

Verse 12-13 – to lift up someone’s head means to take up their case.

Corn did get shrivelled up by the East wind, the sirocco in Egypt

The duplicate dreams remind us of the duplicate dreams of Joseph’s youth

It’s surprising the Pharaoh’s magicians couldn’t interpret the dreams – they seem fairly obvious. Perhaps they didn’t want to be bearers of what was bad news if they hadn’t thought of the solution Joseph came up with.

It’s difficult to know whether the cupbearer had really forgotten Joseph, or if he did it deliberately and now conveniently appears to remember him to ingratiate himself.

He tells Pharaoh that what Joseph predicted came true

Pharaoh has Joseph cleaned up and brought to him and Joseph gives all the glory to God.

When Pharaoh repeats his dream there are differences.

Joseph tells Pharaoh his dreams are prophetic. Seven year famines are known to exist from ancient Egyptian literature.

Pharaoh never responds to Joseph’s interpretation, but he obviously accepts it as he puts Joseph in charge. Pharaoh explicitly accepts Joseph as divinely equipped and gifted.

Joseph rides through Egypt for a second time. The first time he was a prisoner, now he’s in charge.

There are non-biblical references to foreigners (not Joseph) being in positions of high authority in Egypt.

Benjamin seems to have replaced Joseph with Jacob

The brothers go to Egypt and have to bow down to Joseph, just as he had dreamed.

Joseph says the brothers want to see the nakedness of the land recalling his being stripped by them.