**CHAPTER** **40**

*Joseph interpreteth the dreams of two of Pharao’s servants in prison: the event declareth the interpretations to be true, but Joseph is forgotten.*

**1** After this, it came to pass, that two eunuchs, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, offended their lord.

**2** And Pharao being angry with them (now the one was chief butler, the other chief baker)

**3** He sent them to the prison of the commander of the soldiers, in which Joseph also was prisoner,

**4** But the keeper of the prison delivered them to Joseph, and he served them. Some little time passed, and they were kept in custody.

**5** And they both dreamed a dream the same night, according to the interpretation agreeing to themselves:

**6** And when Joseph was come in to them in the morning, and saw them sad,

**7** He asked them, saying: Why is your countenance sadder today than usual?

**8** They answered: We have dreamed a dream, and there is nobody to interpret it to us. And Joseph said to them: Doth not interpretation belong to God? Tell me what you have dreamed.

**9** The chief butler first told his dream: I saw before me a vine,

**10** On which were three branches, which by little and little sent out buds, and after the blossoms brought forth ripe grapes:

**11** And the cup of Pharao was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into the cup which I held, and I gave the cup to Pharao.

**12** Joseph answered: This is the interpretation of the dream: The three branches are yet three days:

**13** After which Pharao will remember thy service, and will restore thee to thy former place: and thou shalt present him the cup according to thy office, as before thou wast wont to do.

**14** Only remember me, when it shall be well with thee, and do me this kindness: to put Pharao in mind to take me out of this prison:

**15** For I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here without any fault was cast into the dungeon.

**16** The chief baker seeing that he had wisely interpreted the dream, said: I also dreamed a dream, That I had three baskets of meal upon my head:

**17** And that in one basket which was uppermost, I carried all meats that are made by the art of baking, and that the birds ate out of it.

**18** Joseph answered: This is the interpretation of the dream: The three baskets are yet three days:

**19** After which Pharao will take thy head from thee, and hang thee on a cross, and the birds shall tear thy flesh.

**20** The third day after this was the birthday of Pharao: and he made a great feast for his servants, and at the banquet remembered the chief butler, and the chief baker.

**21** And he restored the one to his place to present him the cup:

**22** The other he hanged on a gibbet, that the truth of the interpreter might be shewn.

**23** But the chief butler, when things prospered with him, forgot his interpreter.