

# STORY OF YUSUF (AS)

“The most beautiful of stories”



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Narrated by  
Allah (SWT)



- in 12th Chapter of the Qura'n
- Surah Yusuf
- *Juz 12 & 13*



# The Prophet (pbuh) said about Yusuf (as) ...

Narrated Abu Hurayrah:

“Some people asked the Prophet: ‘Who is the most honorable amongst the people?’ He replied, ‘The most honorable among them is the one who is the most Allah-fearing.’ They said, ‘O Allah's Prophet! We do not ask about this.’ He said, ‘Then the most honorable person is Yusuf (Joseph), Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Prophet, the son of Allah's Khalil.’ They said, ‘We do not ask about this.’ He said, ‘Then you want to ask me about the Arabs' descent?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ He said, ‘Those who were best in the pre-Islamic period, are the best in Islam, if they comprehend (the religious knowledge).’

Bukhari, *Volume 4, Book 55, Number 593*





- It is a long story and there are numerous lessons to be learned from it.
- So we will first briefly go through the life story of Yusuf (as) and then look at each phase of his life and see what we can learn from it
- This will mean several classes.

# Ancestors of Yusuf (as)

Ibrahim



Isaac (Ishaq)



Jacob (Yaqoub)



Joseph (Yusuf)



# The Geneology of Abraham

**Abraham**

**Hagar**

**Sarah**

**Keturah**

**Isaac**

**Rebekah**

**Ishmael**

**Jacob**

**Esau**

Ishmaelites

Israelites

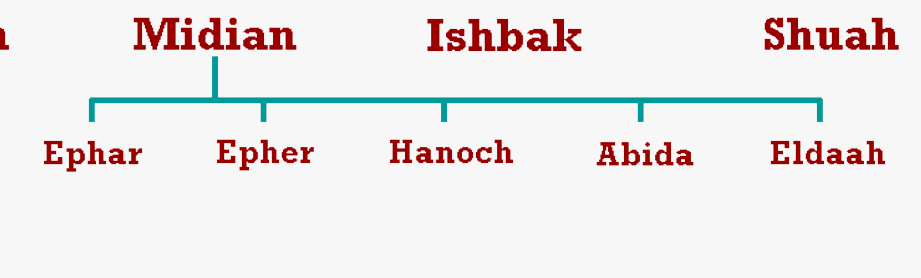
Edomites

Nebaioth	Kedar	Adbeel
Mibsam	Mishma	Dumah
Massa	Hadad	Temur
Jetur	Naphish	Kedemah

Ruben	Simeon	Levi
Judah	Dan	Napthali
Gad	Asher	Issachar
Zebulun	Dinah	Joseph

Born to	Leah
	Leah's servant Zilpah
	Rachel's servant Bilhah
	Rachel

Joseph
Menasseh Ephraim



Yusuf (as) has a dream ...





# His brothers are envious ...



When they declared, "Why! Yusuf and his brother are dearer to our father than we are although we constitute a powerful group. Our father is clearly making a mistake. Kill Yusuf or expel him to some land so that your father will look to you alone and then you can be people who do right." (Surah Yusuf: 8-9)





# They throw him in a well ...

One of them said,  
"Do not take  
Yusuf's life but  
throw him to the  
bottom of the well,  
so that some  
travellers may  
discover him, if this  
is something that  
you have to do."  
(Surah Yusuf: 10)



# Show a torn shirt to their father ...

They then produced his shirt with false blood on it. He said, "It is merely that your lower selves have suggested something to you which you did; ..." (Surah Yusuf: 18)

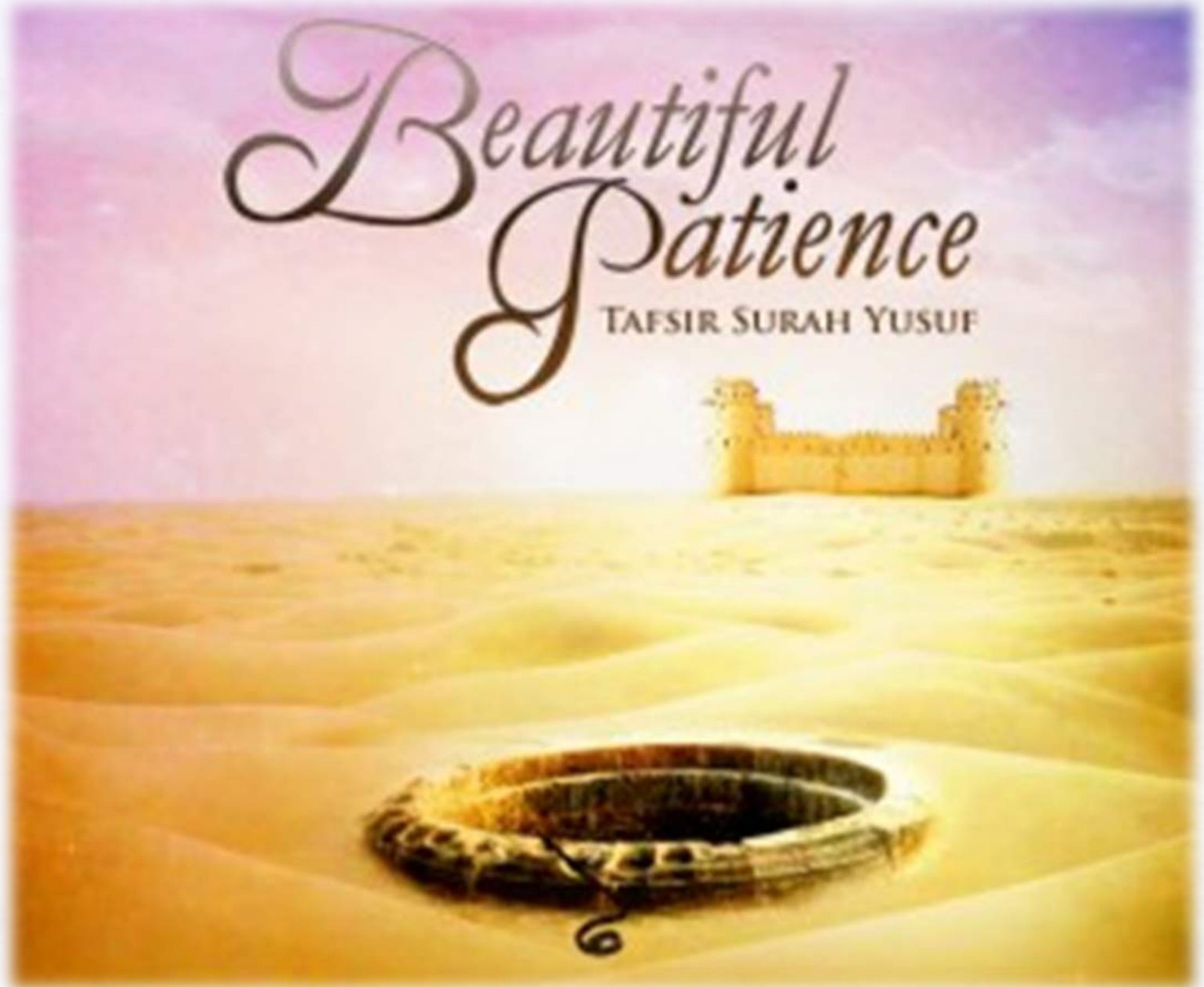




Yaqoub (as) displays ...

*Beautiful  
Patience*

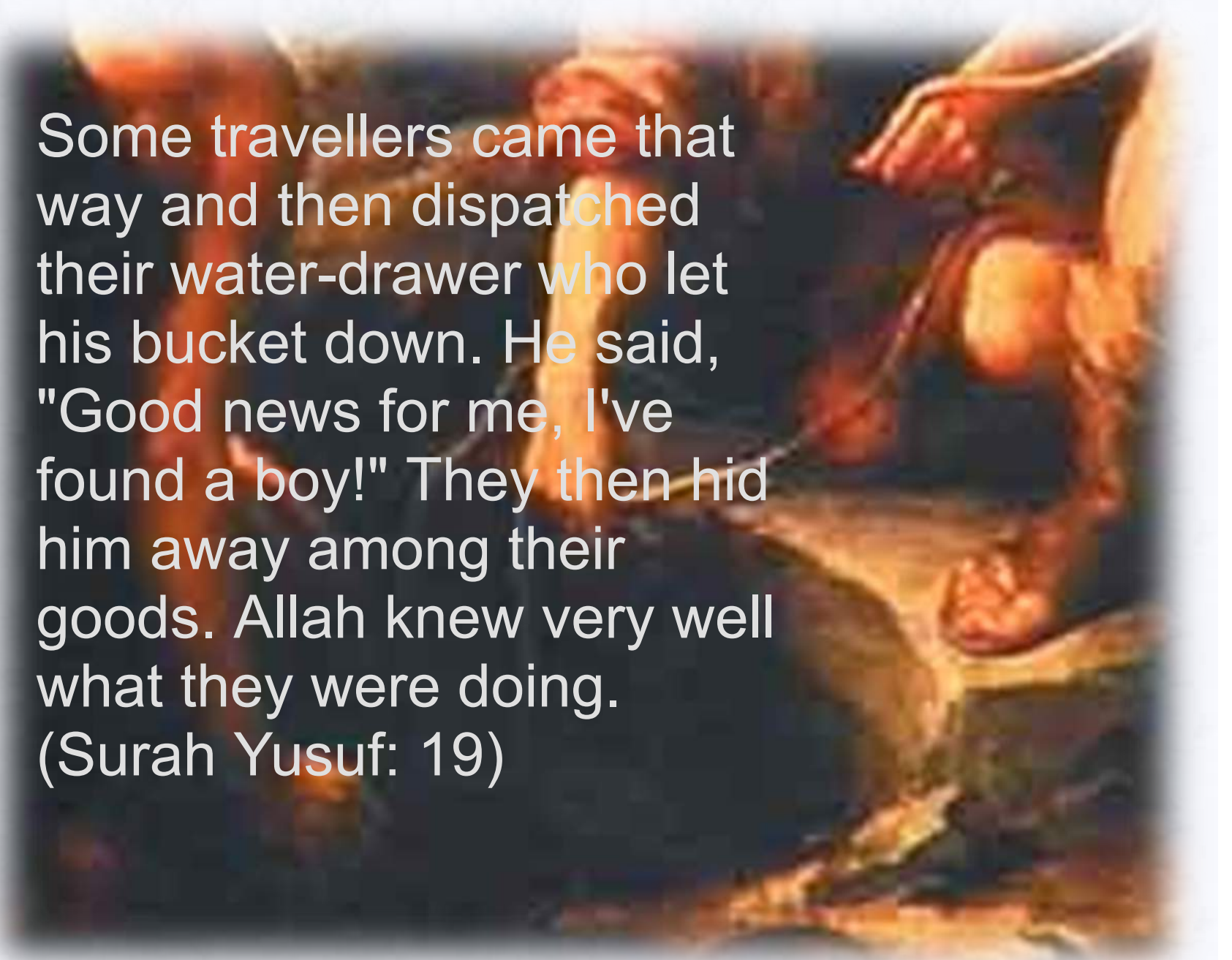
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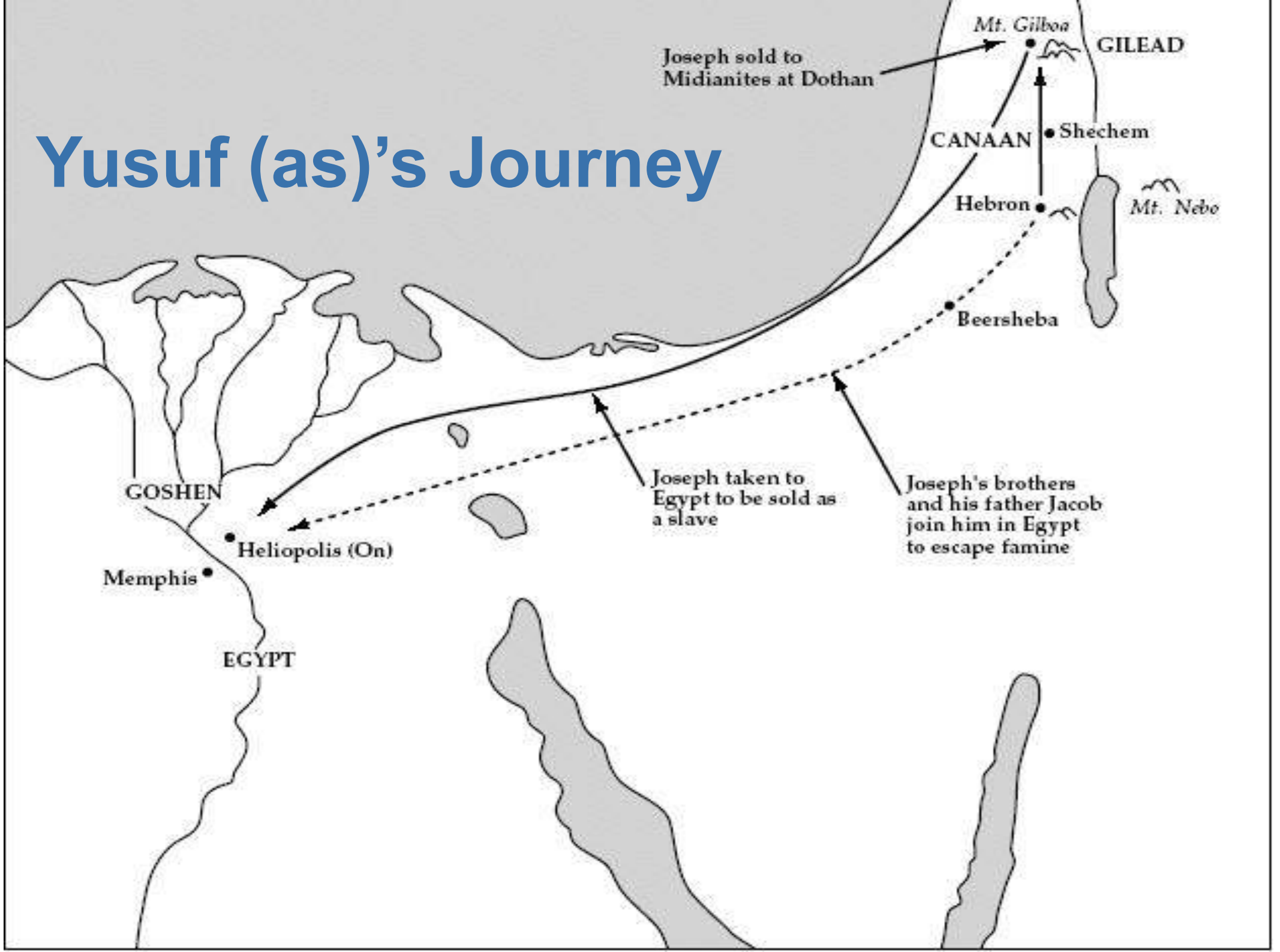


# Out of the well ...

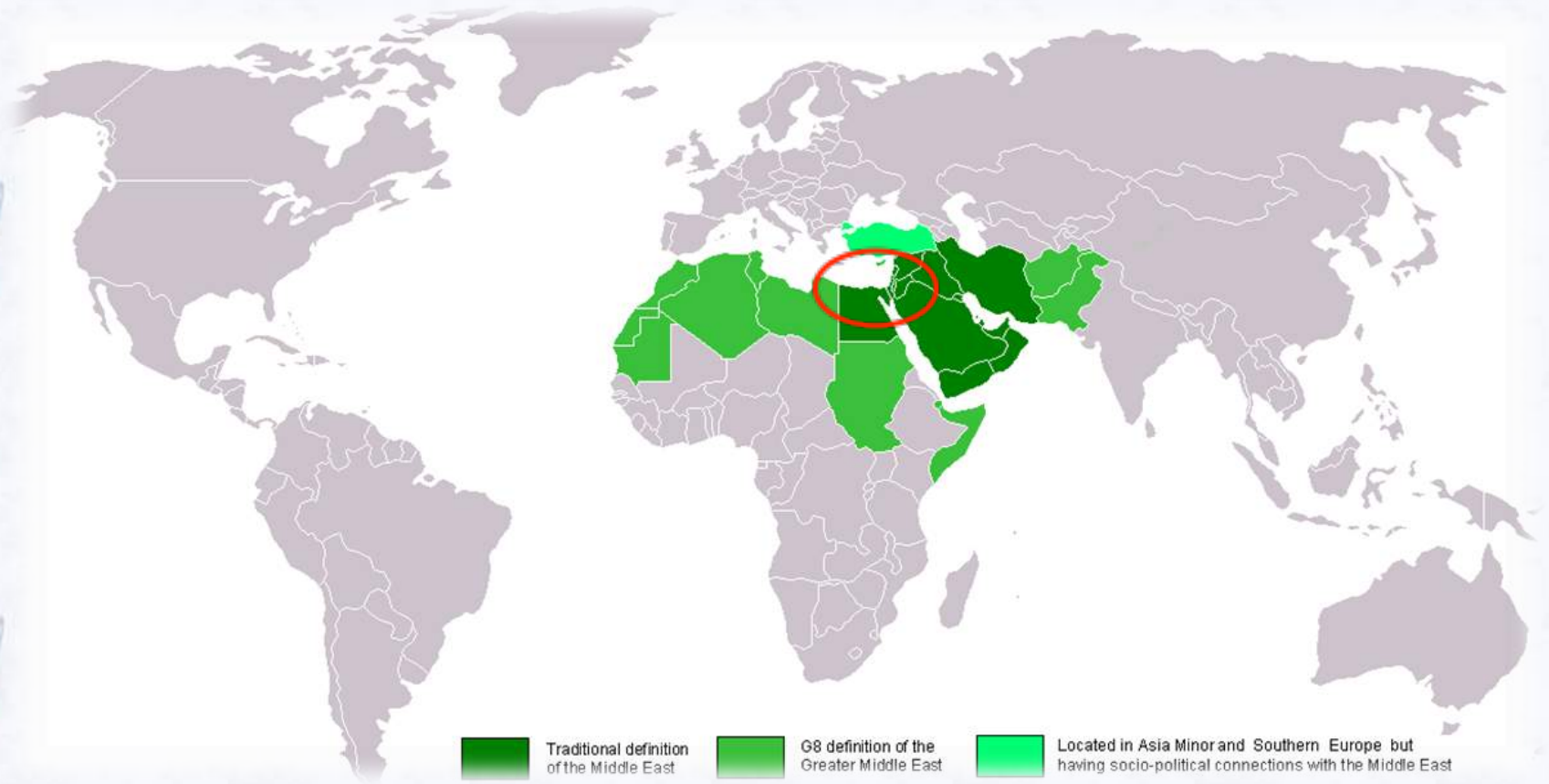
Some travellers came that way and then dispatched their water-drawer who let his bucket down. He said, "Good news for me, I've found a boy!" They then hid him away among their goods. Allah knew very well what they were doing. (Surah Yusuf: 19)



# Yusuf (as)'s Journey



# Present day location





Taken  
to  
Memphis  
in  
Egypt



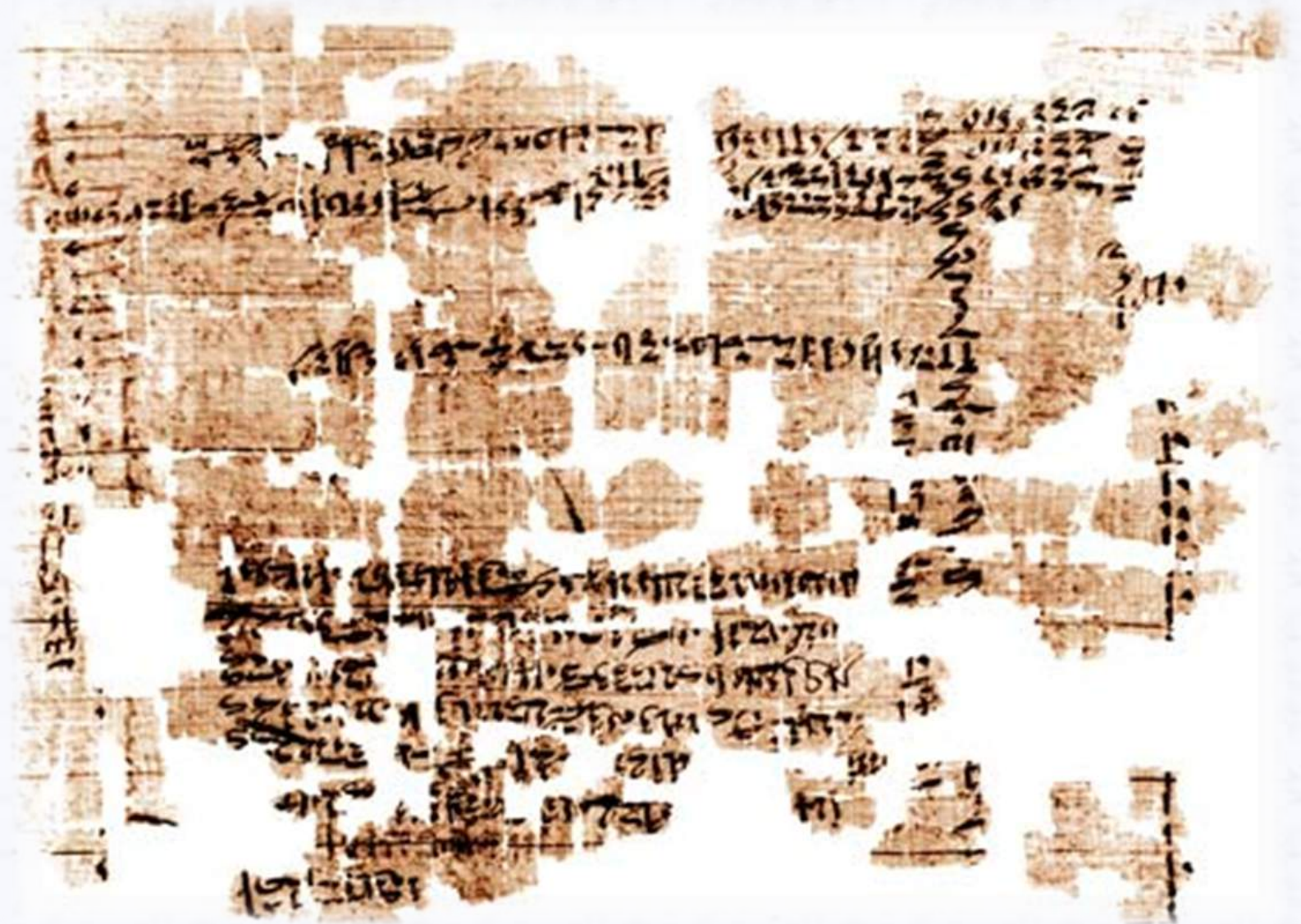
# Ruins of Slave Market

They sold him for a pittance, a few small coins, considering him to be of little worth. (Surah Yusuf: 20)





# Ancient Papyrus giving information about Slavery in Egypt





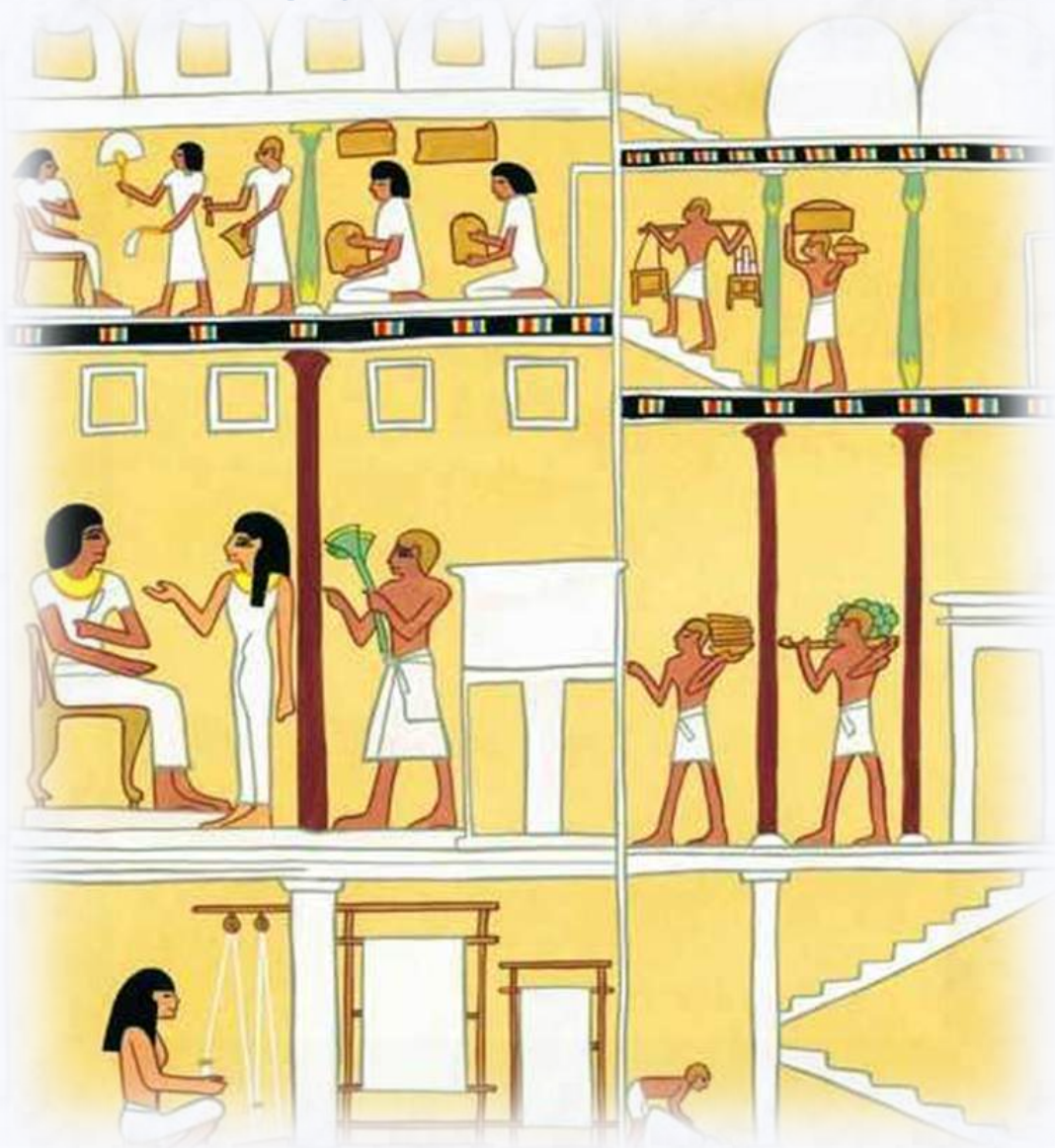


Bought by a minister (*Aziz*)  
of the Hyksos King ...





# A new life in “Potiphar’s” home in Egypt ...





Wife of Aziz, tries to seduce him ...



# When he refuses, she accuses him of wrongdoing...

They raced to the door. She tore his shirt at the back. They met her husband by the door. She said, "How should a man whose intention was to harm your family be punished for what he did except with prison or painful punishment?"

(Surah Yusuf: 25)

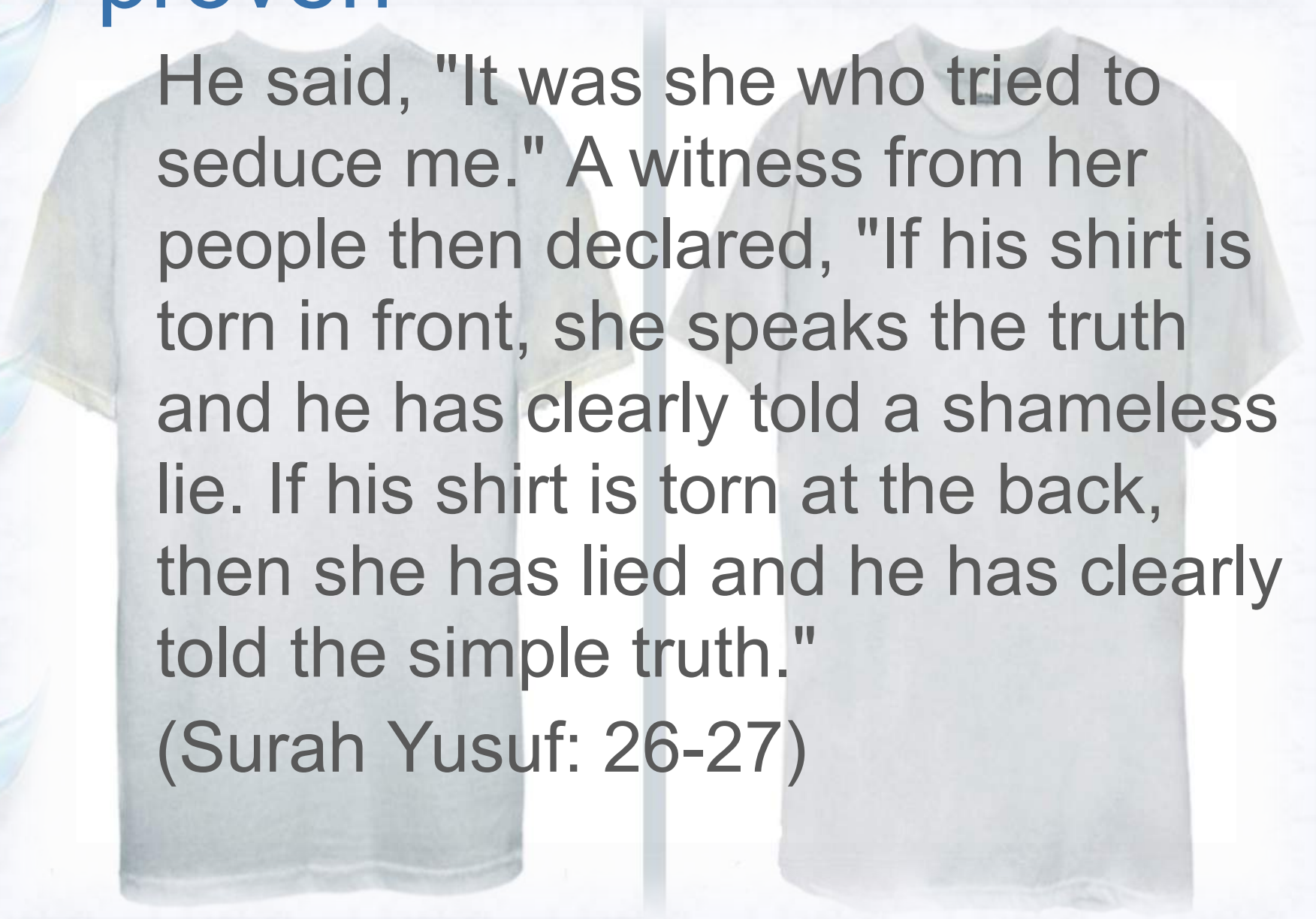




# Yusuf (as)'s innocence proven

He said, "It was she who tried to seduce me." A witness from her people then declared, "If his shirt is torn in front, she speaks the truth and he has clearly told a shameless lie. If his shirt is torn at the back, then she has lied and he has clearly told the simple truth."

(Surah Yusuf: 26-27)





Some city women said, "The governor's wife solicited her slave. He's fired her heart with love. We see that she's the one to blame."  
(Surah Yusuf: 30)





# Aziz's wife has a Banquet ...



# Innocent Yusuf (as) Thrown in a Dungeon

She said, "You see! It's him you blamed me for. I tried seducing him but he refused. If he does not do what I order him, he will be put in prison and brought low."  
(Surah Yusuf: 32)





# Yusuf (as) interprets his cellmates' dreams

Two servants entered prison along with him. One said, "I dreamt that I was pressing grapes." The other said, "I dreamt I carried bread upon my head and birds were eating it. Tell us the true meaning of these dreams. We see that you're one of the righteous."

(Surah Yusuf: 36)





# Yusuf (as) remains in prison for 9 years ...

"My fellow-captives, one of you will serve his lord with wine, the other of you will be crucified and birds will eat his head. The thing you asked about is foreordained." He said to the one of them he knew was saved, "Please mention me when you are with your lord," but satan made him forget to remind his lord, and so he stayed in prison for several years.

(Surah Yusuf: 41-42)



# The King has a dream ...





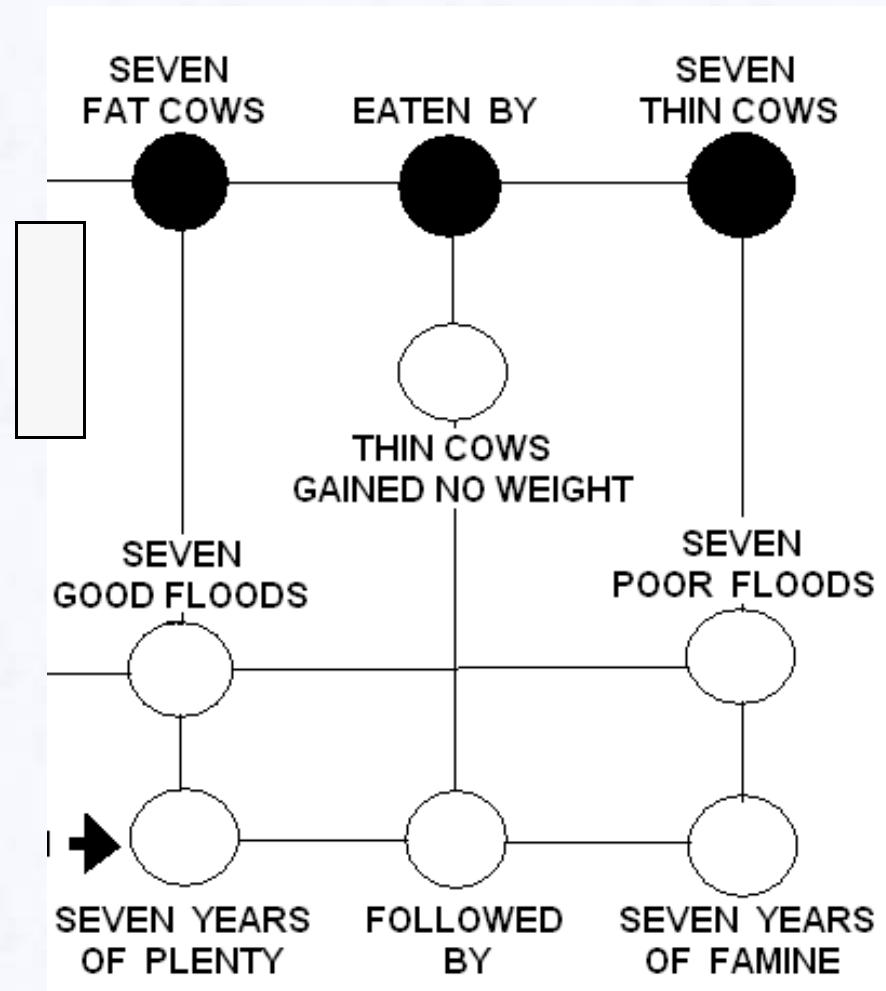
# The King wants the dream interpreted ...

The old  
cellmate of  
Yusuf (as)  
remembers  
him





# Yusuf (as) explains the dream





# The King wants to meet Yusuf (as) ...

The King said, "Bring him to me straight away!" But when the envoy came to him, he [Yusuf] said, "Go back to your master and enquire of him what happened about the women who cut their hands. My Lord has knowledge of their cunning guile."

(Surah Yusuf: 50)



# Plot against Yusuf (as) Revealed – King calls the women ...

He (the King) said,  
"What was this past  
affair of yours when you  
solicited Yusuf?" Then  
they said "Allah forbid!  
We know no bad of  
him." The governor's  
wife then said, "The  
truth has now emerged.  
Indeed I tried to seduce  
him then and he has  
simply told the honest  
truth." (Surah Yusuf: 51)





Yusuf (as) is given power  
and influence ...



A SLAVE BECOMES RULER

# Yusuf (as) becomes responsible for the Treasury.

According to ancient Egyptian sources, rulers would give the people they appointed to run the treasury a ring such as this. Prophet Yusuf (as) was very probably given a ring like this as a symbol of his power and rank.





# 7 years of plenty ...





# Grain Stores of Yusuf (as)





# 7 years of famine – starving people of Egypt



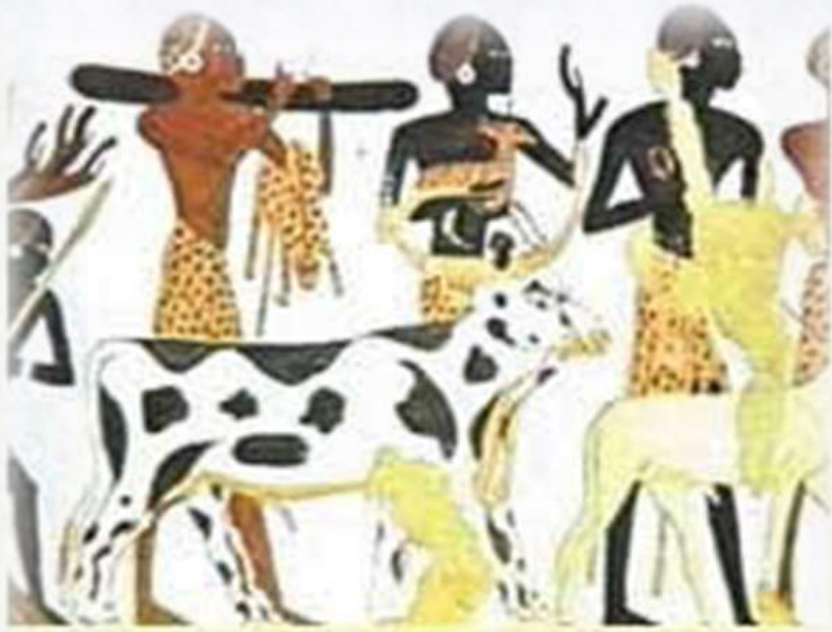
Ancient Egyptian inscriptions describe in great detail the seven years of famine during the time of Yusuf (as).





# Yusuf (as) manages beautifully ...

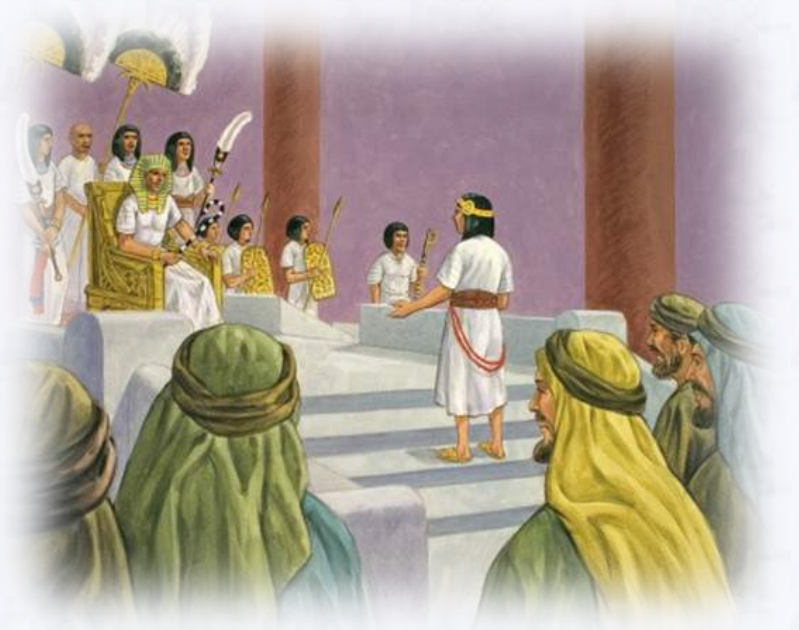
Grain distributed to people from all  
over in exchange for goods



# Yusuf (as) meets his brothers again ...

The brothers of Yusuf came into his presence and he knew them but they did not know him. Then, having supplied their needs, he said to them, "Bring me your brother, your father's youngest son. Do you not see that I dispense full measure and am the most hospitable of hosts? But if you do not bring him here to me, your measure from me then will be denied and you will not come near to me at all."

(Surah Yusuf: 58-60)





# The Brothers Make a Request to Their Father (Yaqoub) (as)

Then when they got back to their father's house, they said, "Father! Our measure has been denied. Please send our brother with us so we may obtain our measure. We will take care of him." (Surah Yusuf: 63)



# Yusuf (as) meets his little brother

Then when they entered into Yusuf's presence, he drew his brother close to him and said, "I am your brother. Do not be distressed concerning all the things they used to do." (Surah Yusuf: 69)



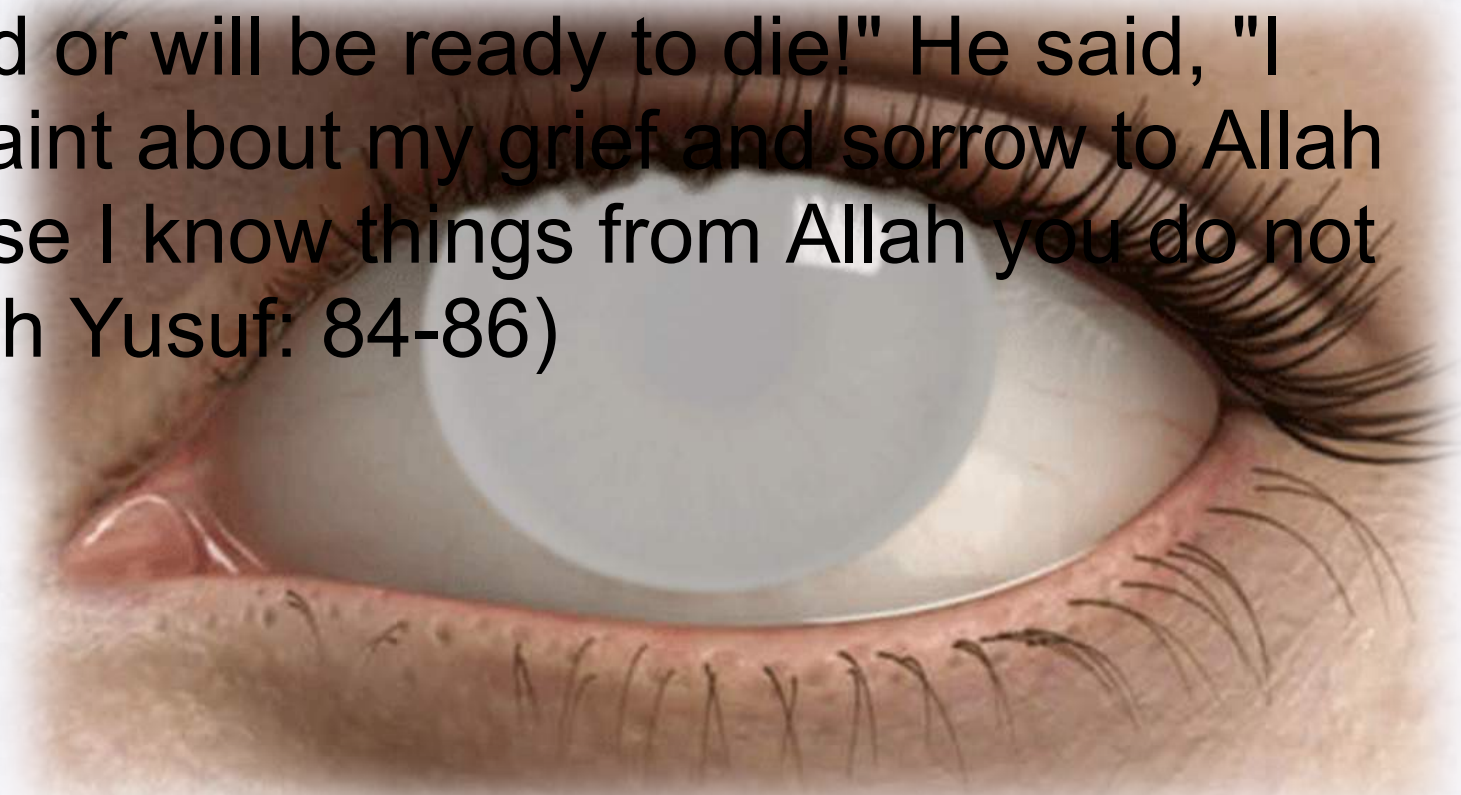


# Yusuf (as) keeps Benjamin (Bin Yamin) with him ...



## Yaqoub (as)'s Grief ...

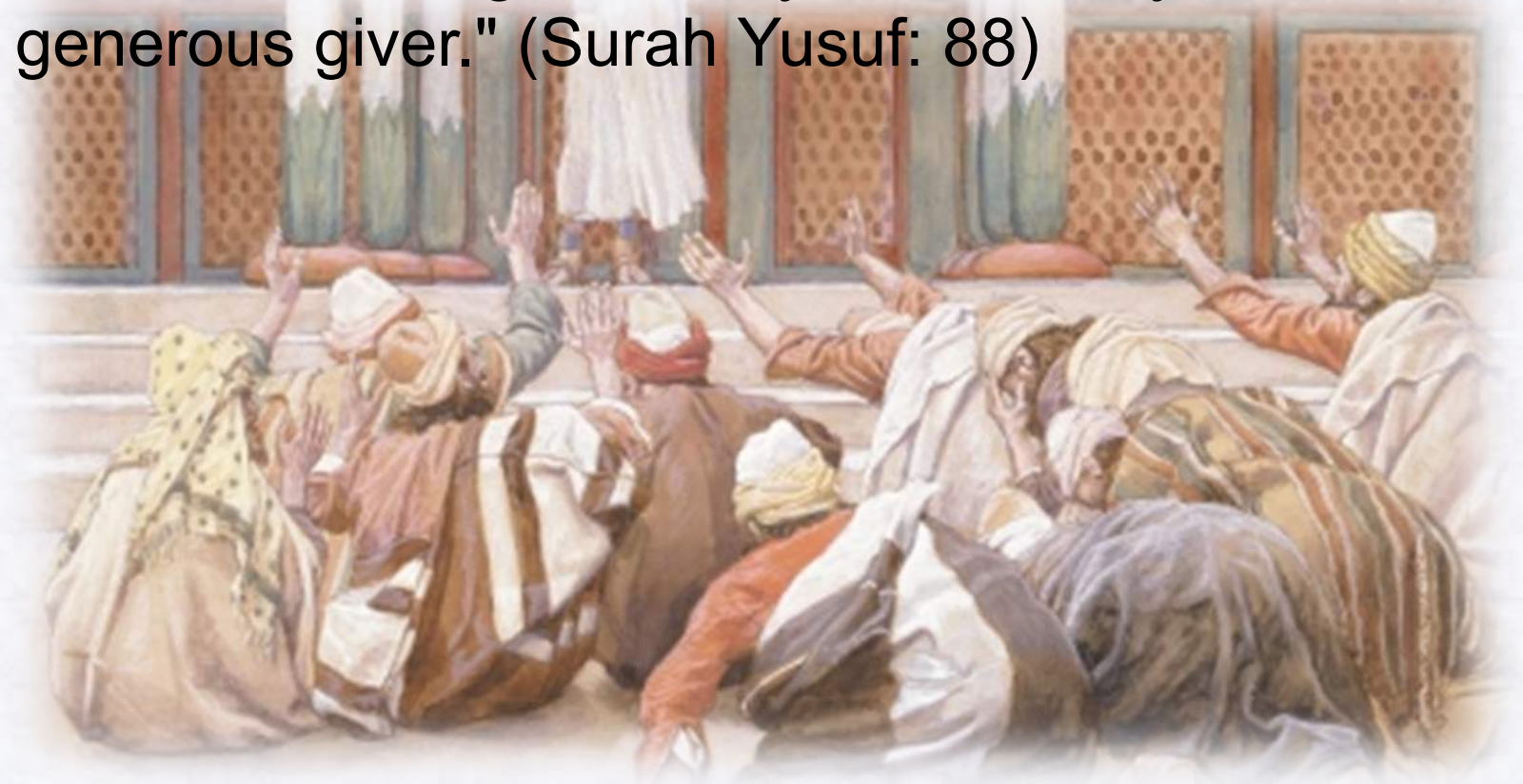
He turned himself away from them and said, "What anguish is my sorrow for Yusuf!" And then his eyes turned white from hidden grief. They said, "By Allah, you will not ever cease to mention Yusuf, till you will be exhausted or will be ready to die!" He said, "I make complaint about my grief and sorrow to Allah alone because I know things from Allah you do not know." (Surah Yusuf: 84-86)





# Yusuf (as) is Recognised by his Brothers

So when they came into his presence, they said, "Your Eminence! Hardship has hit us and our families. We bring scant merchandise, but fill the measure for us generously. Allah always rewards a generous giver." (Surah Yusuf: 88)



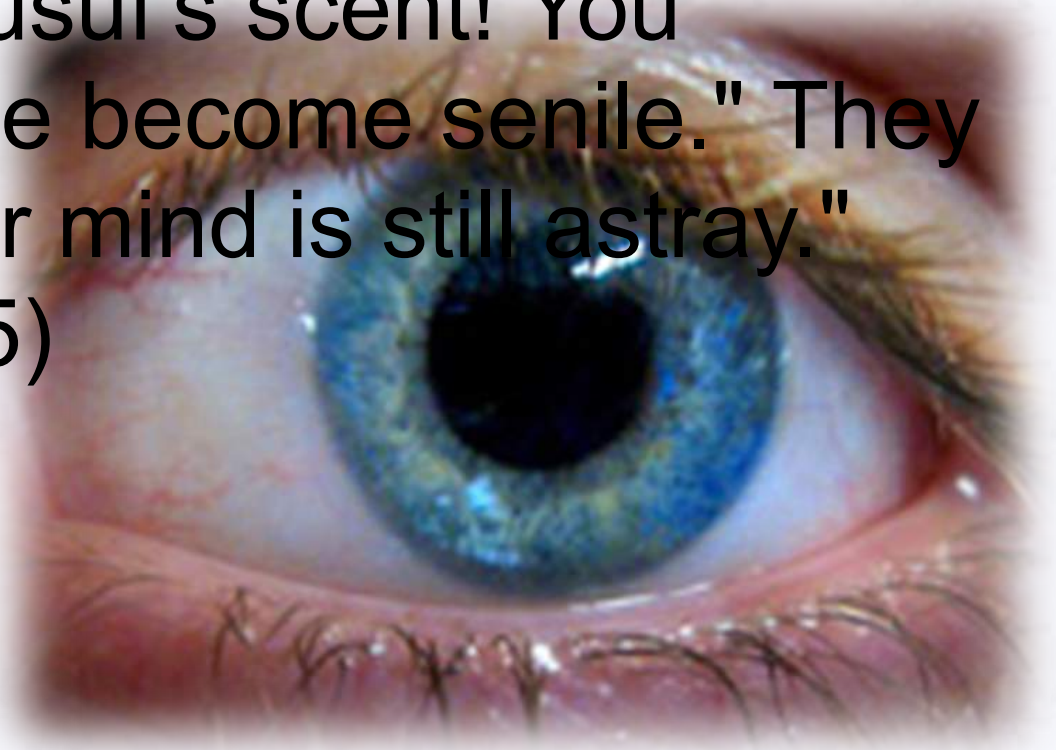
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# Yusuf (as) gives his shirt for his father ...

"Go with this shirt of mine and cast it on my father's face and he will see again. Then come to me with all your families." And when the caravan went on its way, their father said, "I can smell Yusuf's scent! You probably think I have become senile." They said, "By Allah! Your mind is still astray."  
(Surah Yusuf: 93-95)



# Reunited with his family ...

Then when they entered into Yusuf's presence, he drew his parents close to him and said, "Enter Egypt safe and sound, if Allah wills."

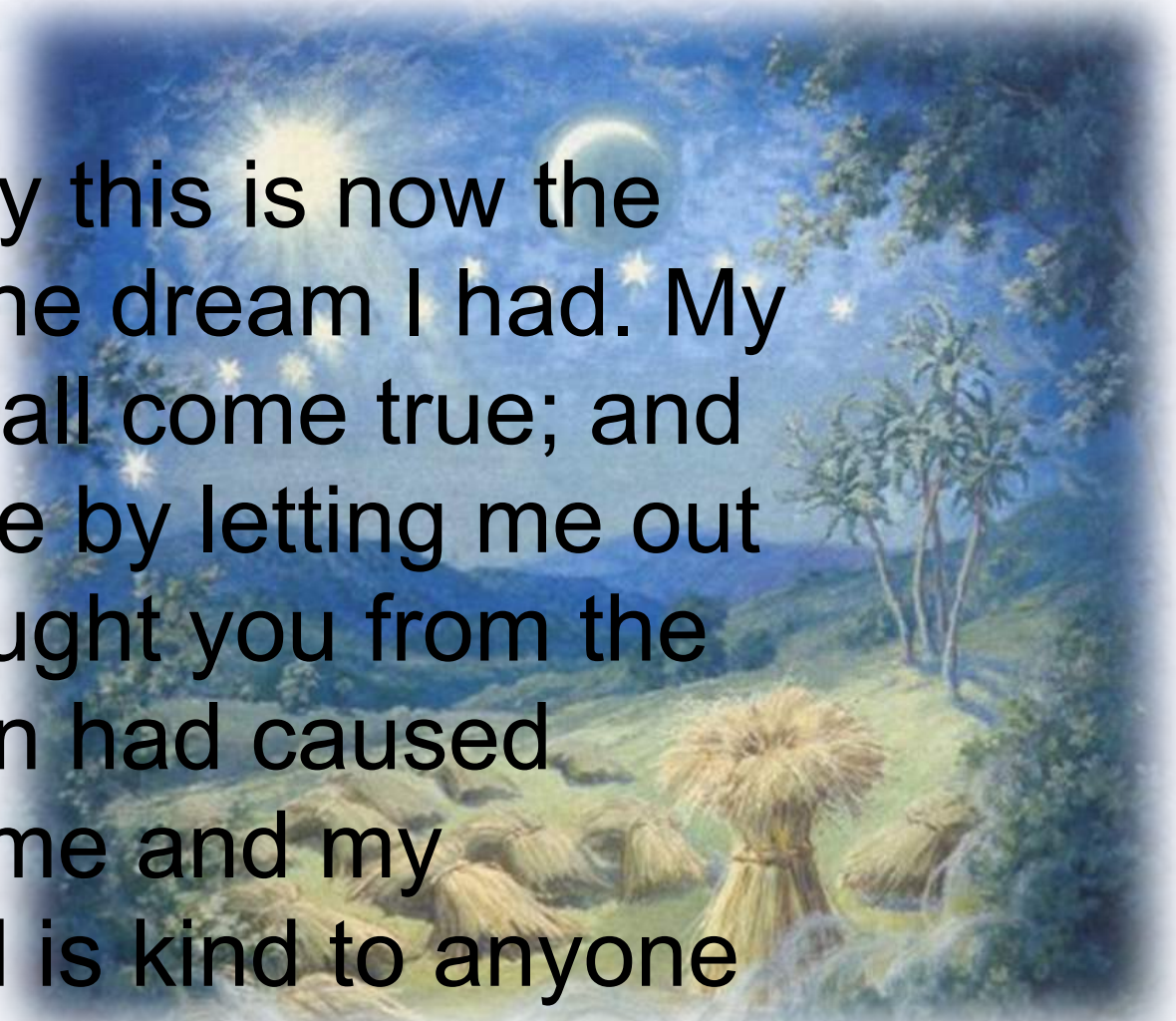
(Surah Yusuf: 99)





# Yusuf (as)'s dream comes true

... "My father, truly this is now the interpretation of the dream I had. My Lord has made it all come true; and He was kind to me by letting me out of prison and brought you from the desert when satan had caused dissent between me and my brothers. My Lord is kind to anyone He wills. He is indeed All-Knowing and All-Wise." (Surah Yusuf: 100)



## The Sincere Prayer of Yusuf (as)

"My Lord, You have granted power to me on earth and taught me the true meaning of events. Originator of the heavens and earth, You are my Friend in this world and the Next. So take me as a Muslim at my death and join me to the people who are righteous." (Surah Yusuf: 101)





# Yusuf (as) settles his family in the Nile Delta

