Joseph then said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dream is one: what God is doing, [God] has revealed to Pharaoh.  

The seven goodly cows are seven years, and the seven goodly ears of grain are seven years: it is all one dream.  

The seven cows coming up after them that were emaciated and repulsive are seven years; and the seven ears of grain [that were] thin and scorched by an east wind—they are seven years of famine.  

This is the very thing I told Pharaoh: what God is doing, [God] has shown to Pharaoh.  

Look—seven years are coming, [of] plenty in all the land of Egypt.  

But seven years of famine are coming up after them, and all the plenty in the land of Egypt will be forgotten; the famine will consume the land.  

The plenty will no longer be known in the land, because of the famine that will follow, so harsh will it be.  

Pharaoh’s dream was repeated—two times—because the matter has been fixed by God, and God is making haste to accomplish it.  

“Let Pharaoh now select a man who is discerning and wise and set him over the land of Egypt;  

let Pharaoh act and appoint administrators over the land, and let him take one-fifth of [the produce of] the land of Egypt during the seven years of plenty.  

Have them gather up all the [surplus] food of these good years that are coming, and let them store up grain in the cities under Pharaoh’s control, and put it under guard.  

The food will then be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will prevail in the land of Egypt; thus the land will not perish through famine.”
Then the king said, “Cut the living child in two, and give half to the one, half to the other!” 

But the real mother was churning with compassion for her son, so she pleaded with the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living bairn; whatever you do, don’t kill him!” But the other said, “No, it will be neither yours nor mine; cut it in two.” 

The king spoke up, “On no account kill the child—give him to the first woman—she is the real mother.” When Israel heard of the decision of the king, they held him in awe, seeing that he had within him divine wisdom to do justice.

And king Solomon was now king over all Israel.

Plaut has First Kings 3:15-4:1 as Haftarah