

THE GOD WHO SENDS

Beginning in Beginnings: Genesis 42-45

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*The Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me."
When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph,
the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed
and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here,
because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you
to preserve for you a remnant on earth
and to save your lives by a great deliverance.
So it was not you who sent me here, but God"*
Genesis 45:4-8

Band of brothers

¹⁴ Joseph was still in the house when Judah and his brothers came in, and they threw themselves to the ground before him. ¹⁵ Joseph said to them, "What is this you have done? Don't you know that a man like me can find things out by divination?"

¹⁶ "What can we say to my lord?" Judah replied. "What can we say? How can we prove our innocence? God has uncovered your servants' guilt. We are now my lord's slaves—we ourselves and the one who was found to have the cup."

Genesis 44

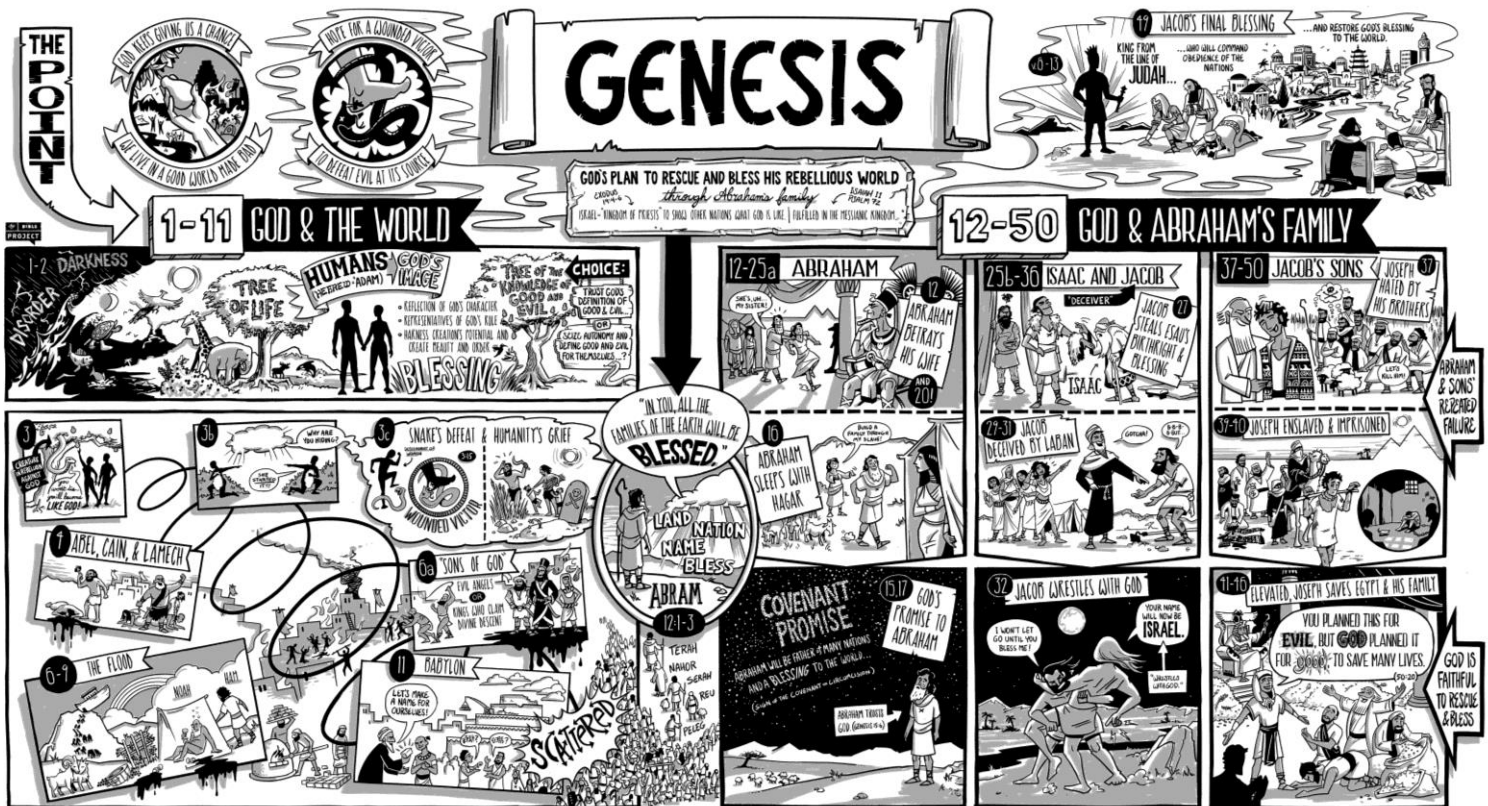
1. Joseph's kindness reveals his brothers' repentance
2. Repentance bears fruit

Joseph is looking forward

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones.

Hebrews 11:22

1. Joseph gives us the first appearance of remnant theology (see Isaiah 37:32)
2. God is at work -- but we should be identifying with the brothers!



Resources for the Genesis

Be sure to check the [Bible Project's poster](#) on Genesis.

[Bible.org](#) has some wonderful sermons on Genesis, especially those by Deffinbaugh and Stedman. Stedman's "The Method of Faith" is attached. I also liked Deffinbaugh's take on repentance in Genesis 44 at <https://bible.org/seriespage/44-final-test-dothan-relived-genesis-441-34>

John Piper has a classis Christological message on the Joseph story at <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-sale-of-joseph-and-the-son-of-god>

Riddlebarger's blog has a wonderful take on the Joseph story at <https://www.kimriddlebarger.com/the-riddleblog/josephs-faith-in-death>

Jonathan Edwards has a reflection on the Joseph story at <https://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/temptation.htm>

Maclaren has a helpful commentary at on many of these passages at https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/bible_book/genesis_maclaren.html

Many of Spurgeon's sermons on Genesis are collected at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/scripture-index/genesis/> See "Joseph and his Brothers" at <http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols43-45/chs2516.pdf>

Very Poythress has some very interesting thoughts on hermeneutics in Genesis at www.frame-poythress.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/2013ChristianInterpretationsOfGenesis1.pdf and <http://faculty.wts.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/PoythressVernCorrelationsWithProvidenceInGenesis2.pdf>

Tim Keller has a wonderful sermon on the "male and female" dynamic at <https://www.monergism.com/first-wedding-day-%E2%80%93-genesis-218-25>