

Joseph and His Brothers

Genesis Chapters 39-41

Famine was great in all the land and people went to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain. He was governor over the land. Jacob told his 10 sons to go to Egypt and buy grain so they would not die. Jacob would not let Benjamin go because he didn't want anything to happen to him. The brothers came to Joseph and bowed to him, but they did not know it was him. Joseph knew these were his brothers and remembered the dreams he had. He had an interpreter and he told them they were spies and came to see how bare the land was. They told Joseph they were of 12 brothers and sons of one man in the land of Canaan. They told him their youngest brother was not with them, but he was with their father.

Joseph wanted to test them so he held them for three days. On the third day he told them to leave one brother in prison and the rest will take the grain back to their families. They were also to bring back their younger brother. The brothers spoke to each other and said they were guilty for their brother's soul. They were speaking about Joseph. They did not know Joseph could speak their language and that he heard what they said. Joseph turned away and cried. He took Simeon and put him in prison. The other brothers filled their vessels with grain and put them on their donkeys. One of them opened his sack of grain to feed the donkey and found the silver they gave for the grain. They were all very scared because the silver they used to pay for the grain was back in their hands.

They came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan and told him what happened. Soon after the grain was gone, Jacob told them to go back to Egypt and buy more grain. They told him they must bring Benjamin with them to get Simeon back. Jacob was angry, but let Benjamin go. He gave them double the silver to pay for the grain again.

They went to Egypt and bowed before Joseph. Joseph saw Benjamin was there too. He told his men to bring his brothers to his house to eat with him. The brothers were afraid because they did not know who put the silver

back into their sacks of grain the first time. Joseph told them not to be afraid and he brought Simeon out to them. They went to Joseph's house and ate with him. He asked them about their father if he was still alive. Joseph saw Benjamin and asked that Elohim have favor on him. Joseph was very emotional and left the table to go to another room and cry. He went back to finish the meal with his brothers. After the meal, Joseph told his servant to put his silver cup and the silver he used to pay for the grain in the grain sack of Benjamin.

The next morning the brothers were ready to return home. They were not far from the city when Joseph's men came upon them and asked why they returned evil for good. They tore open the sacks of grain and found their master's silver cup in Benjamin's sack. The brothers were brought back to Joseph's house. Joseph told them Benjamin would become a servant to him because the cup was found in his sack and he was guilty of stealing. Judah told Joseph about their father and why he could not let Benjamin stay with Joseph. Joseph wept very loud and told his brothers that he was their brother who they sold long ago. He told them not to fear because it was the plan of Elohim to save a remnant in the land for a great deliverance. He told them to hurry and bring back his father and their families so they could live in the land of Goshen where he could watch over them.

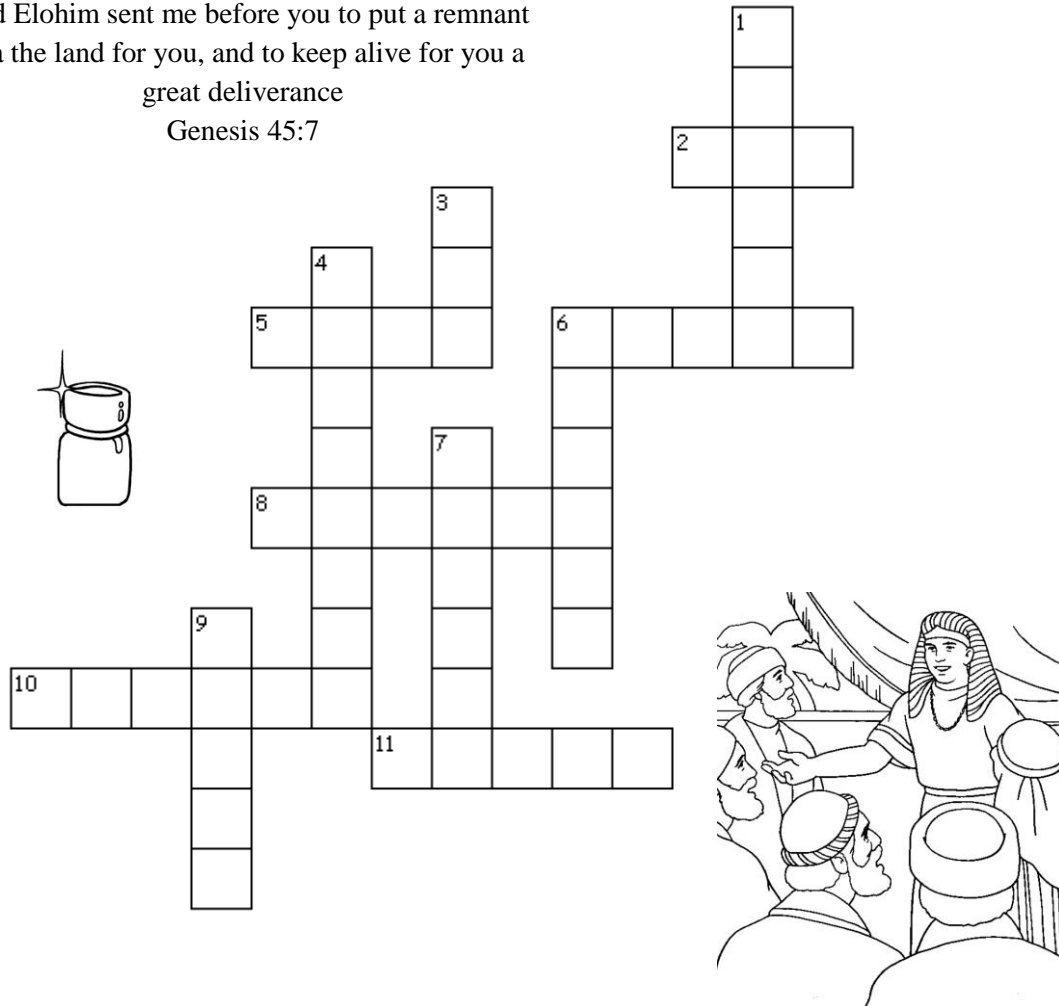


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Genesis Chapters 42-46

And Elohim sent me before you to put a remnant
in a the land for you, and to keep alive for you a
great deliverance

Genesis 45:7



Across

2. What did Joseph's men find in Benjamin's sack of grain?
5. Joseph ___ very loud and told his brothers that he was their brother who they sold long ago.
6. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of in order to test them?
8. What was great in the land when Joseph's brothers came into Egypt?
10. Which land did Joseph move his family into so he could watch over them?
11. What was Joseph's brothers looking to buy when they came into Egypt?

Down

1. Jacob gave his sons ____ the silver to pay for the grain again.
3. Joseph told his men to bring his brothers to his house to ____ with him.
4. Which son would Jacob not let go into Egypt with his other brothers?
6. Which brother did Joseph keep in prison while the others returned to their father?
7. What was found when one of the brothers opened his sack to feed the donkeys?
9. How many days did Joseph's brothers remain in prison?

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P S W P R I S O N V F Y W B B
U N I A R G I H N N E O B E O
U Z R L L I P I B M G Y G N C
D E L I V E R A N C E O S J A
H E M P S E H Q V G V E J A J
E G S O F D R T Y E I N K M S
S N J U T V D P R P I Z W I N
I R I B O I T N S R H Z K N E
M F M M N H O S Y E K N O D H
E Y M C A R J N M A J J N B S
O A M E E F W O A C Z P B B O
N M E A L H N E G L D X M I G

Benjamin

Deliverance

Donkeys

Egypt

Emotional

Famine

Goshen

Governor

Grain

House

Jacob

Joseph

Meal

Prison

Silver

Simeon

Spies



And now you did send me here but
Elohim. And He has placed me for a
father to Pharaoh, and for a master in
all his house, and a ruler in all the land
of Egypt

Genesis 45:8

