

Joseph Saves Lives

GENESIS CHAPTERS 41-50

PHARAOH, THE KING OF EGYPT, HAD A STRANGE DREAM.

FINALLY, THE CHIEF OF THE CUPBEARERS, WHO HAD BEEN IN PRISON WITH JOSEPH, SPOKE UP.

WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT MY DREAM MEANS?

I KNOW A HEBREW MAN WHO CAN TELL WHAT DREAMS MEAN.

QUICK! BRING HIM OUT OF THE PRISON TO SEE ME!

I HEARD THAT YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT MY DREAM MEANS.

NOT I, BUT IT IS GOD WHO WILL ANNOUNCE WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU. WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM?

I SAW SEVEN SKINNY COWS EAT SEVEN FAT COWS. LATER, I SAW SEVEN THIN EARS OF GRAIN EAT SEVEN FAT EARS OF GRAIN.

THE TRUE GOD IS TELLING YOU THAT THERE WILL BE SEVEN YEARS WHEN THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF FOOD IN EGYPT, FOLLOWED BY SEVEN YEARS WHEN THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE FOOD.

COLLECT AND SAVE EXTRA FOOD NOW SO THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TO EAT WHEN THE FOOD RUNS OUT.

PHARAOH MADE JOSEPH THE **SECOND MOST IMPORTANT** MAN IN EGYPT.



JOSEPH GATHERED AND SAVED FOOD FOR THE EGYPTIANS SO THAT THEY WOULD **NOT STARVE** WHEN THEIR FOOD RAN OUT.



ONE DAY JOSEPH'S OLDER BROTHERS ARRIVED TO GET FOOD FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR THEIR YOUNGEST BROTHER, BENJAMIN.



BUT THEY DID **NOT** RECOGNIZE JOSEPH.



I WONDER IF MY BROTHERS ARE **STILL UNKIND**...

I WILL TEST THEM TO SEE IF THEY HAVE CHANGED.



IF YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE, RETURN HERE WITH YOUR **YOUNGEST BROTHER**. UNTIL THEN, I WILL KEEP ONE OF YOU IN PRISON.

ALL THESE BAD THINGS ARE HAPPENING TO US BECAUSE WE **TREATED OUR BROTHER JOSEPH UNKINDLY!**



LATER, JOSEPH'S BROTHERS RETURNED TO EGYPT WITH THEIR YOUNGEST BROTHER, BENJAMIN.

IS
THIS
YOUR
BROTHER?

ONCE MORE, JOSEPH
TESTED HIS BROTHERS.

HIDE MY
SILVER CUP IN
BENJAMIN'S
BAG . . .

THE NEXT DAY, WHILE JOSEPH'S
BROTHERS WERE TRAVELING HOME . . .

WHERE IS
OUR MASTER'S
CUP?

WHAT
CUP?

THIS
CUP.

BACK AT JOSEPH'S HOUSE . . .

BUT BENJAMIN'S BROTHER
JUDAH BEGGED JOSEPH . . .

WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE?
THIEF! BENJAMIN
WILL BECOME
MY SLAVE.

PLEASE,
TAKE ME AS A
SLAVE INSTEAD OF
BENJAMIN, AND I WILL
SERVE YOU.



NOW, JOSEPH WAS SURE THAT HIS BROTHERS HAD **CHANGED**.



I AM JOSEPH.

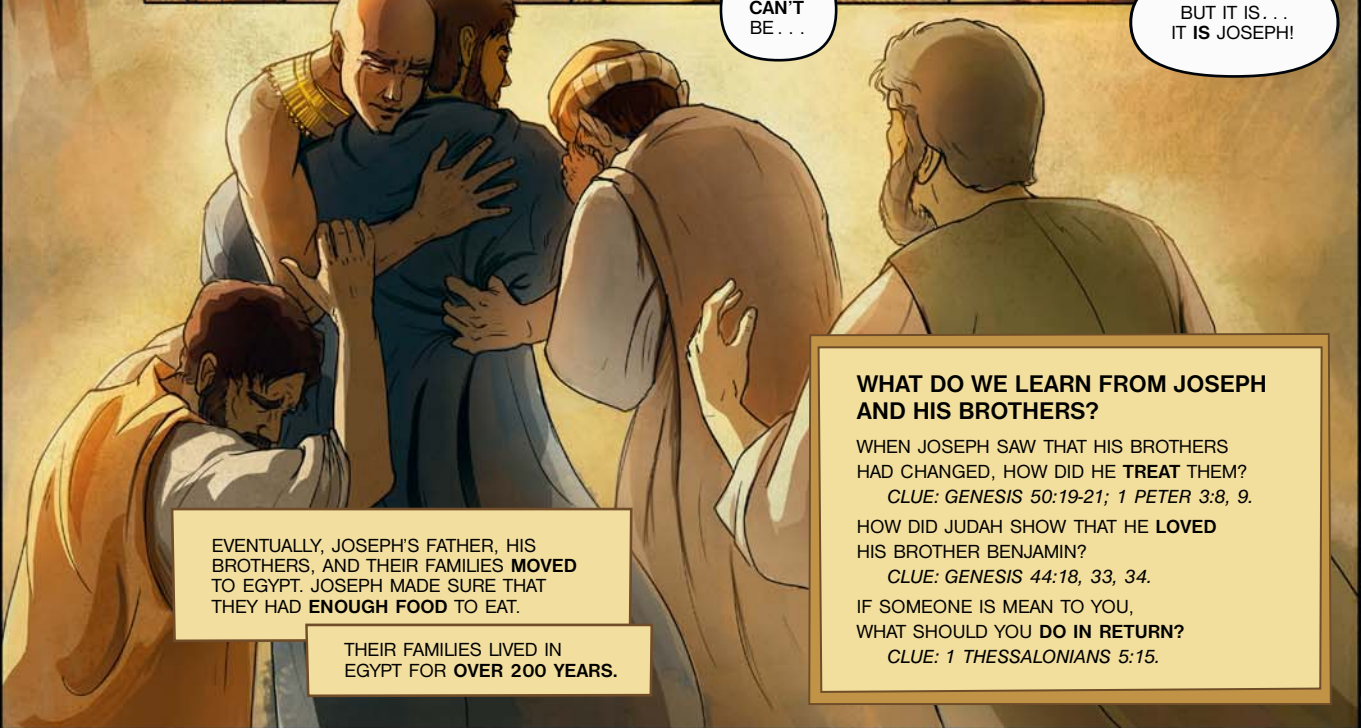
GOD SENT ME HERE TO PROVIDE FOOD SO THAT YOU COULD STAY ALIVE.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT CAN'T BE...

BUT IT IS... IT IS JOSEPH!



EVENUALLY, JOSEPH'S FATHER, HIS BROTHERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES **MOVED** TO EGYPT. JOSEPH MADE SURE THAT THEY HAD **ENOUGH FOOD TO EAT**.

THEIR FAMILIES LIVED IN EGYPT FOR **OVER 200 YEARS**.

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS?

WHEN JOSEPH SAW THAT HIS BROTHERS HAD CHANGED, HOW DID HE **TREAT** THEM?

CLUE: GENESIS 50:19-21; 1 PETER 3:8, 9.

HOW DID JUDAH SHOW THAT HE **LOVED** HIS BROTHER BENJAMIN?

CLUE: GENESIS 44:18, 33, 34.

IF SOMEONE IS MEAN TO YOU, WHAT SHOULD YOU **DO IN RETURN**?

CLUE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:15.