




Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity

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Jacob, Act III
Joseph And
The Sons of Israel

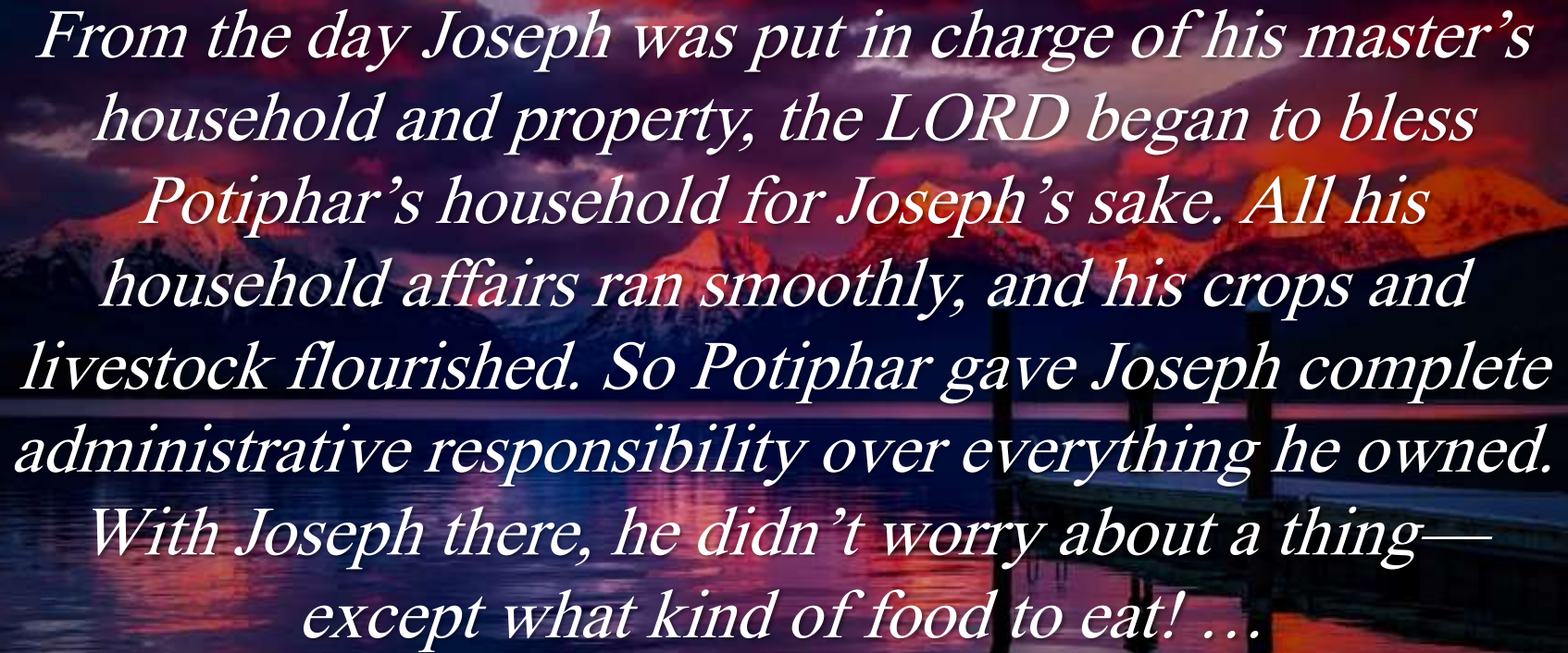


We Left Joseph, Sold For Twenty Shekels,
In The Hands Of Ishmaelite Traders.
They Were Headed For Egypt, And
Joseph, The Preferred Son Of Jacob,
Is Now A Slave.

BUT, JOSEPH IS NOT ALONE!

Genesis 39:2-6 (NLT2)

The LORD was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the LORD was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.



From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat! ...

Joseph
And Potiphar's Wife,
A Woman Scorned





Genesis 39:20-23

Key Phrase Again,

“The Lord Was With Joseph”

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Was Joseph
Doing Hard Time
Or
Did He Have A Dream Job?

Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41:16 (NLT2)

“It is beyond my power to do this,” Joseph replied. “But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease.”

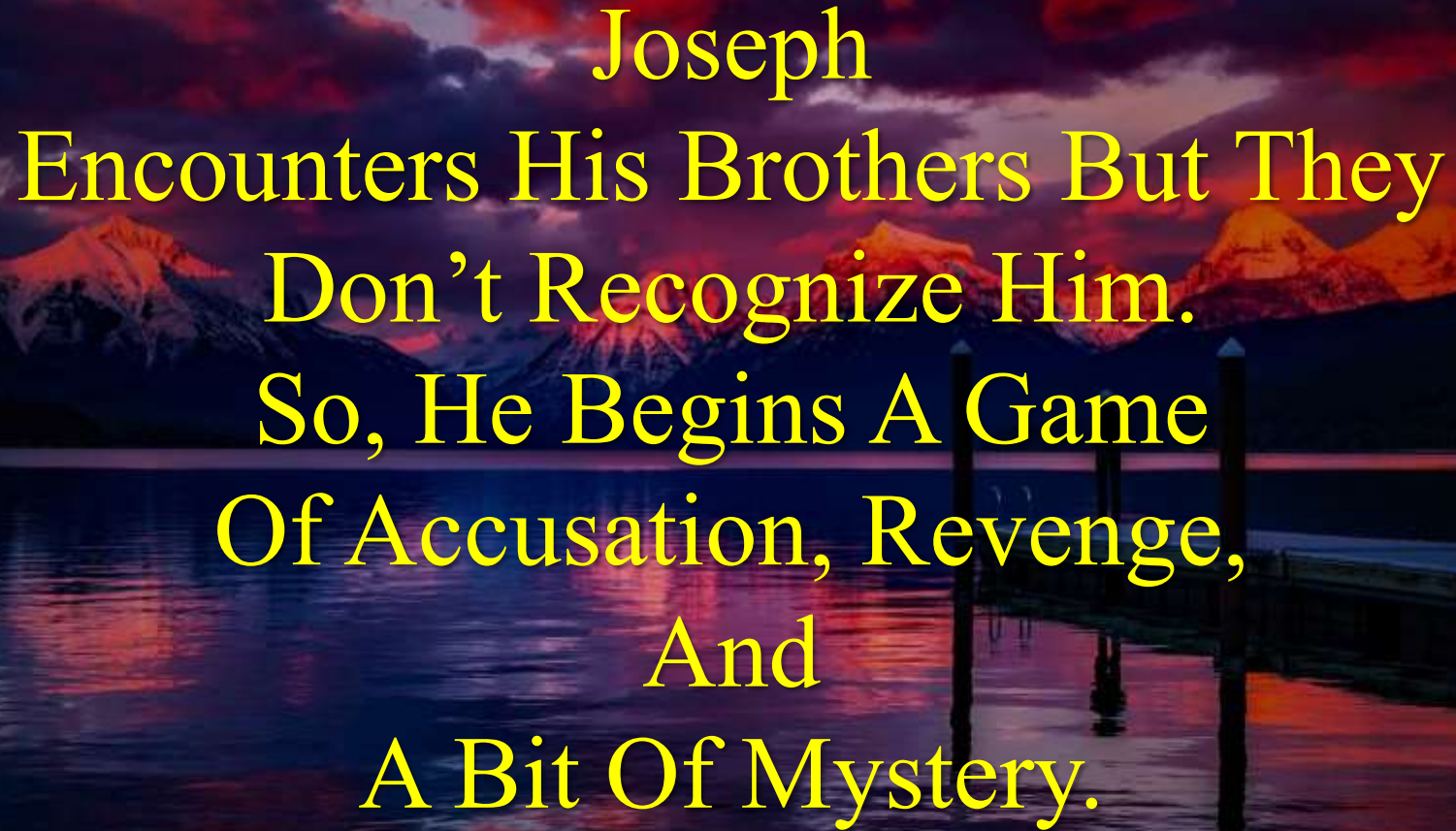
- Seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.
- *“These events have been decreed by God.”* (41:32)
- Joseph suggests a plan of action and it is accepted.
- Joseph is put in charge of all the land of Egypt. He had Cart-blanche; only Pharaoh is above him in power.



For The Next Seven Years,
Joseph Prepares Egypt For Famine
And Starts A Family
With Asenath.

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Meanwhile, Back In Canaan,
Jacob Is Sending
Joseph's Brothers To Egypt
To Buy Food.



Joseph
Encounters His Brothers But They
Don't Recognize Him.
So, He Begins A Game
Of Accusation, Revenge,
And
A Bit Of Mystery.

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The Accusation!

The Spy Game Begins.

And

Joseph Puts Them To The Test.



Joseph Gives His Brothers
A Little “Cistern” Time In Prison.

After Three Days,
He Changes The Deal, Sends Nine
Of The Brothers Home, And
Keeps Simeon In Prison.

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The Revenge!

He Adds To Their Fear And Confusion
By Returning Their Money.



Back Home In Canaan...

The Brothers Tell Jacob What Happened.

He Is Faced With
An Unthinkable Dilemma.

It's Not A Dream, It's A Nightmare.
Comply Or The Family Starves.

Jacob Decides

Genesis 43:13-14 (NLT2)

Then take your brother, and go back to the man. May God Almighty give you mercy as you go before the man, so that he will release Simeon and let Benjamin return.

But if I must lose my children, so be it.”



Now, A Bit Of Mystery!

The Brothers, With Benjamin,
Arrive In Egypt And
Get Invited To Lunch At The Palace.

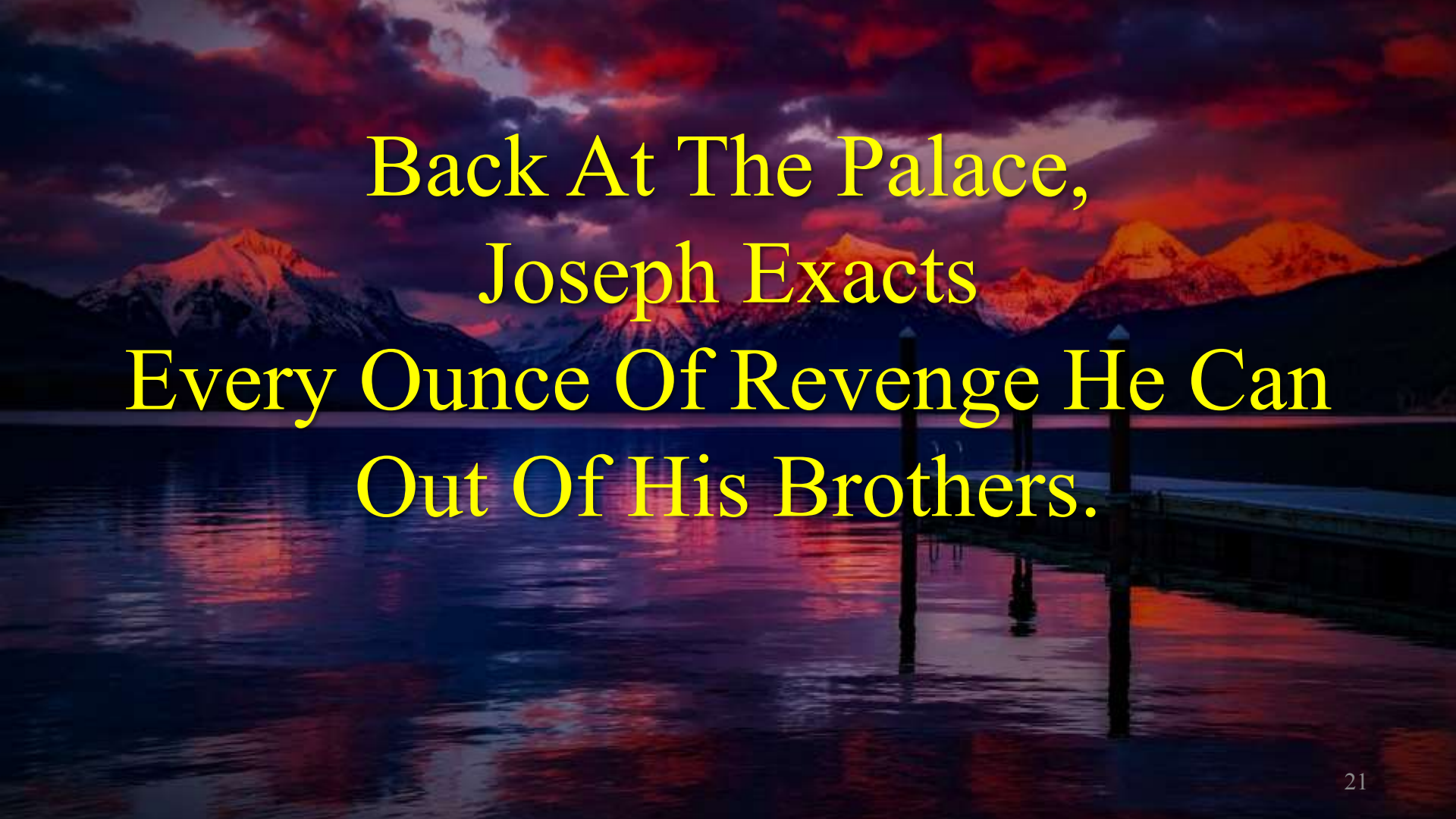
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The Mystery Gets More
Mysterious!

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The Mystery Thickens With
A Silver Cup!

The Chase Is On!



Back At The Palace,
Joseph Exacts
Every Ounce Of Revenge He Can
Out Of His Brothers.

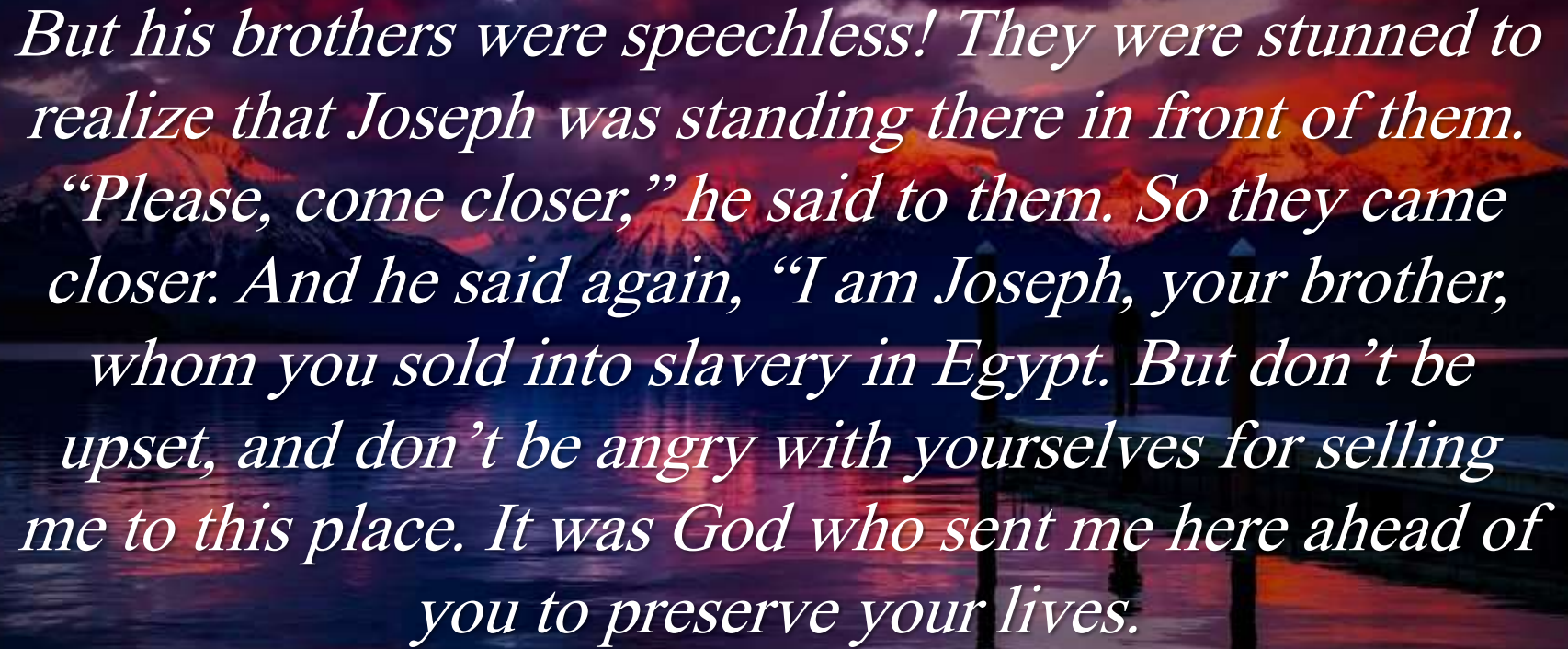
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The Climax!

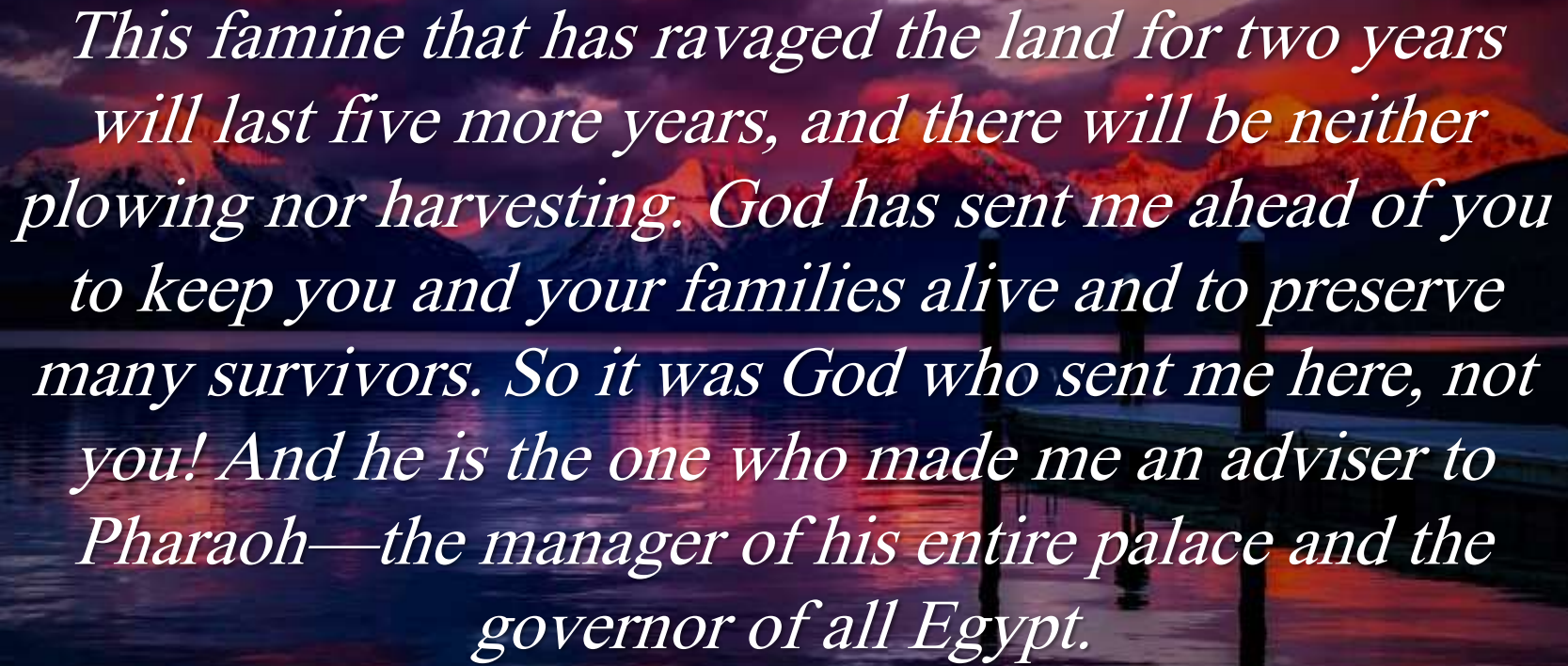
The Accusations End,
The Revenge Is Complete,
And The Mystery Is Revealed.

Genesis 45:1-8 (NLT2)

Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, “Out, all of you!” So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was. Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh’s palace. “I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?”



But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.



This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

Genesis 45:13-15 (NLT2)

Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly.” Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same. Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.



Pharaoh Invites Jacob And The Rest Of His
Family Join Joseph In Egypt.

The Settle In The Land Of Goshen.

Jacob Eventually Dies
But Before He Does,
He Gives Each Son A Blessing.



Joseph Dies

And

For Nearly 400 Years The Israelites
Live Happily Ever After.

Until...


Exodus 1:8-10 (NLT2)

Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don’t, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country.”



And The Story Continues...!

Quit Often,
What Is Intended As Evil,
God Can And Does Use For Good.

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The Prime Example Is
The Cross!