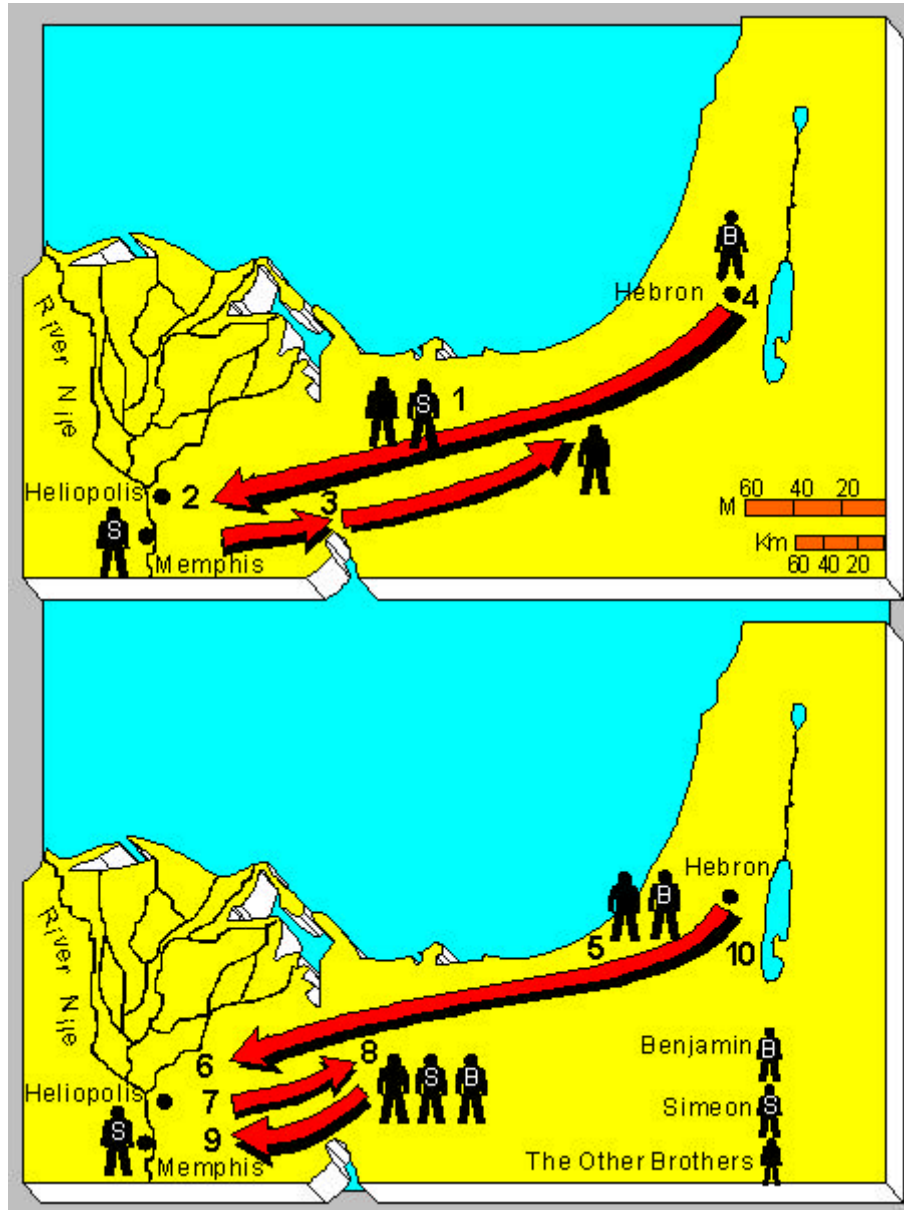


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Joseph's Story

Joseph, sold by his brothers into slavery in Egypt, has now become governor in charge of food stored against the coming famine.

- 1 Jacob their father sends 10 of Joseph's brothers to Egypt for grain. He keeps the youngest son Benjamin (his favourite) with him for safety.
- 2 They do not recognize Joseph and he pretends not to know them. He accuses them of spying. He keeps Simeon hostage, sends the rest home with food. They must bring back Benjamin to prove they are not spies.
- 3 On the way home they are frightened to find money in the top of their sacks.
- 4 Jacob is unwilling to let Benjamin go—he has already lost Joseph and Simeon. He changes his mind only when the famine threatens starvation.
- 5 The 9 brothers and Benjamin go to Egypt, loaded down with gifts for Joseph.
- 6 Simeon is released and Joseph gives a great feast.
- 7 He sends them home again with food. But he orders his silver cup to be planted in Benjamin's sack.
- 8 A servant pursues them and discovers Joseph's cup.
- 9 Joseph says they can go free, but Benjamin will stay as his slave. Judah pleads with Joseph on behalf of Jacob. With great emotion, Joseph tells them who he is.
- 10 The 11 brothers return to Jacob. He comes to live in Egypt.