֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן  
 שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים הָרָקוֹת  
 שְׂדֵפוֹת הַקָּדִים יִהְיוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי רָעָב:  
 (כח) הוּא הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתִּי אֶל־פַּרְעֹה  
 אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה הָרָאָה אֶת־פַּרְעֹה:  
 (כט) הֵנָּה שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים בָּאוֹת שִׁבְעַת גָּדוֹל  
 בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: (ל) וְקָמוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי  
 רָעָב אַחֲרֵיהֶן וְנִשְׁכַּח כָּל־הַשִּׁבְעַת בְּאֶרֶץ  
 מִצְרָיִם וְכָל־הָרָעָב אֶת־הָאֶרֶץ: (לא)  
 וְלֹא־יִוָּדַע הַשָּׁבַע בְּאֶרֶץ מִפְּנֵי הָרָעָב  
 הַהוּא אַחֲרֵי־כֵן כִּי־כָבֵד הוּא מְאֹד: (לב)  
 וְעַל הַשָּׁנֹת הַחֲלוֹם אֶל־פַּרְעֹה פַּעַמַּיִם  
 כִּי־נִכּוֹן הַדָּבָר מֵעַם הָאֱלֹהִים וּמִמֶּהָר  
 הָאֱלֹהִים לַעֲשֹׂתוֹ: (לג) וְעַתָּה יֵרָא פַרְעֹה  
 אִישׁ נָבוֹן וְחָכָם וַיִּשִׁיתָהוּ עַל־אֶרֶץ  
 מִצְרָיִם: (לד) יַעֲשֶׂה פַרְעֹה וַיִּפְקֹד פְּקָדִים  
 עַל־הָאֶרֶץ וְחָמַשׁ אֶת־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם  
 בְּשִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי הַשָּׁבָע: (לה) וַיִּקְבְּצוּ

dreams are one and the same: Pharaoh  
 has been told what God is about to do.  
 (26) The seven healthy cows are seven  
 years, and the seven healthy ears are  
 seven years; it is the same dream. (27)  
 The seven lean and ugly cows that  
 followed are seven years, as are also the  
 seven empty ears scorched by the east  
 wind; they are seven years of famine. (28)  
 It is just as I have told Pharaoh: Pharaoh  
 has been shown what God is about to  
 do. (29) Immediately ahead are seven  
 years of great abundance in all the land  
 of Egypt. (30) After them will come  
 seven years of famine, and all the  
 abundance in the land of Egypt will be  
 forgotten. As the land is ravaged by  
 famine, (31) no trace of the abundance  
 will be left in the land because of the  
 famine thereafter, for it will be very  
 severe. (32) As for Pharaoh having had  
 the same dream twice, it means that the  
 matter has been determined by God,  
 and that God will soon carry it out. (33)  
 “Accordingly, let Pharaoh find someone  
 who’s discerning and wise, whom you  
 can set over the land of Egypt. (34) And  
 let Pharaoh take steps to appoint  
 overseers over the land, and organize the  
 land of Egypt in the seven years of



אֶת־כָּל־אֹכֶל הַשָּׁנִים הַטּוֹבוֹת הַבָּאת  
הָאֵלֶּה וַיַּצְבְּרוּ־בָר תַּחַת יַד־פַּרְעֹה אֹכֶל  
בָּעָרִים וַשְּׁמָרוּ: (לו) וְהָיָה הָאֹכֶל לְפָקֶדוֹן  
לְאָרֶץ לְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי הָרָעָב אֲשֶׁר תִּהְיֶינָה  
בְּאָרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְלֹא־תִכָּרֵת הָאָרֶץ בְּרָעָב:  
(לז) וַיֵּיטֵב הַדָּבָר בְּעֵינֵי פַרְעֹה וּבְעֵינֵי  
כָל־עַבְדָּיו: (לח) וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־עַבְדָּיו  
הִנֵּמְצָא כָזֶה אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בּוֹ:  
(לט) וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף אַחֲרֵי הוֹדִיעַ  
אֱלֹהִים אוֹתָךְ אֶת־כָּל־זֹאת אֵין־נָבוֹן  
וְחָכָם כָּמוֹךָ:

plenty. (35) Let all the food of these good years that are coming be gathered, and let the grain be collected under Pharaoh's authority as food to be stored in the cities. (36) Let that food be a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will come upon the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish in the famine." (37) The plan pleased Pharaoh and all his courtiers. (38) And Pharaoh said to his courtiers, "Could we find another like him—a man with the divine spirit?" (39) So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is none so discerning and wise as you.

#### בראשית מ"ו:ב'-ג'

(ב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים | לְיִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמַרְאֵת  
הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב | יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:  
(ג) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנֹכִי הָאֵל אֱלֹהֵי אֲבִיךָ  
אֶל־תִּירָא מִרְדָּה מִצְרַיִמָּה כִּי־לֹגִי גָדוֹל  
אֲשִׁימָךְ שָׁם:

#### Genesis 46:2-3

(2) God called to Israel in a vision by night: "Jacob! Jacob!" He answered, "Here." (3) "I am God, the God of your father's [house]. Fear not to go down to Egypt, for I will make you there into a great nation.

#### בראשית ל"ט

#### Genesis 39

(7) After a time, his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph and said, "Lie with

(ז) וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וַתֵּשֶׂא  
אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־עַיְנֶיהָ אֶל־יוֹסֵף וַתֹּאמֶר  
שְׂכָבָה עִמִּי: (ח) וַיִּמָּאֵן | וַיֹּאמֶר  
אֶל־אִשְׁת־אֲדֹנָיו הֵן אֲדֹנִי לֹא־יַדַּע אֵתִי  
מִה־בִּבְתּוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר־יֵשׁ־לּוֹ נָתַן בְּיָדִי: (ט)  
אֵינְנוּ גָדוֹל בְּבֵית הַזֶּה מִמֶּנִּי וְלֹא־חָשָׁךְ  
מִמֶּנִּי מֵאוֹמֶה כִּי אִם־אוֹתָךְ בְּאֶשֶׁר  
אַתָּה־אֹשֶׁתּוֹ וְאִיךָ אֶעֱשֶׂה הָרָעָה הַגְּדֹלָה  
הַזֹּאת וְחָטָאתִי לֵאלֹהִים:

(כא) וַיְהִי יְהוָה אֶת־יוֹסֵף וַיֵּט אֵלָיו חֶסֶד  
וַיִּתֵּן חָנּוּ בְּעֵינָי שֶׁר בֵּית־הַסֹּהֶר: (כב)  
וַיִּתֵּן שֶׁר בֵּית־הַסֹּהֶר בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף אֶת  
כָּל־הָאֲסִירִם אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית הַסֹּהֶר וְאֵת  
כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עֹשִׂים שָׁם הוּא הָיָה עֹשֶׂה:  
(כג) אֵין | שֶׁר בֵּית־הַסֹּהֶר רָאָה  
אֶת־כָּל־מְאוֹמָה בְּיָדוֹ בְּאֶשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱתָו  
וְאֲשֶׁר־הוּא עֹשֶׂה יְהוָה מַצְלִיחַ:

me.” (8) But he refused. He said to his master’s wife, “Look, with me here, my master gives no thought to anything in this house, and all that he owns he has placed in my hands. (9) He wields no more authority in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except yourself, since you are his wife. How then could I do this most wicked thing, and sin before God?”

(21) was with Joseph—extending kindness to him and disposing the chief jailer favorably toward him. (22) The chief jailer put in Joseph’s charge all the prisoners who were in that prison, and he was the one to carry out everything that was done there. (23) The chief jailer did not supervise anything that was in Joseph’s charge, because יהוה was with him, and whatever he did יהוה made successful.

#### בראשית נ':ט"ו-כ'

(טו) וַיֵּרְאוּ אַחֲיֵי־יוֹסֵף כִּי־מֵת אָבִיהֶם  
וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ יִשְׁטְמוּנוּ יוֹסֵף וְהָשִׁב יָשִׁיב לָנוּ  
אֶת כָּל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר גָּמְלָנוּ אֹתוֹ: (טז)

#### Genesis 50:15-20

(15) When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrong that



וַיִּצְווּ אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר אֲבִיךָ צִוָּה לִפְנֵי  
מוֹתוֹ לֵאמֹר: (יז) כֹּה־תֹאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף אֲנֵנָּה  
שָׂא נָא פָשַׁע אֲחִיךָ וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי־רָעָה  
גַּמְלוֹךְ וַעֲתָה שָׂא נָא לִפְשַׁע עֲבָדֵי אֱלֹהֵי  
אֲבִיךָ וַיִּבֶךְ יוֹסֵף בְּדַבְרָם אֵלָיו: (יח) וַיֵּלְכוּ  
גַּם־אֲחָיו וַיִּפְּלוּ לִפְנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִנֵּנוּ לְךָ  
לְעֲבָדִים: (יט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף  
אֶל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי הִתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים אָנִי: (כ)  
וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָה  
לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה פֶּתַח חַיֵּי לְהַחְיֵת  
עַמ־רַב:

we did him!” (16) So they sent this message to Joseph, “Before his death your father left this instruction: (17) So shall you say to Joseph, ‘Forgive, I urge you, the offense and guilt of your brothers who treated you so harshly.’ Therefore, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father’s [house].” And Joseph was in tears as they spoke to him. (18) His brothers went to him themselves, flung themselves before him, and said, “We are prepared to be your slaves.” (19) But Joseph said to them, “Have no fear! Am I a substitute for God? (20) Besides, although you intended me harm, God intended it for good, so as to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.