

# *The Torah Project*

## Genesis 40

### Three Joseph Stories (and Their Sub-Stories):

1. – Joseph and **Potiphar**  
+ Mrs. Potiphar the Seductress
2. – Joseph and the **Jailer**  
+ The Baker & the Cupbearer
3. – Joseph and **Pharaoh**  
+ Salvation of the World  
+ Salvation of the Joseph's family

## The Cupbearer's Error

- Concerned about consequences of their sin (40:1)
- Desired relief (40:6)
- Craved information (40:8)
- Responded to Joseph's invitation (40:9-11,16-17)
- Given a commission (40:14-15)
- Forgetful & Ungrateful (40:23)
- Saw Joseph as a way out of prison...
- ...but not as one to be served.
- Appreciation was delayed for two years. (41:1)

## Joseph's Request

a. *"Please remember me when things go well with you..."*

**GRATITUDE**

b. *"...and please do a kindness for me, and remember me to Pharaoh..."*

**KINDNESS**

c. *"...and bring me out of this house...for I was stolen away...and have done nothing that they should put me in a dungeon."*

**JUSTICE**

## The Baker's Wickedness

- He spoke with wickedness.

There were four people who opened their statements with the word אף (*af* = “indeed/too”), and subsequently perished through God’s אף (*af* = “anger/wrath”).

∞ Midrash Rabbah 88.6

- He was a bad steward:
  - 3 baskets, but only 1 was full
  - The food was unprotected
  - He was idle
  - He gave his energy to the enemy (i.e. “birds”)

**Body** ← **Pesach Lamb** → **Blood**

(Food for the people)  
*“Let nothing of it remain”*

(Placed on the doorposts)  
*“When I see the **blood**”*

**Goat L’Azazel** ← **Yom Kippur** → **Goat L’Adonai**

(Sent into the  
Wilderness)

(**Blood** presented in  
the Holy of Holies)

**Body** ← **Yeshua** → **Blood**

*“Broken for you”*

*“Entered by...His **blood**”*

**Baker** ← **The Servants** → **Cupbearer**

(Hung on a tree)

(Appears before the King)

## Hebrews 10:19-20

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the Holy Place by the blood of Yeshua, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.

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## Bread & Wine

- **Both** come from the earth
- **Both** must be harvested
- **Both** are crushed
- **Both** contain yeast
- **Both** expand
- **BUT** the processes are different...

**BREAD** requires Heat = חום = "Ham"

**WINE** requires Time = זמן → זמן = Aleph-Tav  
("Yeshua")

## **Messianic Parallels (ch.39-40)**

- Was tempted...
- ...but did not sin.
- Filled with grace and kindness.
- Was punished for the sins of others.
- Mediator between God and man.
- Commissioned one he had rescued.
- Gives meaning to bread & wine (body & blood)