

The Success of Yosef

Genesis 39: 1-6

When Joseph was taken down to Egypt, Potiphar, a courtier of Pharaoh and his prefect —a [type of] Egyptian official — bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there.	וְיוֹסֵף הוּרָד מִצְרֵיְמָה וַיִּקְנָّהוּ פּוֹטִיפַר ּסְרִיס פַּרְעֿה שָׂר הַטַּבָּחִים אָישׁ מִצְרִי מִיַּדֹ הַיִּשְׁמְעֵאלִים אֲשֶׁר הוֹרְדָהוּ שֵׁמָּה:
'7 was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he stayed in the house of his Egyptian master.	ניָהָי יד' אָת־יוֹסֵׁף נִיְהָי אָישׁ מַצְלֵיחַ נִיְהֵּי בְּבֵית אֲדֹנֵיו המָצְרִי:
And when his master saw that '7 was with him and that '7 lent success to everything he undertook,	ניָרָא אֲדֹנָּיו כִּי ד' אָתֻוֹ וְכֹל ֹאֲשֶׁר־הָוּא עֹשֶׁה ד' מַצְלֵיח בִּיָדְוֹ:
He left all that he had in Joseph's hands and, with him there, he paid attention to nothing save the food that he ate. Now Joseph was well built and handsome.	וַיַּעֲזָב כֶּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ בָּיַד־יוֹסֵף וְלֹא־יָדָע אָתּוֹ מְאֹוּמָה כֵּי אָם־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר־הָוּא אוֹכֵל וַיְהֶי יוֹסֵׁף יְפֵה־תָאַר וִיפֵּה מַרְאֶה:

Genesis 39:20-23

So Joseph's master had him put in prison, where the king's prisoners were confined. But even while he was there in prison,	נִיּקַתٌ אֲדֹנֵי יוֹטַף אֹתֹוֹ וַיִּתְּנַהוּ אֶל־בֵּית הַפֿהַר מְקְּוֹם אֲשֶׁר־[אַסִיבִי] (אסורי) הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲסוּרֵים וַיְהִי־שָׁם בְּבֵית הַסְּהַר:
'7 was with Joseph—extending kindness to him and disposing the chief jailer favorably toward him.	נְיָהָי ד' אֶת־יוֹמֶׁף נַיֵּט אֵלֶיו חֶסֶד נַיִּתַּן חַנּוֹ בְּעֵינֵי עַּר בּית־ הפְּהַר:
The chief jailer put in Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in that prison, and he was the one to carry out everything that was done there.	נַיָּתֵּן שָׂר בֵּית־הַסּּהֶר בְּיַד־יוֹסְׁף אֶת כָּל־הָאָסִירְם אָשֶׁר בְּבֵית הַסְּהַר וְאֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר עֹשִׁים שָׁם הָוּא הָיָה עֹשֶׁה:
The chief jailer did not supervise anything that was in Joseph's charge, because '7 was with him, and whatever he did '7 made successful.	אַין ו עַׂר בֵּית־הַסָּהַר רֹאָה אֶת־כָּל־מְאוּמָהֹ בְּיָדׁוֹ בַּאַשֶּׁר ד' אָתְוֹ וַאֲשֶׁר־הָוּא עֹשֶׂה ד' מַצְלְים:



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Compare

And when his master saw that '7 was with	The chief jailer did not supervise anything
him and that '7 lent success to everything	that was in Joseph's charge, because '7 was
he undertook,	with him, and whatever he did '7 made
	successful.
Slave	Prisoner

Rashi 39:3

And when his master saw that '7 was with	ניָרָא אֲדֹנָּיו כָּי ד' אָתֻּוֹ וְכֹל ֹאֲשֶׁר־הָוּא עֹשֶׁה ד' מַצְּלִים
him and that '7 lent success to everything he	בְּיָדְוֹ:
undertook,	- כי ד'. שם שַמַיִם שָגוּר בְּפִיוּ
- THAT THE L-RD WAS WITH	
HIM — the name of G-d was a	
familiar word in his mouth	