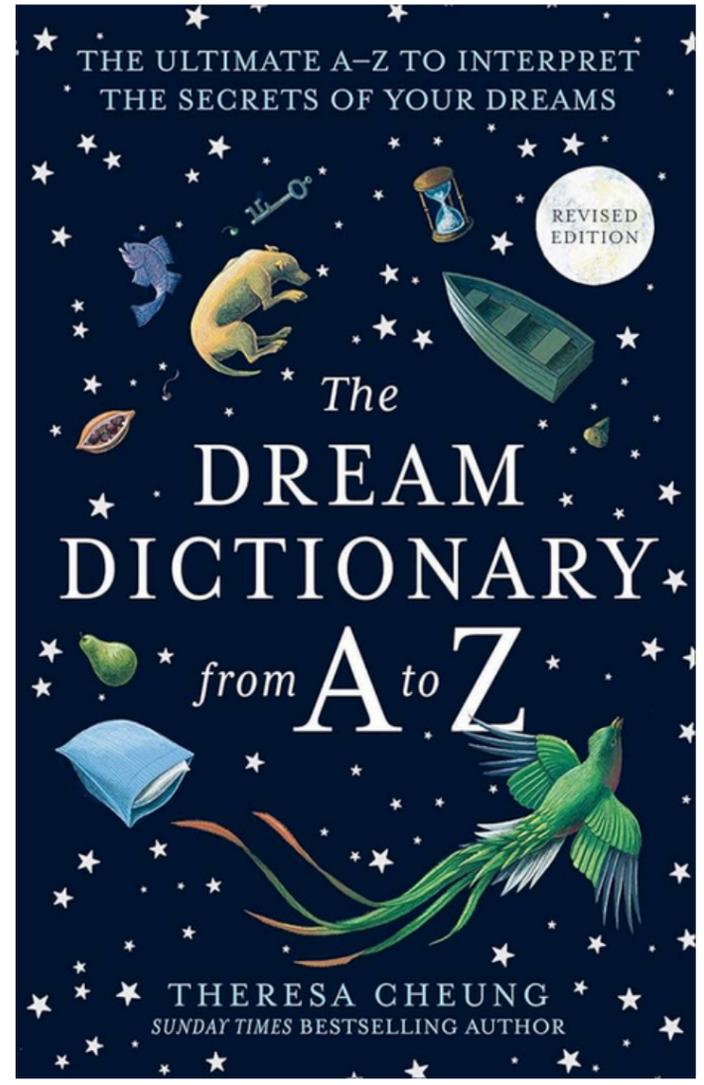
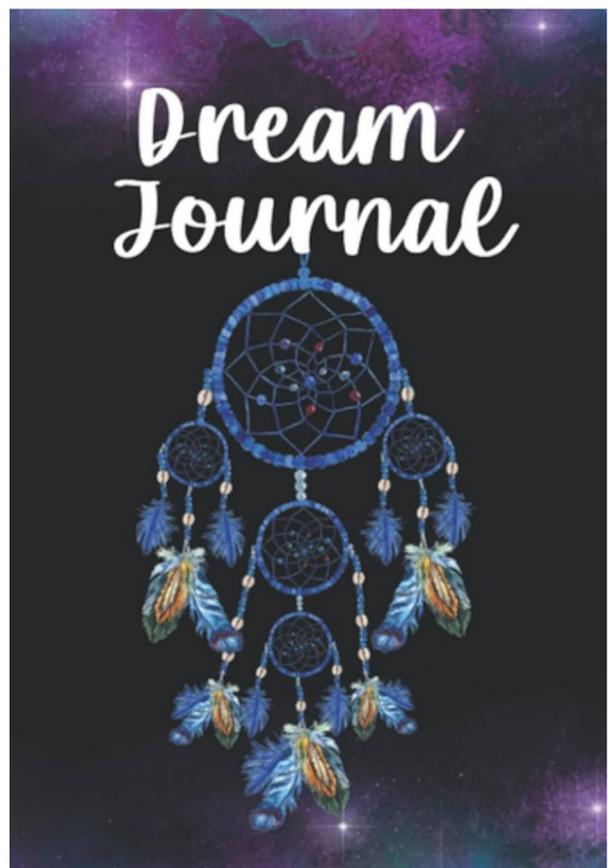
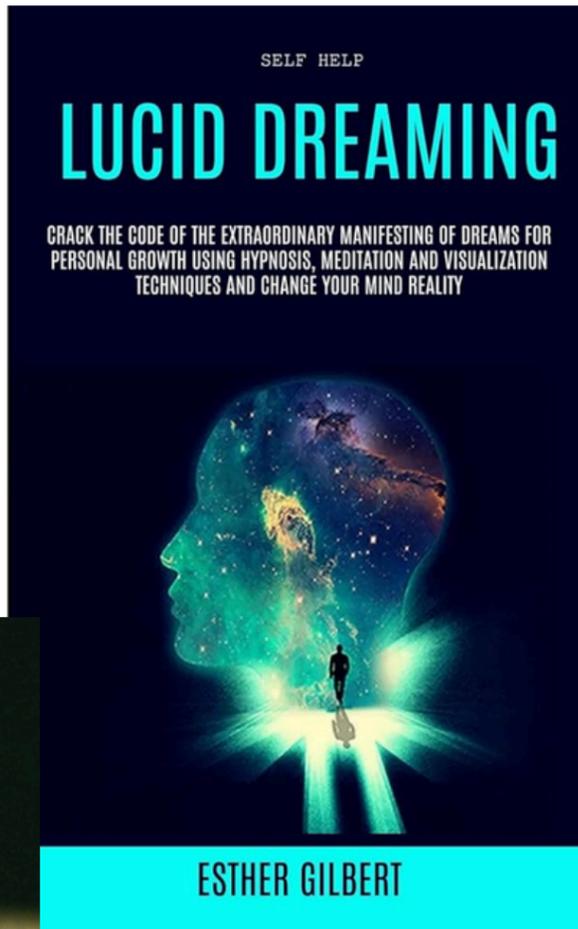


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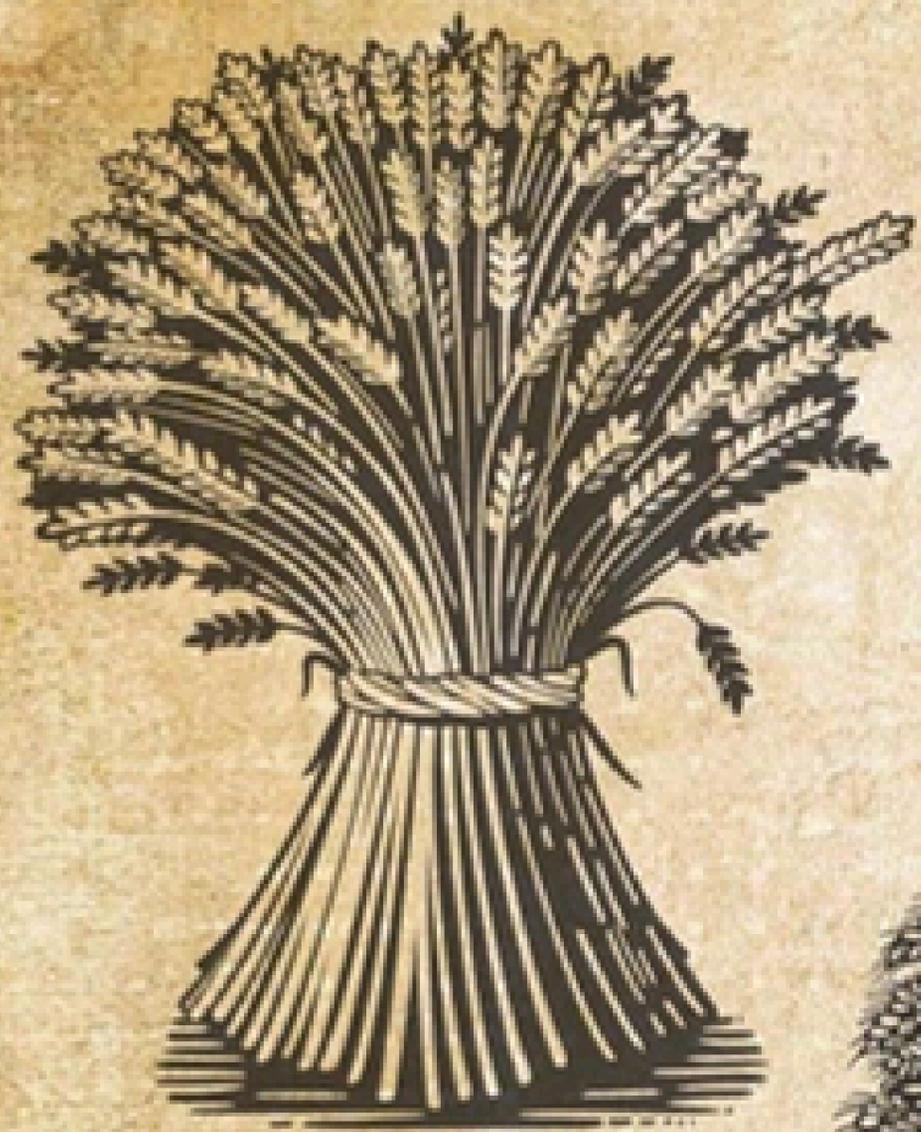


# JOSEPH'S DREAMS

<sup>5</sup> Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more.<sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Hear this dream that I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.” <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

## JOSEPH'S FIRST DREAM

GENESIS 37:5-8

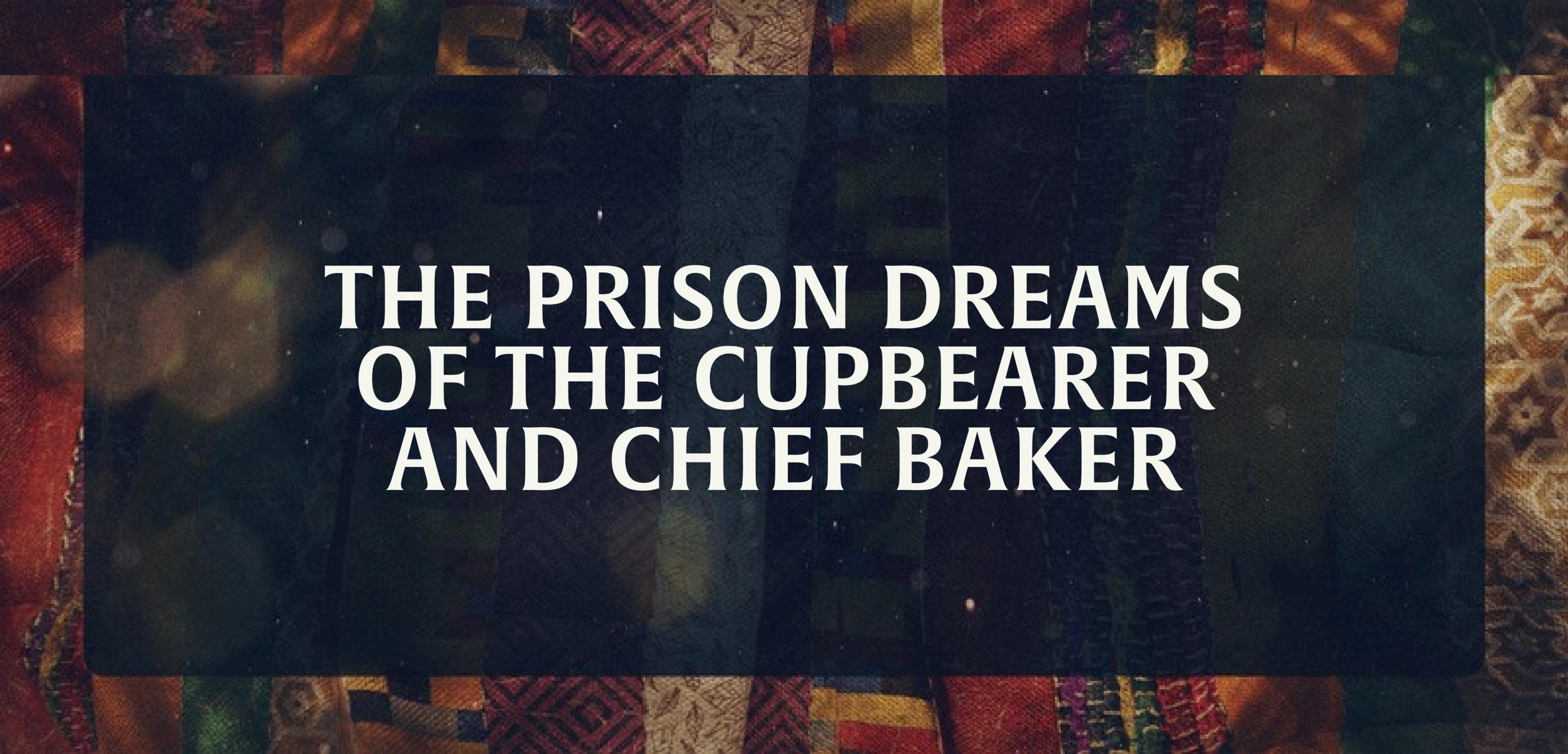


<sup>9</sup> Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.” <sup>10</sup> But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?” <sup>11</sup> And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

## JOSEPH'S SECOND DREAM

GENESIS 37:9-11





**THE PRISON DREAMS  
OF THE CUPBEARER  
AND CHIEF BAKER**

<sup>9</sup> So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, <sup>10</sup> and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. <sup>11</sup> Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.” <sup>12</sup> Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. <sup>13</sup> In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer.

## **THE CUPBEARER'S DREAM**

**GENESIS 40:9-13**



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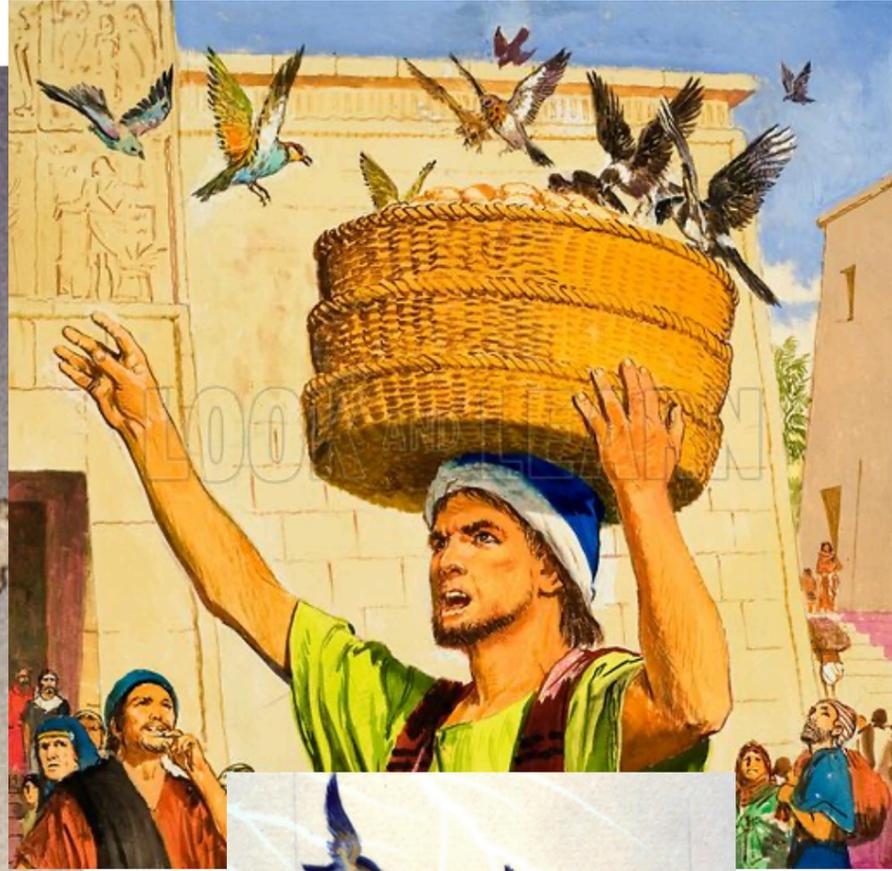
Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

*GENESIS 40:14-15*

<sup>6</sup> When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, “I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, <sup>17</sup> and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head.” <sup>18</sup> And Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. <sup>19</sup> In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—from you!—and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you.”

## THE CHIEF BAKER'S DREAM

GENESIS 40:9-13





On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. **Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.**

*GENESIS 40:20-23*



# PHARAOH'S DREAMS

**After two whole years,** Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, <sup>2</sup> and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows, attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. <sup>3</sup> And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke.

## PHARAOH'S FIRST DREAM

GENESIS 41:1-4



<sup>5</sup> And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk.<sup>6</sup> And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind. <sup>7</sup> And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. <sup>8</sup> So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

## PHARAOH'S SECOND DREAM

GENESIS 41:5-8



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<sup>15</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, “**It has nothing to do with me**; God will give Pharaoh an answer for his own good.”

*GENESIS 41:15-16 | NASB*

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. <sup>27</sup> The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup> It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup> There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, <sup>31</sup> and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe.

**GENESIS 41:25-31**

**GOD'S INTERPRETATION**

<sup>32</sup> And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. <sup>33</sup> Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. <sup>35</sup> And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. <sup>36</sup> That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

**GENESIS 41:32-36**

**GOD'S INTERPRETATION**

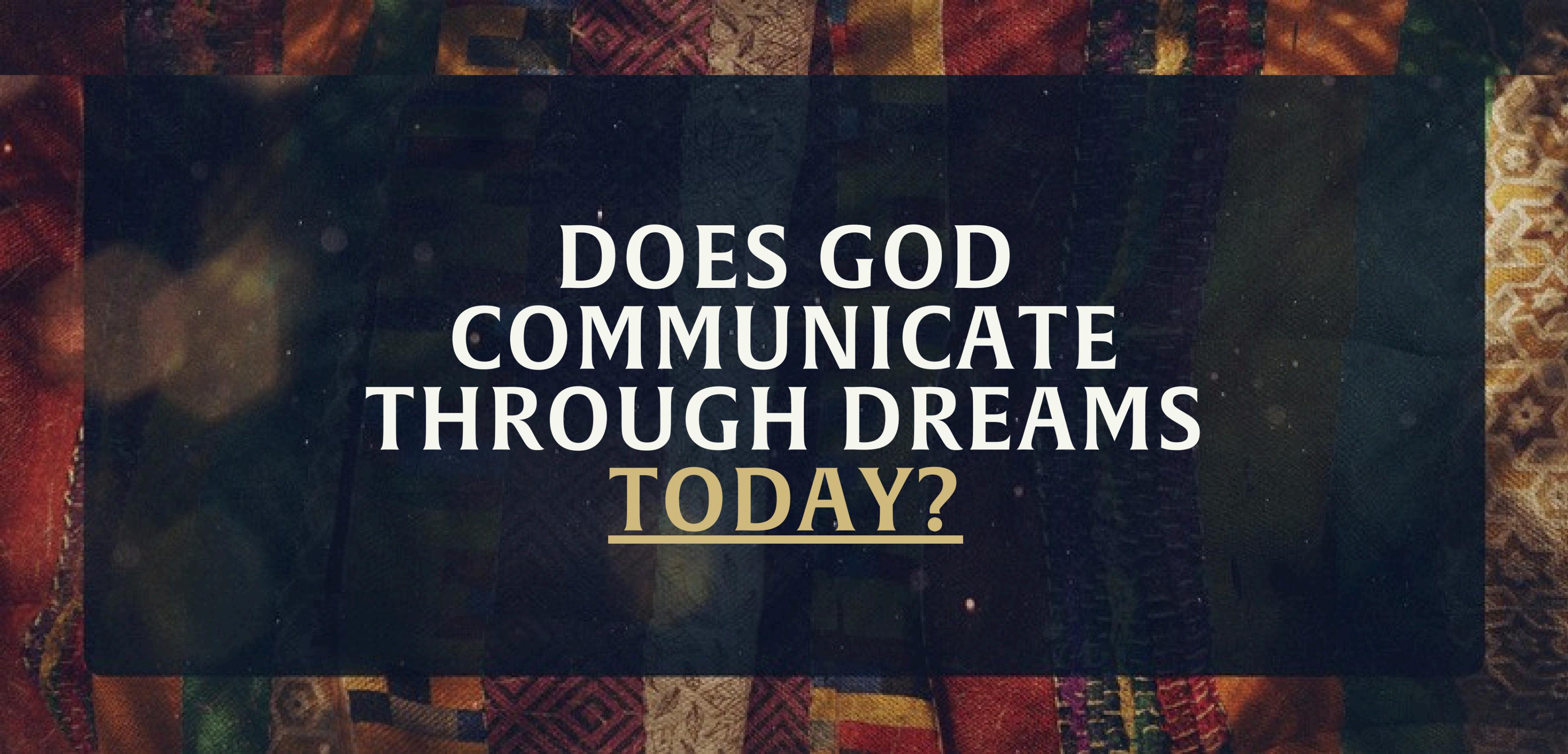
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This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, “**Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?**” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.”

*GENESIS 41:37-40*



**LIVE THE TEXT**



**DOES GOD  
COMMUNICATE  
THROUGH DREAMS  
TODAY?**

# OT DREAMS

- King Abimelek and Sarah
  - (Gen. 20:6-7)
- Jacob and the stairway to heaven
  - (Gen. 28:10-15)
- Laban and Jacob
  - (Gen. 31:24)
- Joseph, Cupbearer, Baker, & Pharaoh
  - (Gen. 37,40,41)
- Aaron validates prophets by dream
  - (Num. 12:6)
- Gideon overhears a dream
  - (Judg. 7:13-14)
- Solomon responds to a dream
  - (1 Kgs. 3:5)
- Daniel interprets for Nebuchadnezzar
  - (Dan. 1-6)

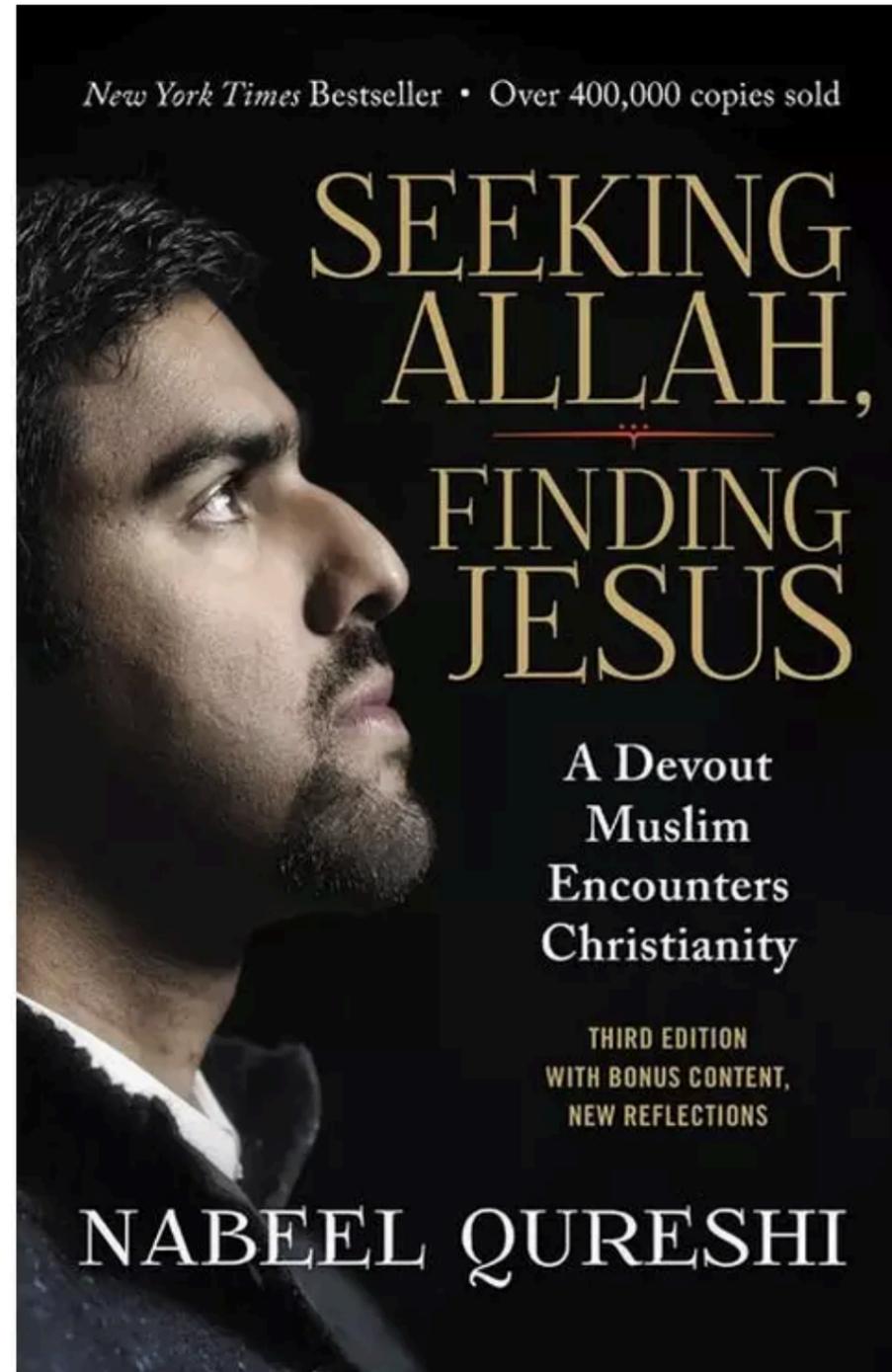
# NT DREAMS

- Angel directs Joseph to wed Mary
  - (Matt. 1:21)
- “Wise Men” are warned against Herod
  - (Matt. 12:2)
- Pilate’s wife dreams about Jesus’ arrest
  - (Matt. 27:19)
- **Peter quotes Joel 2:28**
  - ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams” // **Acts 2:17**

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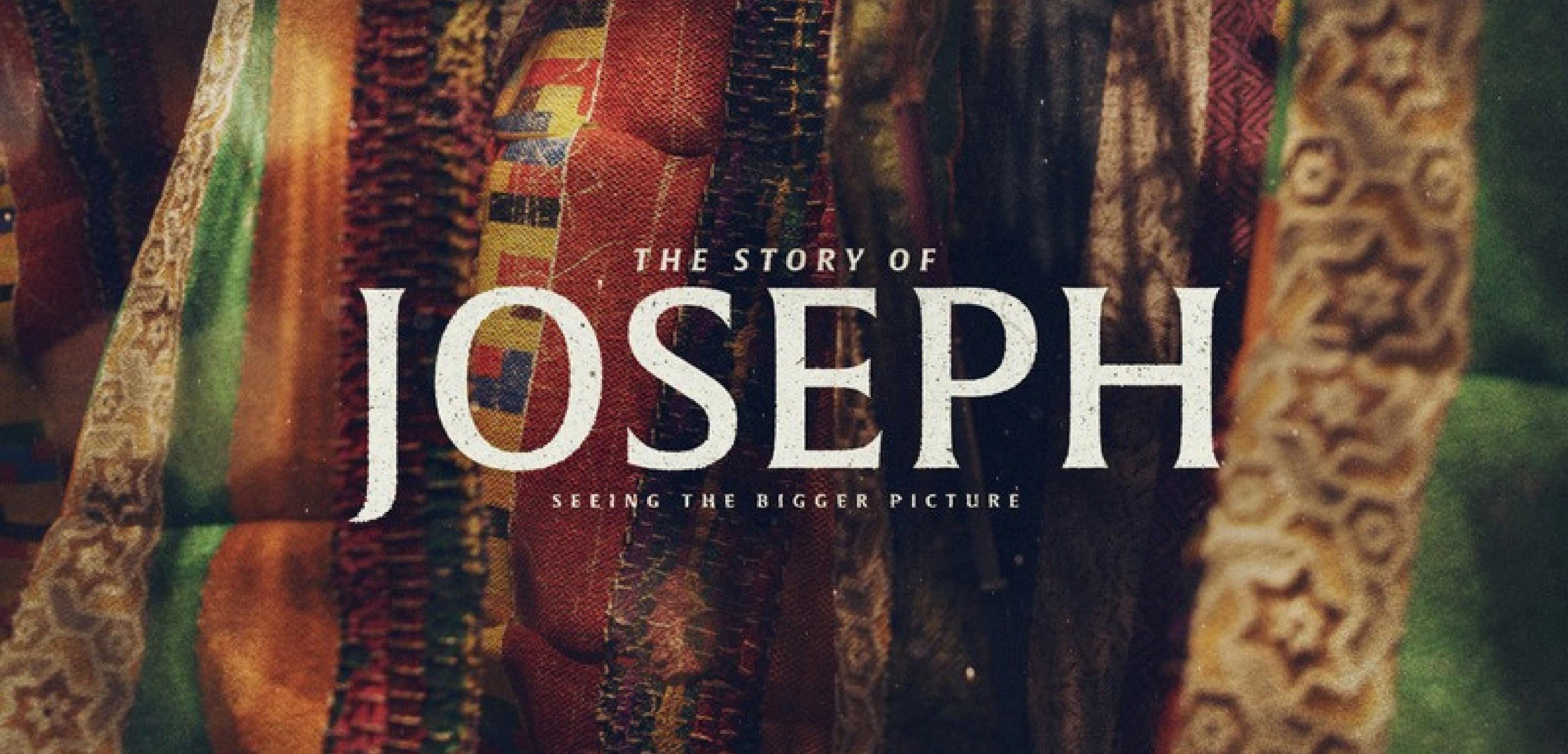
Though God can speak to us through dreams, he speaks most clearly through Scripture, which is the Word of God. Any message we get through a dream or through any other mode of revelation **will never contradict or work against the Word of God** as presented in Scripture.

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Qureshi explains that while he was a Muslim studying at Old Dominion University in Virginia, he had a dream where he was in a long hallway with multiple doors, but only one door at the end was narrow and led to a banquet. He later understood the imagery in light of Jesus' words about the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13–14).

He describes this dream as one of the most significant moments in his journey, because it reinforced his growing conviction that the path of truth was singular and costly, ultimately pointing him toward the Gospel.



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