

## **Genesis 41:53-55 (HCS)**

**Then the seven years of abundance in the land of Egypt came to an end, [54] and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in every country, but throughout the land of Egypt there was food. [55] Extreme hunger came to all the land of Egypt, and the people cried out to Pharaoh for food.**

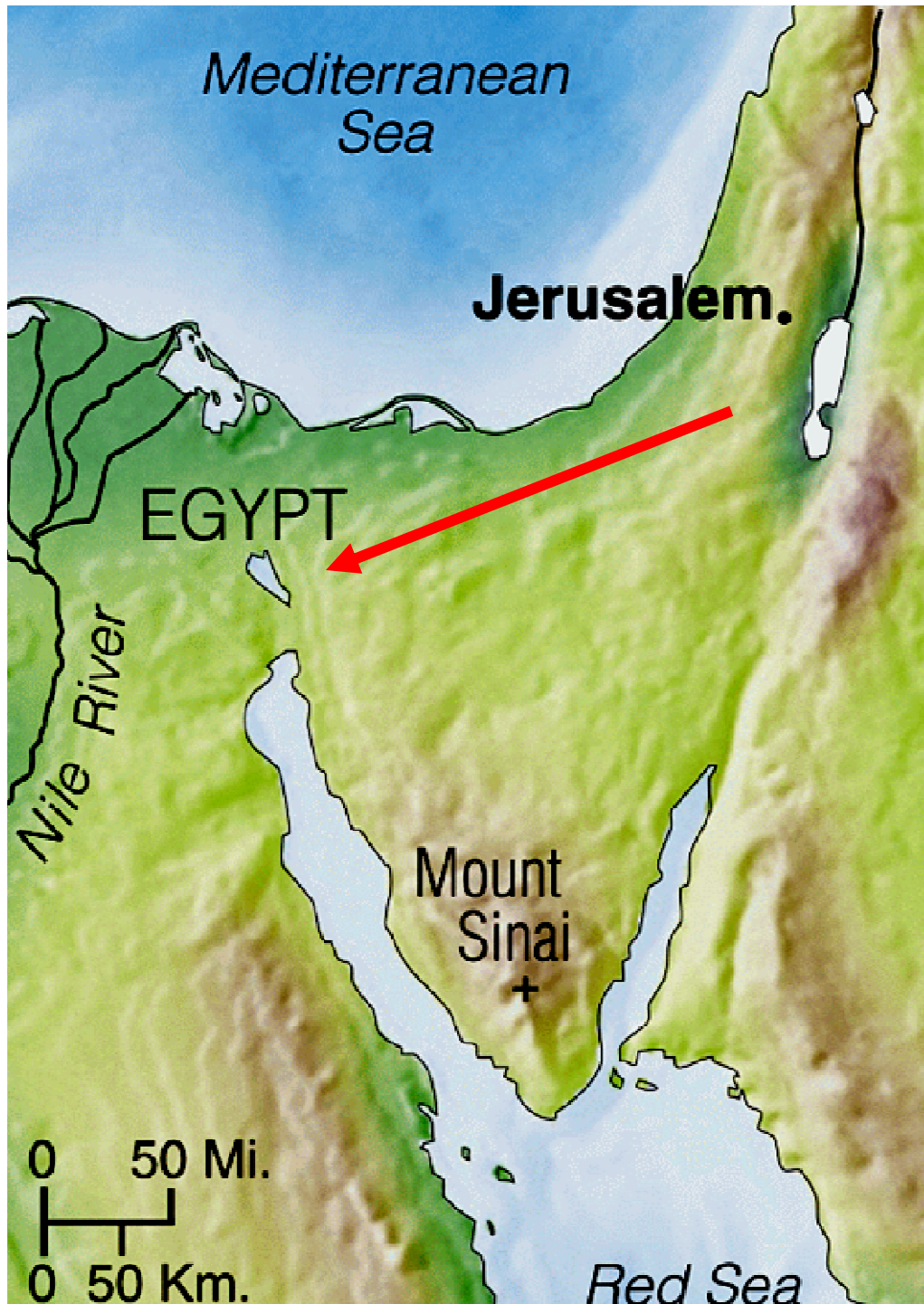
## **Genesis 41:55-57 (HCS)**

**Pharaoh told all Egypt, “Go to Joseph and do whatever he tells you.” [56]**

**Because the famine had spread across the whole country, Joseph opened up all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. [57] Every nation came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, for the famine was severe in every land.**

# **WHAT HAS GOD DONE?**

**Genesis 42:1-38**



**250-300 miles**  
Round trip 6 weeks

**People who sell their brother into  
slavery are NOT trustworthy.**

So Joseph retained power over his  
brothers until he could trust them.

Constable

## Carefully CRAFTED Report

- Tell about the **HOSTILE** Ruler
- No mention of three days **IN JAIL**
- **Leave** one of you brothers with me
- No mention of Simeon being **TIED UP** while they watched
- No mention of Threat of **DEATH**

# **REVENGE -**

to **PUNISH** or **HARM** another person as **pay back** for an injury or insult

## **Joseph Turned away from REVENGE by...**

- Believing God was in **CONTROL**
- Refusing to live in the **PAST**
- Refusing to live as a **VICTIM**
- Trusting God to **KEEP** His **PROMISES**

→ Joseph REFUSED to be

**DEFINED**

by the tragedies he  
lived through

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV)

Three times **I PLEADED** with the Lord to take it away from me. [9] But he said to me,

**"My GRACE is sufficient for you, for MY POWER is made perfect in weakness."**

Therefore **I WILL BOAST** all the more gladly **ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES**, so that **Christ's power may rest on me.** [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, I **DELIGHT** in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

**True GUILT is God's GRACE**  
because it brings the guilty person  
to the point of **REPENTANCE**  
and seeking forgiveness. Hughes

**True Guilt from God**  
**- IS His GRACE -**  
to bring us **BACK** into  
**Fellowship with Himself**

## **GUILT that Comes FROM God...**

- is **SPECIFIC**
- has a **PURPOSE** (Repentance)
- goes **AWAY** when we **CONFESS**

1 John 1:9 (NET)

But if we **CONFESS** our sins,  
**HE is faithful** and righteous,  
**FORGIVING** us our sins  
and **CLEANSING** us  
from **ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

## **FALSE Guilt can Be...**

- a General feeling of **UNWORTHINESS**
- Guilt for something that's been **CONFESSED**

# **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Why is Revenge something we long for when we are hurt?**
- 2. How can we TURN away from Revenge?**
- 3. Why is God given Guilt a wonderful Gift from God?**