Pharaoh’s Dreams

1 At the end of two full years, Pharaoh had a dream: Look, he was standing next to the Nile River. 2 And look, seven, good-looking, fat cows came up out of the Nile and grazed among papyrus plants beside the river. 3 Suddenly, seven other cows came up from the Nile after them. They were thin and ugly. They stood next to the first group of cows on the bank of the Nile River. 4 The thin, ugly cows ate up the good-looking, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. 5 Pharaoh went to sleep and had a second dream: Look, there were seven, good, full heads of grain growing on one stalk. 6 And, look, there were seven thin heads of grain which were dried out by the eastern winds. They sprouted after them. 7 The seven thin heads of grain swallowed up the fat, full heads of grain. Then Pharaoh woke up. It was only a dream.

8 In the morning, Pharaoh continued to think about the dreams; they bothered him. So, he summoned all the magicians of Egypt and all the wise men. Pharaoh told them his dream, but there was no one to interpret them for Pharaoh.