

Questions for Genesis 44 & 45

1. Joseph returned his brothers money to them again. T F
2. Which brother did Joseph set up?
3. Joseph's brothers offered the life of the thief of Joseph's cup. T F
4. Judah offered to take his brothers place as a slave. T F
5. Instead of abandoning Benjamin his brothers volunteer to be slaves to save their brother. T F
6. Judah tells Joseph if his brother does not come back to his father Jacob will die. T F
7. Joseph tests his brothers and they pass the test of loyalty to Benjamin. T F
8. Joseph cried in front of everyone after Judah vows to trade places with Benjamin.
9. Judah recognizes Joseph when he cries. T F
10. Joseph said "I told you so" referencing his dreams in Chapter 37. T F
11. Joseph gives God the credit for his promotion and provision. T F
12. Joseph instructs his brethren to get his father and bring him back.
13. Pharaoh was angry when he found out that Joseph's brothers were in Egypt. T F
14. Pharaoh told Joseph all of Egypt was theirs. T F
15. Jacob didn't believe it when he was told Joseph was alive. T F

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba¹, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac².

² And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

³ And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt³; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

⁴ I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again⁴: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

⁵ And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

⁶ And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him:

⁷ His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.⁵

²⁸ And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.⁶

²⁹ And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

¹ Beersheba was the southernmost point in Canaan. To go further from there meant to cross into Egypt, and leave the land of his father and grandfather. Beersheba was also the place Abram (21) and Isaac (26) called on the Lord.

² It appears Jacob had not consulted with God, his excitement of seeing his long lost son again caused him to impetuously leave, but often we go forward before praying over our decisions. Jacob decides to consult with God in this historical place of reference before going on into Egypt.

³ God had forbidden Isaac to go down to Egypt when there was a famine in Canaan ([Gen. 26:2](#)),

⁴ God promises Jacob safety, prosperity, and a return. Jacob is old (130) and he is concerned about this long journey. Perhaps Jacob remembers Rachel died in travel.

⁵ All of Jacobs family moves into Egypt. (The following verses list the names of all Jacobs children and their children, they are omitted from this study). We resume in verse 28.

⁶ Jacob sends Judah, (now the leader of Jacobs sons) to let Joseph know he was in Goshen ready to be reunited.

³⁰ And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

³¹ And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;

³² And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

³³ And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

³⁴ That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; **for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.**⁷

47 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, **behold, they are in the land of Goshen.**⁸

² And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

³ And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, **What is your occupation**⁹? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

⁴ They said moreover unto Pharaoh, **For to sojourn in the land are we come**¹⁰; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

⁷ Again we find it mentioned that the Egyptians look down upon shepherds. However, the favor of God is on Joseph, and on his family. It is not held against them, rather they are given the best land to be shepherds. It is also critical information that they are given their own territory separate to live in.

⁸ Joseph is honest and shows his honor and respect to Pharaoh by adhering to Pharaoh's instructions.

⁹ Pharaoh is generous, but he will not accept vagrants in his land, especially in a time of famine.

¹⁰ To sojourn indicates a temporary stay.

⁵ And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

⁶ The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

⁷ And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

⁸ And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?¹¹

⁹ And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage¹² are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

¹⁰ And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

¹¹ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

¹² And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.¹³

¹³ And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

¹⁴ And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

¹⁵ And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us

¹¹ This question is one of respect and amazement. Egyptians did not usually live as long as Jews in this time, so to see a man of Jacobs age was astonishing.

¹² Jacob refers to his life as a pilgrimage, a journey. We all live a journey we should recognize it as such.

¹³ Joseph made sure his family was provided for during the famine. But he did not live or stay with them. he went about his business.

bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

¹⁶ And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

¹⁷ And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.¹⁴

¹⁸ When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

¹⁹ Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

²⁰ And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

²¹ And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

²² Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

²³ Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.¹⁵

²⁴ And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed

¹⁴ Joseph now was accepting cattle and land for food. Pharaoh would eventually own all the land of Egypt. The interesting thing is while the Egyptians were losing their land, Joseph's family was prospering.

¹⁵ The people are now required to sow the land for Pharaoh and pay him 20 percent.

of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

²⁵ And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

²⁶ And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

²⁷ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.¹⁶

²⁸ And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

²⁹ And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:¹⁷

³⁰ But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

³¹ And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

¹⁶ The children of Israel began to grow in number. Exceedingly. The first 215 years they only grew from 2 to 70, but now they were growing much more rapidly.

¹⁷ Jacob wanted to be buried with his father in the family burial place.