



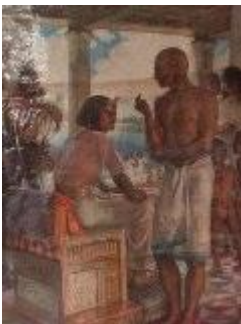
## Joseph - rejected, neglected, forgotten then becomes the hero.

***The selling of Joseph is a powerful story of reliance upon God by a young person totally rejected by those who should love and protect him. Then through a series of seemingly tragic events finds himself the hero of the then known WORLD!***



**As Joseph is sold**, he must have been very confused, wondering where God was.

The buyer, like when buying a horse, camel or a sheep, must find out if the animal is healthy, has no disease or faults and has good teeth. Same with a 17 year old boy! Buyer and seller want the best price. Joseph has no say about it. This picture is an artist's impression (idea) of what the scene would have been like. Note the clothes; No sewing machines to make pants and shirts. Arabs and many other cultures 'bargain' or 'haggle' about the price of most things. The buyer wants it cheap - the seller wants a high price. It can be fun in a market, but not so for Joseph!



**Joseph before the Pharaoh.** This is again an artist's impression of the scene as the Pharaoh seeks the meaning of his two dreams from the Hebrew slave Joseph.

Egypt is very hot and it hardly ever rains. So note the light clothing. You could say that Joseph 'can handle any situation' - because he knows that God will guide his thinking. He gets to be Governor for 14 years that we know of! That's right Pharaoh's second in charge!



**Joseph's silver cup.**

The finding of the cup, *put there on purpose on Joseph's specific instructions*, is a turning point in the whole story, totally confusing his brothers. They didn't expect that he was even still alive, let alone dressed as an Egyptian and in charge of everything! So he took the opportunity to make them sweat and worry! Imagine what they will say to dear old dad about losing ANOTHER son?



**Joseph looks after his little brother.**

Joseph was working on a plan to save his entire family of about 70 people! Imagine his dad finding out that he was still alive. His brothers will have some explaining to do then! His little brother Benjamin, now must stay as Joseph's slave. Excellent planning by Joseph - and a truly wonderful speech by Judah. Read the whole story in Genesis Chapter 44 verses 1-34

King David and Jesus Christ came from the tribe of Judah – one of Joseph's brothers, who sold him into slavery after originally deciding as a group to KILL Joseph!