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# A Review of the Account of Joseph

## Genesis 37-45

37 – Joseph is favored by his father (has dreams)

37 – Joseph is hated by brothers and sold to Egypt

39 – Joseph is given charge of Potiphar's household

39 – Joseph is falsely accused – thrown into prison

39 – Joseph is given charge of the prison

40 – Joseph interprets a dream of the king's cupbearer

40 – Joseph interprets a dream of the king's baker

41 – Joseph interprets dreams of Pharaoh

41 – Joseph given charge over the coming famine

# A Review of the Account of Joseph

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- 42 – Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to buy food
- 42 – Joseph treats them harshly and imprisons them
- 42 – Joseph keeps Simeon and demands they bring Benjamin back to him
- 42 – Joseph's brothers return home (Jacob in despair)
- 42 – Jacob sends them back to Egypt for more food
- 42 – Jacob agrees to allow Benjamin to go to Egypt
- 43 – Joseph's brothers go to Egypt a second time
- 43 – Joseph invites them to lunch at his house
- 43 – Joseph weeps over Benjamin and favors him

## **Genesis 44**

**1 Then Joseph instructed his steward:**

**“Fill the men’s sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each one’s silver in the mouth of his sack.**

**2 Put my cup, the silver one, in the mouth of the youngest one’s sack, along with the silver for his grain.”**

**So the steward did as Joseph had instructed.**



## **Genesis 44**

**3 At daybreak, the men were sent on their way with their donkeys.**

**4 They had not gone far from the city when Joseph told his steward, "Pursue the men at once, and when you overtake them, ask, 'Why have you repaid good with evil?"**

**5 Is this not the cup that my master drinks from and uses for divination? What you have done is wicked!"**



**6 When the steward overtook them, he relayed these words to them.**

**7“Why does my lord say these things?” they asked.**

**“Your servants could not possibly do such a thing.**

**8 We even brought back to you from the land of Canaan the silver we found in the mouths of our sacks. Why would we steal silver or gold from your master’s house?**

**9 If any of your servants is found to have it, he must die, and the rest will become slaves of my lord.”**

## **Genesis 44**

**10** “As you say,” replied the steward. “But only the one who is found with the cup will be my slave, and the rest of you shall be free of blame.”

**11** So each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground and opened it.

**12** The steward searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest—and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack.

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

## **Genesis 44**

**14 When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him.**

**15 "What is this deed you have done?" Joseph declared.**

**"Did you not know that a man like me can surely divine the truth?"**





## Genesis 44

**16** “What can we say to my lord?” Judah replied. “How can we plead? How can we justify ourselves? God has exposed the iniquity of your servants. We are now my lord’s slaves—both we and the one who was found with the cup.”

**17** But Joseph replied, “Far be it from me to do this.

The man who was found with the cup will be my slave. The rest of you may return to your father in peace.”



## **Genesis 44**

**18 Then Judah approached Joseph and said,  
“Sir, please let your servant speak personally to my  
lord.**

**Do not be angry with your servant, for you are an  
equal to Pharaoh.**

**19 My lord asked his servants, ‘Do you have a father  
or a brother?’**

**20 And we answered, ‘We have an elderly father  
and a younger brother, the child of his old age.  
The boy’s brother is dead. He is the only one of his  
mother’s sons left, and his father loves him.’**

## **Genesis 44**

**21 Then you told your servants, 'Bring him down to me so that I can see him for myself.'**

**22 So we said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father. If he were to leave, his father would die.'**

**23 But you said to your servants, 'Unless your younger brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.'**



## **Genesis 44**

**24 Now when we returned to your servant my father, we relayed your words to him.**

**25 Then our father said, 'Go back and buy us some food.'**

**26 But we answered, 'We cannot go down there unless our younger brother goes with us.**

**So if our younger brother is not with us, we cannot see the man.'**

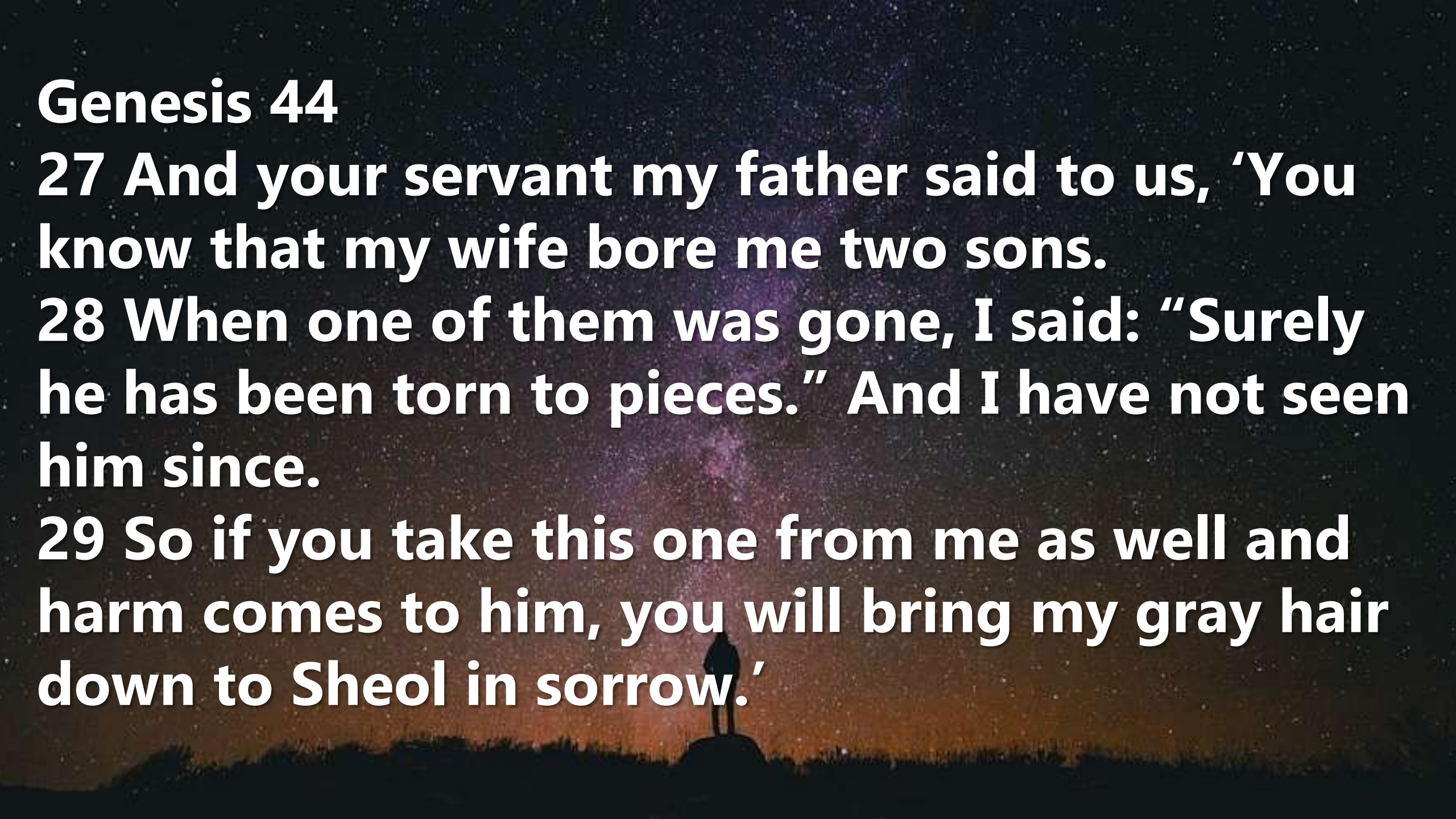


## **Genesis 44**

**27 And your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons.**

**28 When one of them was gone, I said: "Surely he has been torn to pieces." And I have not seen him since.**

**29 So if you take this one from me as well and harm comes to him, you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow.'**



## **Genesis 44**

**30 So if the boy is not with us when I return to your servant, my father—his life is wrapped up in the boy's life—**

**31 when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die.**

**Then your servants will have brought the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.**

**32 Indeed, your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father, saying, 'If I do not return him to you, I will bear the guilt before you, my father, all my life.'**

## **Genesis 44**

**33 Now please let your servant stay here as my lord's slave in place of the boy.**

**Let him return with his brothers.**

**34 For how can I go back to my father without the boy?**

**I could not bear to see the misery that would overwhelm him."**



## **Genesis 45**

**1 Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me!"**

**So none of them were with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.**

**2 But he wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh's household heard him.**





## **Genesis 45**

**3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?"**

**But they were unable to answer him, because they were terrified in his presence.**

**4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near me."**

**And they did so.**

**"I am Joseph, your brother," he said, "the one you sold into Egypt!"**

A silhouette of a person standing on a rock, looking up at a starry night sky with a prominent meteor streak.

## **Genesis 45**

**5 And now, do not be distressed or angry with yourselves that you sold me into this place, because it was to save lives that God sent me before you.**

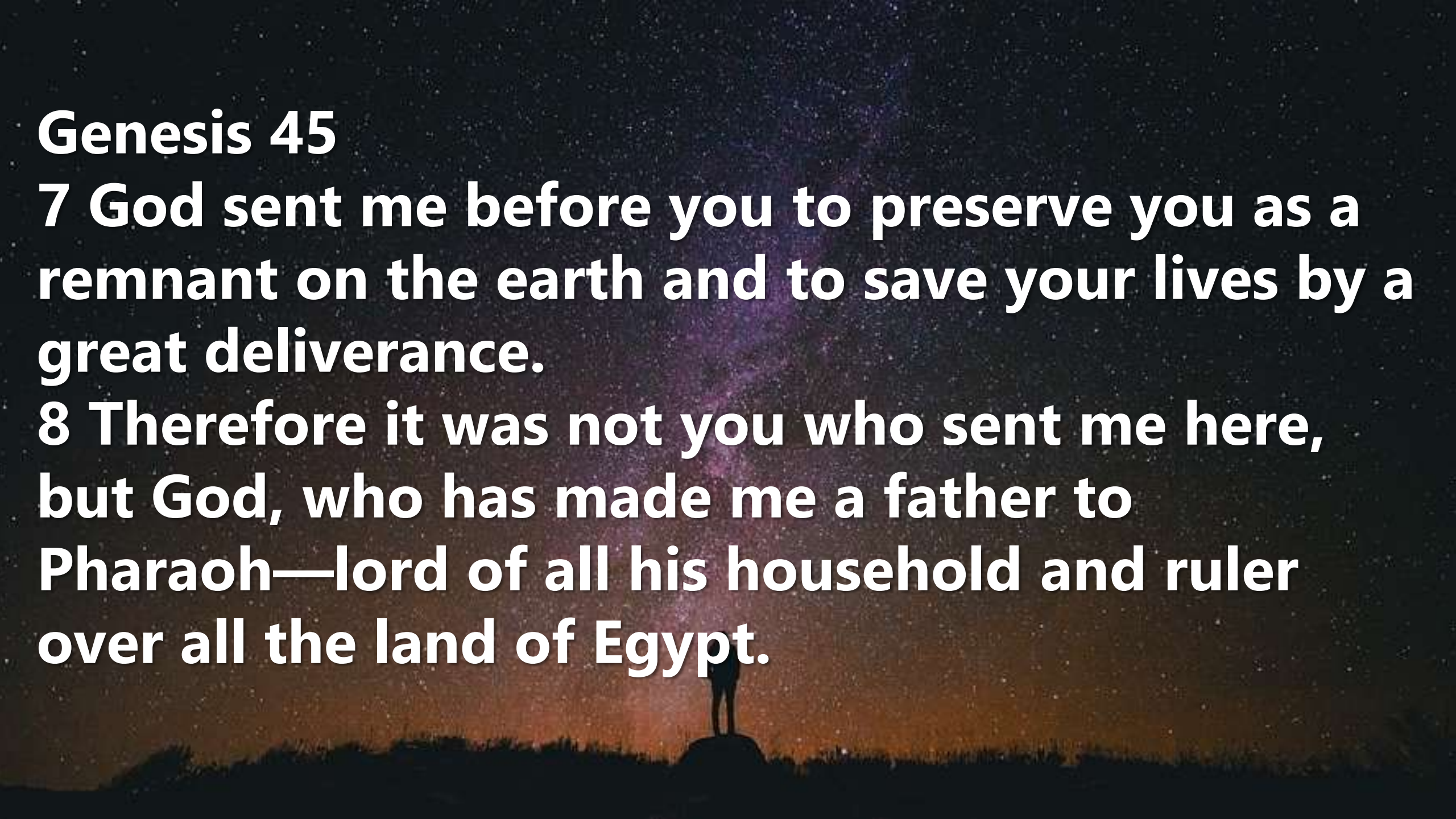
**6 For the famine has covered the land these two years, and there will be five more years without plowing or harvesting.**



## **Genesis 45**

**7 God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant on the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.**

**8 Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God, who has made me a father to Pharaoh—lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.**

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