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Joseph and his coat of many colors

Joseph was one of the twelve tribes of Israel, a son of Jacob and his wife Rachel. Known as “the righteous one,” he was favored by his father who gave him a special colored coat) and sold by his brothers to Egypt, where he ultimately became ruler of the land, second only to King Pharaoh.

Joseph was born in the Mesopotamian town of Haran, to his parents Jacob and Rachel. At the age of six, he left Haran along with his family and journeyed to the land of Canaan, eventually settling in Hebron.

Jacob displayed extra affection to Joseph, who was born to his father's old age, presenting him with a specially-crafted garment. This prompted feelings of jealousy within his brothers, especially the sons of Jacob's other wife, Leah. These ill feelings exacerbated when Joseph repeated two of his dreams to them, in which he was portrayed as ruling over his brethren. In the first, the brothers were gathering wheat in the field, and the brothers' bundles bowed to Joseph's bundle. In the second, Joseph envisioned the sun, the moon, and eleven stars (symbolizing his parents and brothers) bowing to him. Soon enough, when Joseph was seventeen, the tension came to a head.

One day, Jacob instructed Joseph to visit his brothers in Shechem, where they were tending their sheep. Little did he know this would be the last time he would see his dear son, until their reunion a long twenty-two years later.

Seizing their chance, the brothers threw the unsuspecting Joseph into a pit. A short while later they spotted an Arab caravan passing the scene, and the brothers sold Joseph to the traders. He was eventually brought to Egypt, where he was sold to Potiphar, one of King Pharaoh's ministers.

For a while, things started to look up for young Joseph. Divine success enabled him to find favor in his master's eyes, and he was appointed head of Potiphar's estate. However, this would not last for long.

Attracted by his handsome looks, Potiphar's wife desired to be intimate with him. To her consternation, Joseph continuously refused. One day, when no one was home other than the two of them, the mistress grasped Joseph's garment, demanding that he consent. Thinking quickly, Joseph slid out

of his cloak and ran outside. This self-control earned him the appellation, “Joseph the righteous.”

But Potiphar's wife turned the tables on Joseph, telling her husband that it was Joseph who had tried to entice her. The angry master reacted by placing his trustworthy assistant in prison.

Joseph's charisma followed him to prison as well, and the warden soon appointed him as his right-hand man. In time, his unique qualities expressed themselves in an additional area: when the king's royal cupbearer and baker were imprisoned, Joseph successfully interpreted their dreams, correctly predicting that the cupbearer would be released and the baker, hanged.

Two years later, King Pharaoh himself envisioned two dreams, which none of his advisors were able to explain. Remembering the Hebrew youth from his prison days, the cupbearer suggested Joseph be summoned. Joseph, then thirty, interpreted Pharaoh's dreams as being a Divine prediction for seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine, and advised Pharaoh to prepare by storing grain during the first seven years. Impressed by Joseph's wisdom, Pharaoh appointed him as his viceroy, second only to the king himself, and tasked him with readying the nation for the years of famine.

Meanwhile, the effects of the famine were felt in nearby Canaan. Hearing there was grain in Egypt, Joseph's brothers journeyed there to buy precious food from the viceroy, not realizing he was their very own brother.

Joseph decided to utilize this opportunity to observe whether his brothers truly regretted having sold him. Using a succession of dramatic maneuvers, Joseph tested his brothers' determination to save their youngest brother Benjamin—Joseph's only maternal brother—from the plot he set up for him. Once he saw their devotion toward Benjamin, Joseph finally revealed his identity to his astonished siblings.

Following this heartfelt reunion, Jacob and his family settled in the Goshen section of Egypt. This series of events served as the backdrop for Israel's ultimate enslavement in Egypt and the subsequent Exodus.

After appointing Joseph as viceroy, Pharaoh gave him as a wife Asenath, daughter of Potiphar, priest of On. Midrashic sources identify Potiphar as none other than Potiphar, Joseph's previous master.

Joseph and Asenath had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, both born during the seven years of plenty. Before Jacob's death, he gave Joseph a gift: his children would be the only ones from among Jacob's grandsons to be treated as independent tribes. Indeed, throughout the Jews' journey in the desert, the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim received equal status to the other tribes, and they inherited individual portions of the Land of Israel.

Joseph ruled Egypt for a total of eighty years, until his death at the age of 110. Before his passing, he made his brothers promise to take his coffin along with them when they would eventually leave Egypt for the Promised Land. After his death, he was embalmed and laid to rest in Egypt. Indeed, when the Jews left Egypt many years later, Moses made sure to locate Joseph's tomb and carry his remains to the Land of Israel.

Joseph was subsequently buried in Shechem (known today as Nablus), and his resting place is visited until today.



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Entered this on the 23rd day of May, 2022.
SUSAN MELTON
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

Notice From Cannon County Schools

The Special Education Department is in the process of purging the special education records of former students who received special education services in school and turn 25 years old during the year 2021 (children born anytime during the year 1997). If you would like to pick up your records, please come to the Cannon County Board of Education by June 30, 2021. If you do not pick up your records by that date, the most current testing and IEP/504 information available will be scanned and saved, and the remainder of the file will be shredded. You may pick up your records anytime Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or Friday from 8:00 am-3:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call Julie Vincent at 629-201-4808

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NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

LAURA ELIZABETH KILBURN, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer KALEB DYLAN SPEEGLE's Complaint for Divorce and other relief by **JUNE 30, 2022**, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2022-900025, Circuit Court of Blount County.

Done the 14 day of May, 2022
Cindy Massey, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Blount County.

Bradley A. Green, Attorney for Kaleb Dylan Speegle
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The Cannon County Board of Zoning Appeals will have a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at the Cannon County Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Woodbury TN for the purpose of reviewing the following item:

Application for a Special Exception for property located at 1220 Will Daniel Road The proposed item can be reviewed at the office of the Cannon County Planning Department, 200 W Main Street, Woodbury TN, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The public hearing will begin at 6:30 P. M. All citizens are invited to attend. Any questions or comments can be addressed to the Cannon County Land Use Administrator by phone: 615-968-9438 or by email: David.Robinson@CannonCountyTN.gov

The Cannon County Board of Zoning Appeals will have a public hearing on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at the Cannon County Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Woodbury TN for the purpose of reviewing the following item:

Application for a Special Exception for property located at Lot 18 Pawnee Drive The proposed item can be reviewed at the office of the Cannon County Planning Department, 200 W Main Street, Woodbury TN, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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Monthly Meeting Advertisement

Cannon County Highway Commission will be meeting at the office of Mr. Wayne Hancock, Road Superintendent, 900 Old McMinnville Road, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190 on June 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Local Time
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