



# Genesis 44-45

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*It didn't work the way I planned it!*

A view of Earth from space, showing the blue and white clouds of the planet against the blackness of space. The moon is visible in the upper left quadrant, appearing as a dark, oval shape. A bright star or planet is visible in the lower left corner, creating a lens flare effect.

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What does Joseph's Final Test  
of his brothers reveal?

**44:2** *To the House Steward:* “Fill their sacks with grain...put my cup, the silver one, in the mouth of the youngest one’s sack, along with the silver for his grain, and say this...

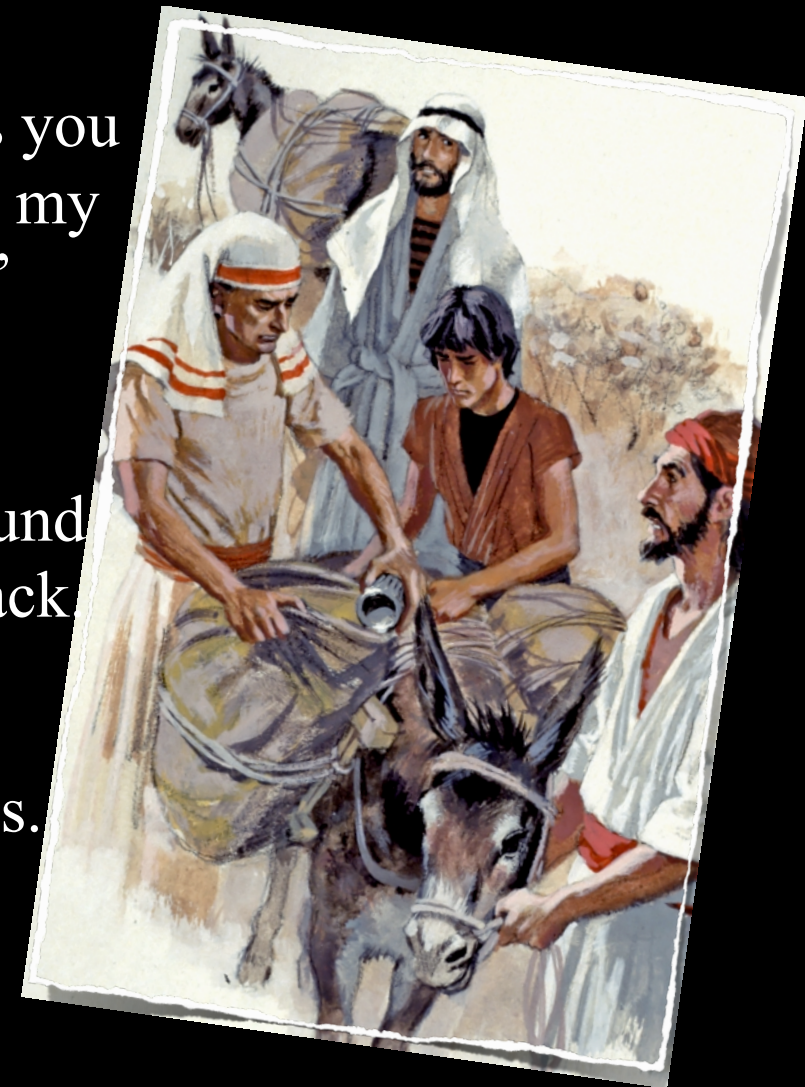
**Gen. 44:5** ‘Isn’t this the cup my master drinks from and also uses for divination? This is a wicked thing you have done...’”

**44:9** *Judah:* “If any of your servants is found to have it, he will die, and the rest of us will become my lord’s slaves.”

**44:10** “Very well, then,” he said, “let it be as you say. Whoever is found to have it will become my slave (*not death*), the rest of you will be free”

**44:12** And the cup was found  
in Benjamin’s sack

**44:13** At this, they tore their clothes.  
Then **they all** loaded their donkeys  
and returned to the city.



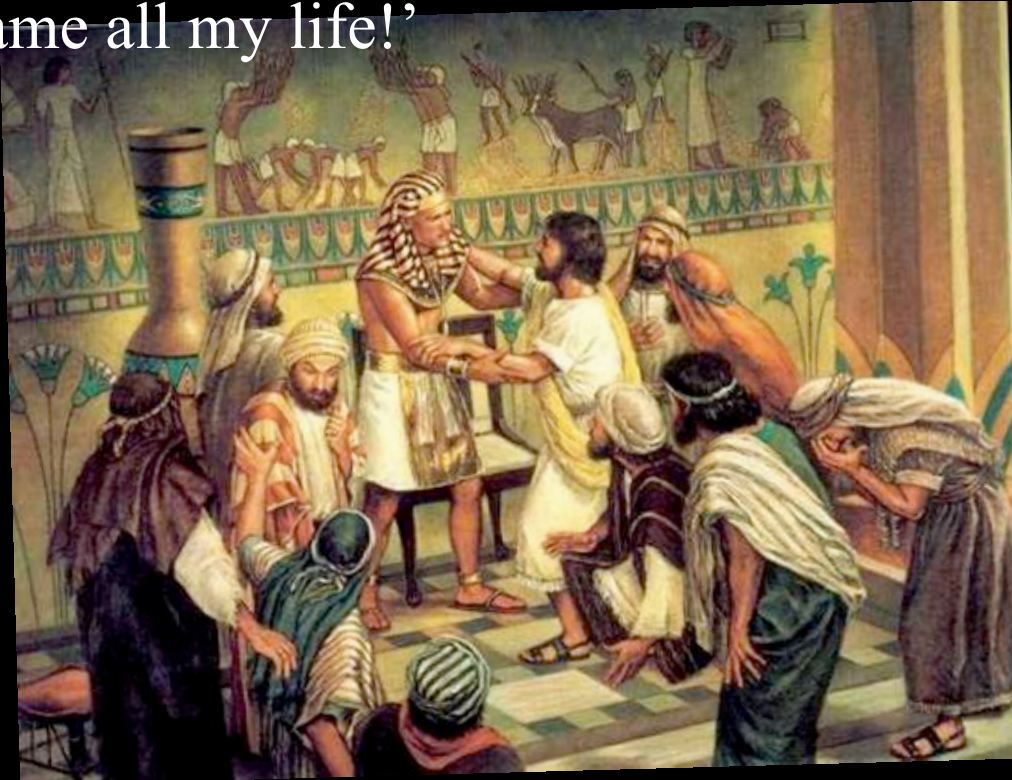
**44:15 Joseph:** “What have you done? Don’t you know that a man **like me** can find things out by **divination** (*reading signs and omens*)?”

**44:17 Joseph:** “Only the man who was found to have the cup will become my slave. The rest of you, go back to your father in peace.”

**44:16 Judah:** “What can we say? **What** can we say? How can we prove our innocence? **God has uncovered our guilt.** We are now your slaves...”

**44:30-31 Judah:** “If the boy is not with us when I go back to my father, ... **he will die.** We will bring the gray head of our father down to the grave in sorrow.

**44:32** *Judah*: “I guaranteed the boy’s safety. I said, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame all my life!’”



“Now, please let me remain here as your slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers.”

**44:34** “Do not let me see the misery that would come upon my father.”

45:2 He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him

45:3 “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?”

Then Joseph said, “Come close to me.”

“I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!”



45:8 “... *not you who sent me, but God*”

45:5 And now, ... do not be angry with yourselves for sending me here, because it was to save lives that **God sent me** ahead of you.

45:7 “**God sent me ...**”

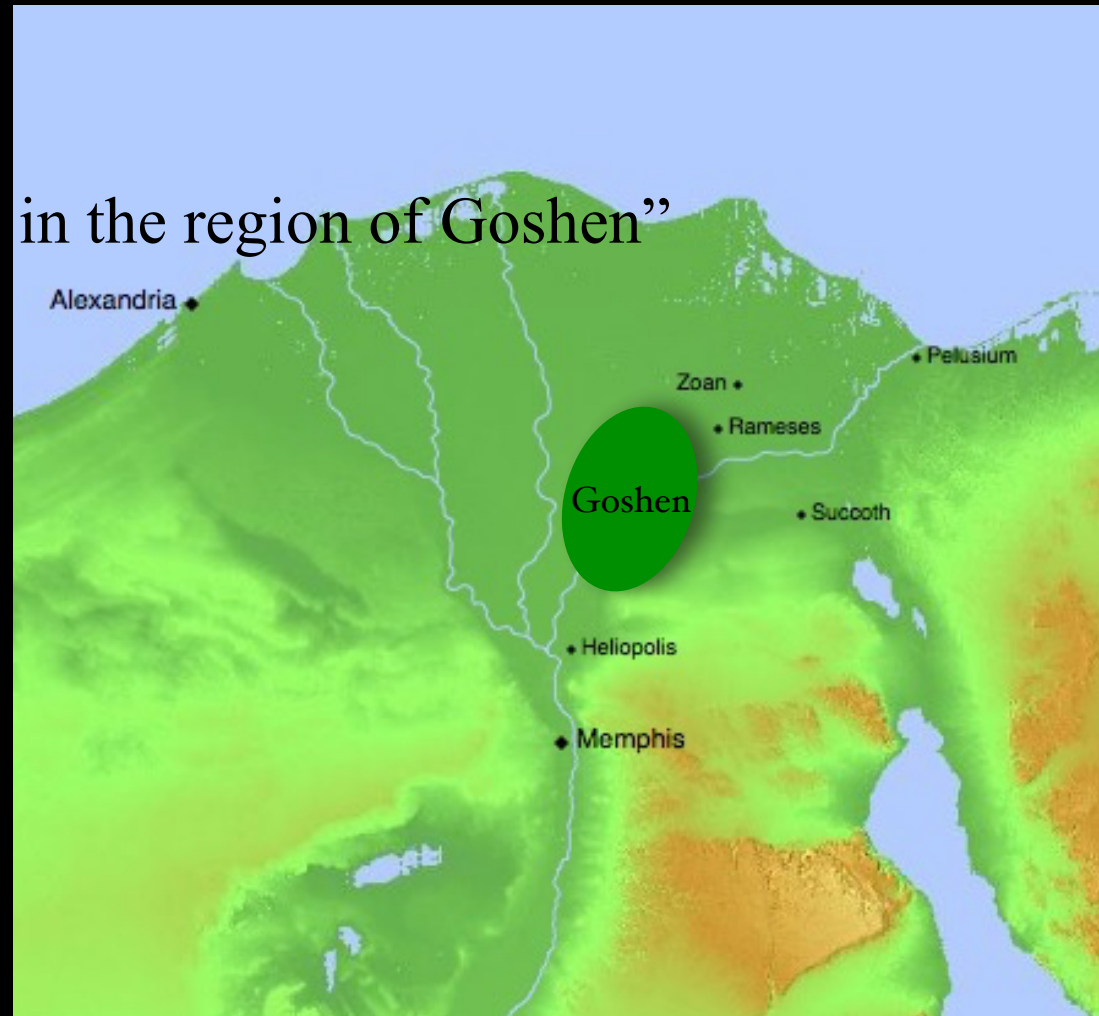


**45:9** Now hurry back to my father and say to him,  
“This is what your son Joseph says:  
*God has made me lord of all Egypt.*  
*Come down to me. Don't delay!*

**45:10** You shall live in the region of Goshen”

**45:14** ... he threw his arms around Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping.

**45:15** ... he kissed all his brothers and wept over them



**45:17-20** *Pharaoh said to Joseph* “Tell your brothers, ‘Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, and bring your father and your families back to me. **I will give you the best of the land of Egypt** ...  
...Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.’”

**45:24** Joseph sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said:  
“*Don’t quarrel on the way!*”



45:26 They told him, “Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt.”



Jacob was stunned  
*He did not believe them*

45:28 “I’m convinced!”



“My son Joseph is still alive”

# FORGIVENESS = RECONCILIATION

True forgiveness is not possible  
without the recognition and acceptance  
of God's sovereignty

**37:19-20** “Here comes that dreamer!” they said

“...let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

**Matt. 26:63-67** Jesus remained silent. The high priest said, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

*Jesus:* “Yes, it is as you say. But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

*Caiaphas, while tearing his robe:* “He has spoken blasphemy!

You have all heard the blasphemy.

What is your verdict!?”

**“He is worthy of death!”**

Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists ...

**45:15** ... he kissed all his brothers and wept over them

**Dan. 7:13** "...before me was one like a son of man  
coming with the clouds of heaven ..."

"What you intended for evil, the Lord intended for good"

**Zech. 12:10-11** "I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

On that day the **weeping** in Jerusalem will be great ...



# Genesis 46-48

## Jacob Moves To Egypt

Contrast Jacob's family with the Egyptian people.

What do you notice?

Start thinking about the difference between  
birthright and blessing ...