

## JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS

### Genesis 42 - 45

As second ruler of Egypt, Joseph stored up much food during the seven years of plenty. Now see what happened when the seven years of famine came:

**A. The Extent of the Famine:** Read Genesis 41:46-42:5

1. What countries had famine? Genesis 41:56

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2. What were the people doing as a result? Genesis 41:57, 42:3

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**B. The Brothers' Visit to Egypt:** Read Genesis 42:6-24

1. What did the ten brothers do as soon as they arrived in Egypt? Genesis 42:6b

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2. How did Joseph act when he saw his brothers? Genesis 42:7

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3. What did Joseph remember? Genesis 42:9a

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4. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of being? Genesis 42:9b

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5. What did he say they must do to prove this was not true? Genesis 42:15

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6. Why did the brothers feel that this had happened to them? Genesis 42:21

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7. What did Joseph do when he heard their discussion? Genesis 42:24

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**C. Their Return to Canaan:** Read Genesis 42:25-38

1. What did the brothers find in their sacks? Genesis 42:35

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2. How did Jacob feel when they told him all that had happened? Genesis 42:36

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**D. The Brothers' Second Visit to Egypt:** Read Genesis 43:1-34

1. Why didn't the brothers return to Egypt as soon as their food ran out? Genesis 42:38

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2. When they finally did go, how did they feel when they were brought to Joseph's house? Genesis 43:18

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3. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin? Genesis 43:30

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**E. Their Second Return Trip:** Read Genesis 44:1-13

1. Of what did Joseph's servant accuse the brothers when he overtook them? Genesis 44:4-8

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2. What did they do when he "proved" his accusation was true? Genesis 44:13

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**F. The Brothers Before Joseph:** Read Genesis 44:14-34

1. What did Joseph tell his brothers they might do? Genesis 44:17b

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2. Why did Judah say they could not do this? Genesis 44:30-31

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3. What did Judah offer to do? Genesis 44:33

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4. What did this prove had happened to the brothers since Joseph was 17?

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**G. Joseph's Response to His Brothers' Plea:** Read Genesis 45:1-15

1. What did Joseph do when he heard Judah's offer? Genesis 45:2

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2. What did he tell his brothers? Genesis 45:3

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3. How did his brothers feel when they heard this? Genesis 45:3b

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4. What did Joseph say was the real reason he had come to Egypt? Genesis 45:5, 8

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5. What did Joseph tell his brothers he would do for them? Genesis 45:9-11

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What was Joseph's real attitude toward his brothers all the time?

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2. Can I accept wrongs without complaining at the time, or seeking to "pay back" later?  
(See Romans 12:19)

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