

Read Genesis 41:17-27

17 So Pharaoh told Joseph his dream. “In my dream,” he said, “I was standing on the bank of the Nile River,

18 and I saw seven fat, healthy cows come up out of the river and begin grazing in the marsh grass.

19 But then I saw seven sick-looking cows, scrawny and thin, come up after them. I’ve never seen such sorry-looking animals in all the land of Egypt.

20 These thin, scrawny cows ate the seven fat cows.

21 But afterward you wouldn’t have known it, for they were still as thin and scrawny as before! Then I woke up.

22 “In my dream I also saw seven heads of grain, full and beautiful, growing on a single stalk.

23 Then seven more heads of grain appeared, but these were blighted, shriveled, and withered by the east wind.

24 And the shriveled heads swallowed the seven healthy heads. I told these dreams to the magicians, but no one could tell me what they mean.”

25 Joseph responded, “Both of Pharaoh’s dreams mean the same thing. God is telling Pharaoh in advance what he is about to do.

26 The seven healthy cows and the seven healthy heads of grain both represent seven years of prosperity.

27 The seven thin, scrawny cows that came up later and the seven thin heads of grain, withered by the east wind, represent seven years of famine.

What was Pharaoh’s first dream (vv. 17-21)? (Read)

What did Pharaoh see in another dream (vv. 22-24)? (Read)

How did Joseph interpret Pharaoh’s dreams (v. 25)? Both dreams meant the same thing. God was telling Pharaoh what He was going to do.

What did they mean (vv. 26-27)? That Pharaoh’s land of Egypt was going to have 7 really good years of grain and lots of food. And then there would be 7 years of famine with no food because the weather would be so bad -- there would be no rain and it would be so hot -- that the crops wouldn’t grow and the people wouldn’t be able to get any food and they would starve to death.