

# Genesis - Chapter 37

## PARENTS' House in Canaan

1 **Jacob** lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of **Canaan**.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. **Joseph**, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.



3 Now **Israel** loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.

4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed:

7 Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."

8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."



10 But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?"

11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

## The PIT

12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am."

14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him ...

18 The brothers saw Joseph from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him.

19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."

21 But when **Reuben** heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore.



24 They took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of **Ishmaelites** coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

26 Then **Judah** said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"

27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.

28 When Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

31 Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood.

32 And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."

33 And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces."

34 Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

35 All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile the **Midianites** had sold him in Egypt to **Potiphar**, an officer of **Pharaoh**, the captain of the guard.

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## POTIPHER'S House in Egypt

<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there.

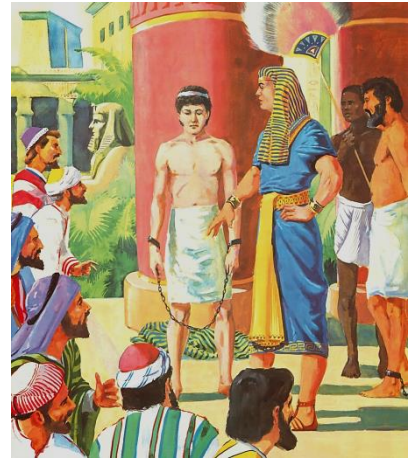
<sup>2</sup> **The LORD was with Joseph**, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.

<sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.

<sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.

<sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.



***Things were going very well for Joseph, but then Joseph was accused of something he did not do – something that he would not do because it was a sin against God. Even though he was innocent, Potiphar sent him to prison anyway!***

## The PRISON

<sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

<sup>21</sup> **But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love** and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

<sup>22</sup> And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it.

<sup>23</sup> The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

***Genesis chapter 39 is not about Joseph, so let's skip it and resume the story in chapter 40.***

# Genesis - Chapter 40

## Joseph Interprets Two Prisoners' Dreams

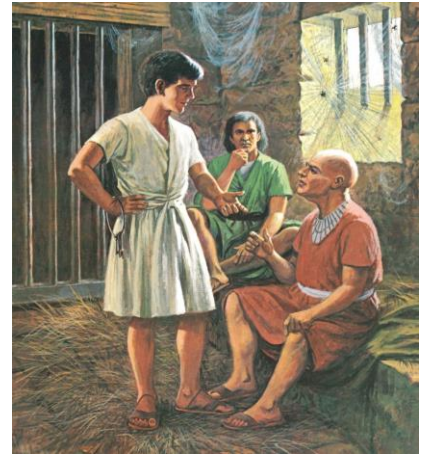
<sup>1</sup> Sometime after this ... <sup>2</sup> **Pharaoh** was angry with his two officers, the chief **cupbearer** and the chief **baker**, <sup>3</sup> and he put them in prison where Joseph was confined.

<sup>5</sup> One night they both dreamed troubling dreams.

<sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled.

<sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh's officers, "Why are your faces downcast today?"

<sup>8</sup> They said to him, "We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."



***After hearing the cupbearer's dream, Joseph said the dream meant in 3 days the cupbearer would be released from prison and restored to his job as Pharaoh's cupbearer.***

<sup>14</sup> Joseph said, "Remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this prison.

<sup>15</sup> For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the prison."

<sup>16</sup> When the chief baker heard that the cupbearer's interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream ...



***After hearing the baker's dream, Joseph said the dream meant in 3 days Pharaoh would kill the baker by hanging him!***

<sup>20</sup> On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants.

<sup>21</sup> Pharaoh restored the chief cupbearer to his position ... <sup>22</sup> But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.

<sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.



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## The PALACE

<sup>1</sup> After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile. In his dream he saw ...

<sup>2</sup> **seven attractive and plump cows**, and ...

<sup>3</sup> And, **seven ugly and thin cows** ...

<sup>4</sup> And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke.

<sup>5</sup> And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, **seven plump and good ears of grain** were growing on one stalk.

<sup>6</sup> And behold, after that sprouted **seven thin and blighted ears of grain**.

<sup>7</sup> And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream.

<sup>8</sup> So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

<sup>9</sup> Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today." *And he told him about the young Hebrew who correctly interpreted his dream.*

<sup>14</sup> Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the prison. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

<sup>15</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

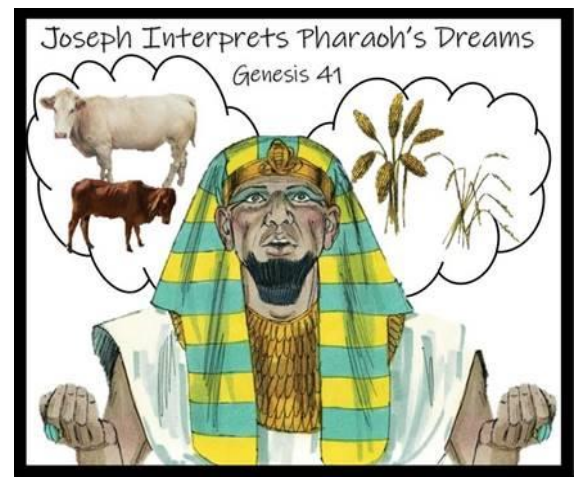
<sup>16</sup> Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

***Then Pharaoh told Joseph his two dreams about the good and the bad cows and the good and the bad stalks of grain.***

<sup>24</sup> "When I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me."

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.

<sup>26</sup> The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one.



- 27 The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine.
- 28 It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do.
- 29 There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt,
- 30 but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land,
- 31 and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe.
- 32 And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.
- 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.
- 34 Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years.
- 35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.
- 36 That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine."

## Joseph Rises to Power

- 37 This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?"
- 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are.
- 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you."
- 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."
- 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.
- 43 And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.



44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name **Zaphenath-paneah**. And he gave him in marriage **Asenath**, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.



46 Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.

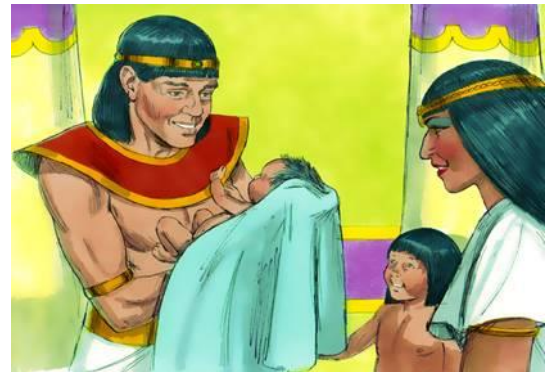
47 During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly,

48 and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it.

49 And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

50 Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him.

51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn **Manasseh**. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house."



52 The name of the second he called **Ephraim**, "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end,

54 and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do."

56 So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

57 Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

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## Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt – 1<sup>st</sup> Journey

<sup>1</sup> When **Jacob** learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"

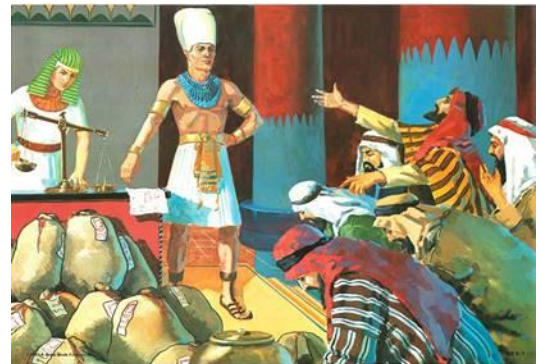
<sup>2</sup> And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die."

<sup>3</sup> So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

<sup>4</sup> But **Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother**, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

<sup>6</sup> Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground.



<sup>7</sup> Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

<sup>8</sup> And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

<sup>9</sup> And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land."

<sup>10</sup> They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food.

<sup>11</sup> We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies."

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see."

<sup>13</sup> And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."

<sup>14</sup> But Joseph said to them, "It is as I said to you. You are spies.

<sup>15</sup> By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

<sup>16</sup> Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies."



17 And he put them all together in custody for three days.

18 On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God:

19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households,

20 and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so.

21 Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us."

22 And **Reuben** answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood."

23 They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them.

24 Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took **Simeon** from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them.



26 Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money in the mouth of his sack.

28 He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!" At this their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

29 When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them.

36 And Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. All this has come against me."

37 Then Reuben said to his father, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."

38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

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## Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt – 2nd Journey

<sup>1</sup> Now the famine was severe in the land. <sup>2</sup> And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food."

<sup>3</sup> But **Judah** said to him, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you' ...

<sup>8</sup> And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones.

<sup>9</sup> I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

<sup>10</sup> If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice."

<sup>11</sup> Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: ... carry a present down to the man ...

<sup>12</sup> Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight.

<sup>13</sup> Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man.

<sup>14</sup> May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and **Benjamin**. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

<sup>15</sup> So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

<sup>16</sup> When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon."

<sup>17</sup> The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house.

<sup>18</sup> And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys."

<sup>23</sup> But the steward of Joseph's house replied, "Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

<sup>24</sup> And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder,

25 they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground.

27 And he inquired about their welfare and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28 They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.

29 And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!"

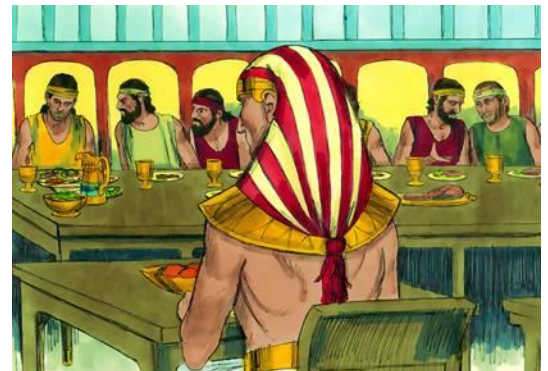
30 Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.

31 Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, "Serve the food."

32 They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement.

34 Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him.



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### Joseph Tests His Brothers

1 Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack,

2 and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys.



<sup>4</sup> They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?'"

<sup>5</sup> Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.'"

<sup>6</sup> When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words.

<sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing!

<sup>8</sup> Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?

<sup>9</sup> Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants."

<sup>10</sup> He said, "Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent."

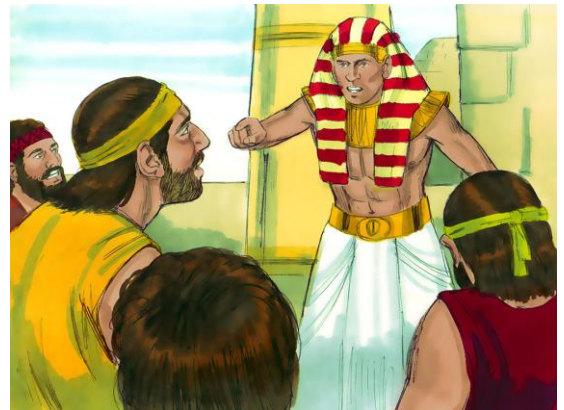
<sup>11</sup> Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. <sup>12</sup> And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

<sup>13</sup> Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

<sup>14</sup> When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground.

<sup>15</sup> Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?"

<sup>16</sup> And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found."



<sup>17</sup> But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father."

<sup>18</sup> Then Judah went up to him and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. **(Judah repeats the story details once again)**

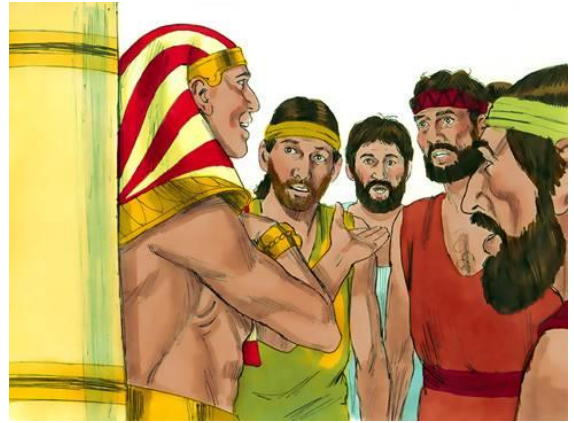
<sup>34</sup> For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father."



# Genesis - Chapter 45

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## Joseph Provides for His Family



<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

<sup>2</sup> And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

<sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for **God sent me before you to preserve life.**

<sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

<sup>7</sup> And **God sent me** before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

<sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry.

<sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

<sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

<sup>12</sup> And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

<sup>13</sup> You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

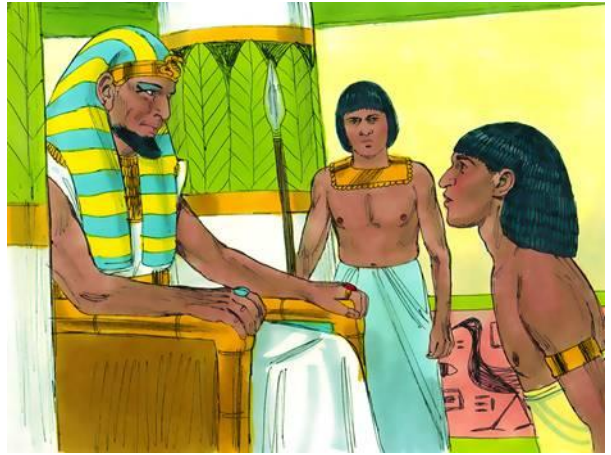
<sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan,

18 and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.'



19 And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

22 To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes.

23 To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey.

24 Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

25 So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

26 And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them.

27 But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

28 And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

