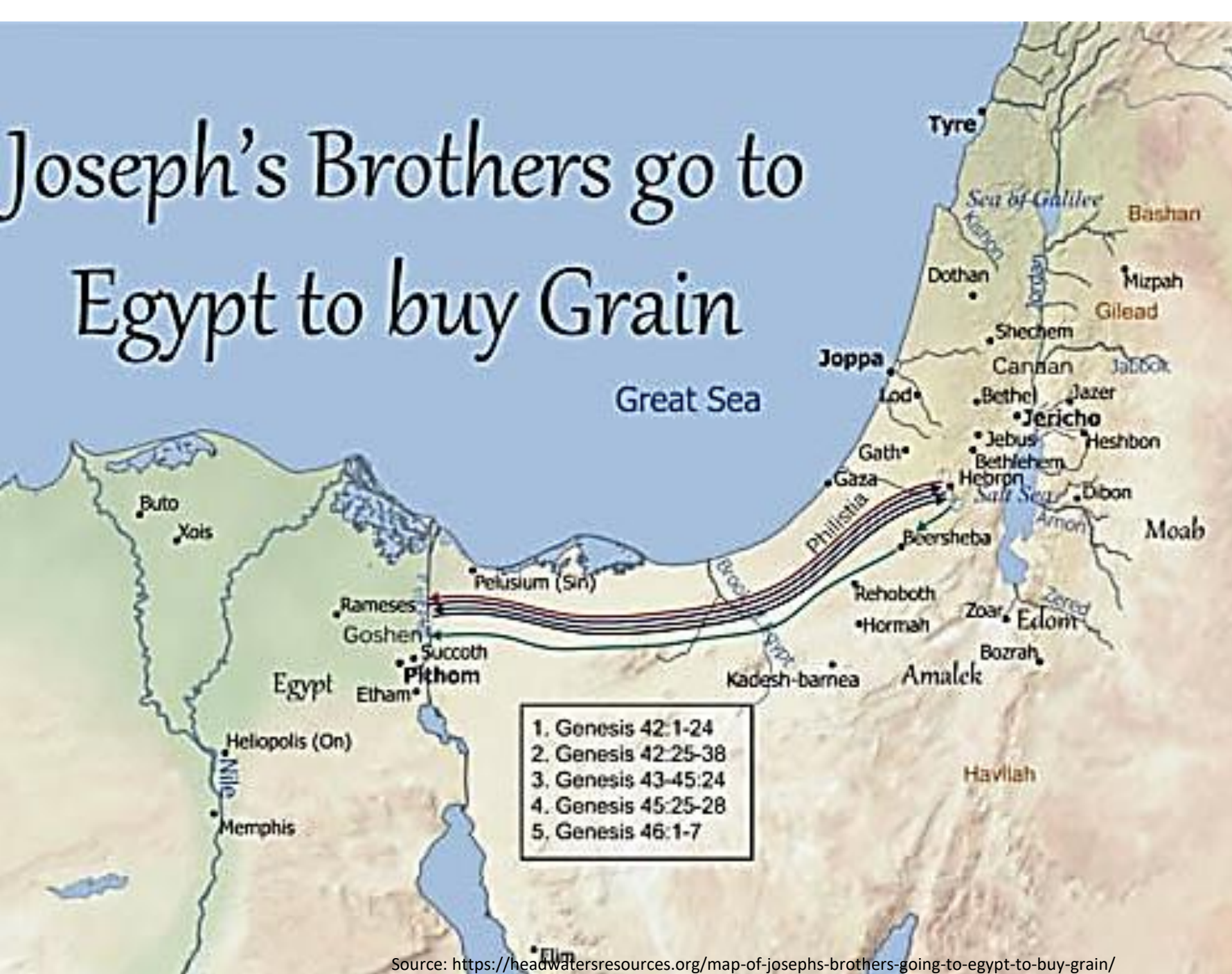


# AdSS21- Joseph's brothers came to Egypt



- (1) Background: Pharaoh made Joseph the Prime Minister of Egypt.
- (2) There was famine in Egypt and Canaan.
- (3) Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food.

# Joseph's Brothers go to Egypt to buy Grain



1. Genesis 42:1-24
2. Genesis 42:25-38
3. Genesis 43-45:24
4. Genesis 45:25-28
5. Genesis 46:1-7

## Follow Joseph's Brothers:

1. Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to get grain (Genesis 42:1-24).
2. Joseph sent them back without Simeon (Genesis 42:25-38).
3. Joseph's brothers returned with Benjamin to get more grain (Genesis 43-45:24).
4. Joseph's brothers returned to get their father and the rest of the family (Genesis 45:25-28).
5. Jacob and his family came to Egypt through Beersheba (Genesis 46:1-7).



(4) Joseph accused the brothers of *being spies*. (Gen 42:6-14)

(5) Joseph wanted the brothers to *bring Benjamin* to Egypt. (Gen 42:15-18)

(6) Joseph *detained one of the brothers (Simeon)* so that the others may bring Benjamin to Egypt. (Gen 42:19-20)

(7) Brothers saw these troubles as retribution for their throwing Joseph into the pit many years ago. (Gen 42:21- 26)

(8) Brother were frightened when they saw their *silvers restored* to them in their sacks. (Gen 42:27-28)

(9) Watch video: 1:33:15-1:37:20

(Viewers are cautioned on the inaccurate parts of the video)

(Source: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph movie)

## (9) Comments:

### (a) Troubles due to sin:

- Joseph's brothers
- Despite lying to Jacob about 'Joseph being devoured by a wild animal', the brothers ended up having troubles due to their sin. They thought they could get away with the lie.

### (b) Troubles due to testing from God:

- Joseph
- The Patriarchs (eg Abraham)

## **(10) Spiritual Lessons:**

(a) Are you facing troubles?

(b) Are your troubles due to sin or testing from God?

(c) If due to sin, you have to:

- Repent
- Seek forgiveness from God
- Turn away from that sin

- (d) The effects of sin may be long lasting:
- Affect yourself in the future: *“...behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out”* (Numbers 32:23)
  - Affect others:
    - Adultery and divorce adversely affect children and their growth psychologically.
    - Lies may also bring grief to family eg. The brothers lied to Jacob that Joseph had been devoured by a wild animal.



(e) If due to testing from God:

- Wait upon the Lord in prayer and reading of the Word.
- God will deliver you just as He delivered Joseph.

(11) The brothers returned to Canaan and told Jacob that they had to bring Benjamin to Egypt. Jacob was aggrieved for fear of losing Benjamin. (Gen 42:38)

(12) The famine was severe and the brothers had to go back to Egypt for more food. (Gen 43:2-14)



(13) Comments:

(a) The brothers had to bring gifts to Joseph to find favour with Joseph.

(b) Jacob was very sad that Benjamin had to go to Egypt.

(14) When Benjamin was brought to Joseph in Egypt, Joseph was glad and invited them to a feast at his house. (Gen 43:16-34)

(15) Watch video: 1:37:20-1:38:59

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## **(16) Spiritual Lessons:**

(a) Fear continued to dominate the brothers when they meet Joseph. When we have sinned, there would also be fear and anxieties when our sin find us out.

- When we lie and are found out.
- When we cheat on our spouse and are found out.
- When our boss finds out that we have not done our tasks.

*“Evil pursueth sinners, but to the righteous good shall be repayed.”*  
(Proverbs 13:21)

(b) Sin also affects others adversely. Our family members, children and loved ones will be adversely affected when we face punishment for our wrongdoing:

- Sacked from our job.
- Jail or fine for committing an offence.

(c) Uniting Joseph and Benjamin. Those who are righteous and blameless will be restored just like Joseph and Benjamin. Similarly, if we conduct our lives righteously before God and men, we will be blessed.