

ROCK THE WORLD
BACK TO THE BEGINNING
JOSEPH & JACOB REUNITE: GENESIS 42-46

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<u>CHARACTERS-PEOPLE-</u>	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
WORSHIP LEADER	Cathy	Debbie	Cathy	Alyssa
DOC	Jeff C	Brian	Cathy	Cathy
JOSEPH	Matthew V	Anthony	FrankieJacob	
SIMEON	Aud?	Taylor T.	Savannah	T. Paul
JUDAH	Zac S	Sarah K	Sarai	Tanyr
LEVI	Josh C	Hannah VP	Alex	T. James
ASHER	Kyle	Rebecca	Denae	Danae
GAD	Joy	Rachel	Sarah A	Dilyn
BENJAMIN	Matthew W	Anthony	Jonathan	Keanu
DAN	Gretchen	Sarai	Gretchen	Gretchen
NAPHTALI	aud.?	Briana C	Taelor	Sarai
REUBEN	Bruce	Gene	Alex	Juliet
ISSACHAR	aud.?	Savannah A	Rebecca	Alyssa
ZEBULIN	Zac S	Marissa	aud.?	Rebecca
STEWARD	Zac C	Gene	Nathan	Juliet
GUARD #1	Cathy?	Krista	Nicholas	Nicholas
GUARD #2	aud?	Cathy	Nathan	Nathan
VILLAGER #1	Zac S	Reanna	Nicholas	Nicholas
VILLAGER #2	Josh C	Hannah C	Nathan	Nathan
JACOB/ISRAEL	Rob W	Gene	Randy	T. Adam
PHARAOH	Bruce	Juan	Randy	T. Ray

CHARACTERS-PUPPETS-

MICHAEL	Zac C	Krista	Stephanie E	Birdie
CINDY	Pavlova	Kayla?	Alyson	Alyson
MOM	Crystal?	Jeanette	Shaunean	Birdie

PROPS-

TIME MACHINE
 PRISON
 GRAIN
 GRAINERY STORE FRONT
 SILVER COINS
 FILLING FOR SACKS (newspapers)
 TWO ROPES
 SILVER CUP
 BREAD

WHITE TRASH BAGS
TENT
THRONE
CHARIOT

COSTUMES-

JOSEPH (royalty)
TWO GUARDS
STEWARDS
KING PHARAOH
MANY BIBLICAL COSTUMES

SONGS- SOUND FX

BACK TO THE BEGINNING
MERCY
PSALMS 121
SHOW HIM D' MERCY
YOUR PROMISES

TIME MACHINE SOUNDS

BACKGROUND MUSIC: See script!

[01] OPENING SONG: BACK TO THE BEGINNING (short version) fade out

WORSHIP LEADER: REMEMBER LAST TIME, WE SAW THAT GOD HAS PUT JOSEPH IN A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE PALACE. KIDS, WHY DID THE PHARAOH MAKE JOSEPH SECOND IN COMMAND?

KIDS: HE TOLD PHARAOH HIS DREAM!

WORSHIP LEADER: THAT'S RIGHT. AND NOW THE FAMINE HAS HIT ALL THE LANDS AND THE PEOPLE FROM OTHER PLACES ARE COMING FOR FOOD. SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO JOSEPH AND TO HIS BROTHERS.....GOD HAS A PLAN...LET'S WATCH!...OH-NO! I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE TIME MACHINE.....LET'S LISTEN IN ...

MICHAEL: DOC, THE TIME MACHINE SURE HAS BEEN ACTING FUNNY LATELY.

[02] CUE BG: DARK AND OMINOUS - SI CDM01 41.wav

DOC: LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT IT....(Doc begins to scrutinize the time machine) OH MY GOSH, THE TIME MACHINE IS RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THE "FLEXCAPACITTER" ONLY HAS 20 MINUTES LEFT. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

MOM: OH, MY! WE BEST NOT TRAVEL ANYMORE!

CINDY: BUT MOM, WE HAVE TO GO BACK AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO JOSEPH AND HIS FAMILY.

MICHAEL: PLEASE, MOM? WE CAN MAKE IT BACK IN FIFTEEN MINUTES – NO PROBLEM.

DOC: THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM...ESPECIALLY IF YOU COME WITH US TO HELP US KEEP TRACK OF TIME. LET'S TAKE ONE LAST TRIP IN THE TIME MACHINE.....HOW BOUT IT GANG?

MICHAEL & CINDY: YEAH, YEAH! LET'S DO IT!

MOM: ALRIGHT! BUT WHEN I SAY IT'S TIME, WE MUST GO BACK HOME.

MICHAEL & CINDY: YES, MA'AM! (Mom, Cindy and Michael exit down)

(Doc enters time machine as the puppets go down)

[03] SOUND FX CUE: TIME MACHINE—LIGHTS AND SOUND

JOSEPH: (enters from back coming down center aisle with huge sacks of grain and puts them in storage house area floor stage right of center. Then Pharaoh comes in from stage right and sits on throne on far stage right **in front of microphones. Doc comes out of time machine and Michael, Cindy and Mom come up!)

[04] CUE BG: EGYPTIAN TYPE - rumba2_mehran.wav

MICHAEL: WE'VE MADE IT BACK. LOOK THERE'S JOSEPH! AND OVER THERE, THERE'S PHARAOH SITTING ON THE THRONE!

DOC: AHH, YES! LAST TIME WE SAW PHARAOH, HE WAS APPOINTING JOSEPH OVER HIS PEOPLE.

CINDY: YEAH! EVERYONE HAS TO ANSWER TO JOSEPH, EXCEPT FOR PHARAOH, RIGHT?

MOM: YES, AND RIGHT NOW JOSEPH IS COLLECTING SO MUCH GRAIN THAT HE CAN HARDLY KEEP TRACK OF IT ANYMORE. HE IS STORING IT AWAY LIKE GOD TOLD HIM TO.

VILLAGERS: (enter **stage left** and bow before Pharaoh's throne)

DOC: LOOK, HERE COME SOME PRETTY HUNGRY LOOKIN' DUDES.

VILLAGER #1: PHARAOH, I COME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MEMPHIS. OUR VILLAGE HAS NO MORE FOOD AND TWELVE PEOPLE HAVE PERRISHED FROM THE FAMINE. WE BEG OF YOU TO GIVE US GRAIN, YOUR MAJESTY. (all villagers again bow to Pharaoh)

PHARAOH: GO TO JOSEPH, AND DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU.

VILLAGER #2: (to Pharaoh) VERY WELL, THANK YOU. (villagers exit down stairs and run to floor stage right.....bow before Joseph who is counting bags at Grain Storehouse)

VILLAGER #1: (to Joseph) PHARAOH SENT US TO YOU. WE ARE HERE TO BUY GRAIN FOR OUR VILLAGE.

JOSEPH: (bids them to rise, and gets bags of food) COME! I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOUR FAMILIES NEED. (Joseph hands them bags of grain)

FADE OUT BACKGROUND MUSIC

JOSEPH AND VILLAGERS: (trade money for grain and mime talking)

VILLAGERS: (exit floor stage across front to go up stairs to join brothers—put on different costumes to become one of Joseph's brothers)

[05] CUE BG: SNEAKY, FLUTE LINE, SIMPLE - SI CDM02 63.wav

(Joseph's **TEN BROTHERS** go down stairs to floor, cross before stage to floor stage right at Grain Storehouse with empty bags and with silver coins)

JOSEPH: (turns and sees his brothers before they see him; and he clears his throat loudly.) AHHHEMMM!

BROTHERS: (bow to Joseph.)

JOSEPH: (**harshly.**) WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

REUBEN: WE COME FROM THE LAND OF CANAAN TO BUY FOOD. (pours out sack of silver coins & shows Joseph & audience. Sets money down at Joseph's feet.)

JOSEPH: (harshly) YOU ARE **SPIES!** YOU HAVE COME TO SEE WHERE OUR LAND IS UNPROTECTED. (Joseph folds arms and paces as he talks to brothers and looks down upon them)

SIMEON: YOUR SERVANTS ARE TWELVE BROTHERS, THE SONS OF A MAN WHO LIVES IN THE LAND OF CANAAN. THE YOUNGEST IS NOW WITH OUR FATHER AND ONE IS NO MORE.

JOSEPH: YOU ARE SPIES! YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THIS PLACE UNLESS ONE OF YOU BRINGS YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER HERE. THE REST OF YOU WILL BE KEPT IN PRISON.

GUARD: (with sword out, **pushes brothers to go behind the bars of PRISON on floor stage right**)

FADE BACKGROUND

BROTHERS: (during song, pantomime praying to God and looking at each other with fear in eyes)

[06] CUE SONG: CRY MERCY (short version)

JOSEPH: (walks over toward prison)

JOSEPH: DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE, FOR I FEAR GOD. LET ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS STAY AND THE REST OF YOU TAKE GRAIN BACK HOME. YOU MUST BRING YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER BACK TO ME AND YOU WILL NOT DIE.

LEVI: LET US SPEAK AMONG EACH OTHER SO WE MAY DECIDE.

[07] CUE BG: LIGHT INQUISITIVE, CURIOSITY - SI CDM01 16.wav

JOSEPH: (nods and gestures to Guard to let them out of prison)

GUARD: (open jail door up and lets them out)(look to read Joseph's hand gesture to listen in on the brothers)

JOSEPH: (mimes for Guard to follow the brothers and listen in and report back)

GUARD: (follows near as brothers huddle in front of jail door)

BROTHERS: (mime talking and arguing)

ASHER: SURELY, WE ARE BEING PUNISHED BECAUSE OF WHAT WE DID TO JOSEPH.

GAD: HE BEGGED US NOT TO SELL HIM TO THE ISHMAELITES.

ZEBULIN: HE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF US---NOW, WE WILL SUFFER!

FADE OUT
BACKGROUND / [08]
CUE BG: SAD - SI
CDM01 19.wav

GUARD: (sneaks up to Joseph and mimes telling what he overheard.

JOSEPH: (turns back to audience, falls on his knees and sobs as Guard walks back over to brothers)

REUBEN: DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO SIN AGAINST JOSEPH? NOW WE MUST PAY THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR SIN.

GUARD #1: (looks over to Joseph who tells him to grab Simeon)

JOSEPH: (turns back toward brothers and gestures to Guard #1 to grab Simeon and tie his hands)

SIMEON: (Grabbed by Guard #1, his hands tied) HE'S TIED MY HANDS, BROTHERS.

GUARD #1: (Pushes Simeon over and behind jail door)

BROTHERS: (Following the Guard #1 with Simeon being put in jail, all talking)
SIMEON, WE WILL BE BACK, YEAH! DON'T WORRY, BROTHER. WAIT AND SEE, WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!

GUARD #2: (discreetly fills their small bags in front the Grain Storehouse where silver is on floor stage. Guard #2 makes a show of putting silver back into the bags.)

BROTHERS: (come OVER to receive bags at Grain Storehouse and take sacks and walk up STAIRS to father's tent on stage right)

JOSEPH & GUARDS: (exit down center stage)

DAN: (when Dan walks near his father's tent, he opens his sack and sees silver) MY SILVER HAS BEEN RETURNED.....HERE IT IS IN MY SACK!

ALL BROTHERS: (tremble in fear and walk up to tent on stage right, serious looks on faces)

NAPHTHALI: WHAT IS THIS THAT GOD HAS DONE TO US?

BROTHERS & JACOB: (sitting in front of tent; brothers mime talking to Jacob and they eat bread)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

DOC: SO THEY EXPLAINED ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM. THEY TOLD THEIR FATHER THEY WERE TO BRING BENJAMIN BACK TO PROVE THEY WERE HONEST MEN. SOON ENOUGH ALL THE GRAIN THEY GOT FROM JOSEPH WAS GONE.

BROTHERS: (mime desperately looking into sacks and pull out silver and become frightened)

JACOB: (Stands up) (very angry) YOU HAVE DEPRIVED ME OF MY CHILDREN. JOSEPH IS NO MORE AND SIMEON IS NO MORE. AND NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE BENJAMIN. EVERYTHING IS AGAINST ME. (He falls to his knees and weeps)

REUBEN: (falls down to knees to speak to his father with love) YOU MAY PUT BOTH OF MY SONS TO DEATH IF I DO NOT BRING HIM BACK TO YOU. ENTRUST HIM TO MY CARE AND I WILL BRING BEN BACK.

JACOB: BENJAMIN WILL NOT GO. HIS ONLY BROTHER JOSEPH IS DEAD. IF HE GETS HURT, MY GRAY HEAD WILL DIE IN SORROW.

ISSACHAR: FATHER, WE HAVE EATEN ALL THE GRAIN.

JACOB: (sighs and gives in) AH HH! GO BACK AND BUY US A LITTLE MORE FOOD.

[09] CUE BG: RESIGNATION - SI CDM01 20.wav

JUDAH: THE MAN WARNED US: “YOU WILL NOT SEE MY FACE AGAIN UNLESS BENJAMIN IS WITH YOU.” FATHER, SEND THE BOY WITH ME. I WILL TAKE THE BLAME ALL MY LIFE IF I DO NOT BRING HIM BACK. LET US GO AT ONCE.

JACOB: IF IT MUST BE, THEN PUT SOME OF OUR BEST ITEMS OF THE LAND IN YOUR BAGS TO TAKE AS A GIFT. RETURN DOUBLE THE SILVER FOR IT MUST GO BACK IN THE BAGS. PERHAPS IT WAS A MISTAKE. (says sadly) GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOU; AS FOR ME, I AM SUFFERING FROM LOSS. (hugs his sons, especially Benjamin.)

BROTHERS: (rush down Stairs and over to meet Joseph in front of Grain Storehouse)

JOSEPH & GUARDS: (walk down center aisle before the brothers return and get in place to meet them)

BROTHERS: (bow to Joseph and present the gifts at center stage)

JOSEPH: I AM GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS. (to Benjamin) TELL ME HOW YOU ARE, AND HOW IS YOUR VERY OLD FATHER? IS HE STILL LIVING?

BENJAMIN: YOUR SERVANT, OUR FATHER, IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL.

JOSEPH: (looks up to God and smiles with joy, as the **brothers bow low** to him)

JOSEPH: (looking about to each brother and gesturing to Benjamin, he says) IS THIS YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER? (says to Benjamin holding back the sorrow) GOD BE GRACIOUS TO YOU, MY SON. (Joseph is deeply moved and rushes to stage right near Grain Storehouse to weep—head in hands, fingers over his eyes) (wipes his face) GUARD, BRING MY STEWARD TO ME AT ONCE!

GUARD #1: RIGHT AWAY, SIR. (gestures floor stage left, steward enters and bows)

STEWARD: (bows to Joseph)

[10] CUE BG : QUIET SNEAKY TINKLE - SI XV03 37.wav

JOSEPH: FILL THE MEN’S SACKS WITH FOOD AND PUT SILVER IN EACH ONE. PUT MY SILVER CUP INSIDE THE YOUNGEST ONES SACK ALONG WITH THE SILVER.

STEWARD: (bows, and immediately goes out to floor stage right behind the Grain Storehouse wall to pick up sacks that are already filled with coins and cup. The cup bag will be marked with a small X. He comes in with bags and hands them out making sure Benjamin gets the one with the X.

JOSEPH & STEWARD: (exit stage right, but stop and watch the brothers walk across floor stage center toward stairs.)

BROTHERS: (exit brothers walk across floor stage center toward stairs but before they start up the stairs, they hear and see Steward running after them yelling!)

[11] CUE BG: DRAMATIC CHASE - SI CCM01 49.wav

JOSEPH: (to Steward) GO AFTER THEM AT ONCE AND FIND THE SILVER CUP. ASK THE BROTHERS: WHAT IS THIS WICKED THING YOU HAVE DONE?

STEWARD: (down center aisle --running after them) STOP THIEF, YOU HAVE STOLEN THE SILVER CUP.

LEVI: WHY WOULD WE STEAL? WE BROUGHT THE SILVER BACK LAST TIME.

JUDAH: IF ANY OF YOUR SERVANTS IS FOUND TO HAVE IT, HE WILL DIE. THE REST WILL BECOME YOUR SLAVES.

STEWARD: VERY WELL THEN, WHOEVER HAS IT WILL BE MY SLAVE. THE REST OF YOU WILL BE FREE FROM BLAME.

[12] CUE BG: TENSE, LOW, NOT BUSY - SI CDM01 43.wav

BROTHER: (each brother walks back to center floor stage and lines up youngest to oldest.)

STEWARD: (looks in each sack from oldest to youngest.) (to audience, he says) DO YOU KNOW WHICH ONE HAS THE SILVER CUP?

KIDS: BENJAMIN.

JOSEPH: (slowly wanders back in to watch)

STEWARD: (pulls out silver cup from Benjamin's sack)

BROTHERS: (Become distraught and grab at their clothes and moan in sorrow)

STEWARD: (ties up Ben's hands)

JOSEPH: (watching Ben get his hands tied, he steps up to stage right to stand beside Pharaoh's throne chair)

JUDAH: (jumps up on stage and throws himself at Joseph's feet, brothers watch in fear)

JOSEPH: WHAT IS IT YOU HAVE DONE? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE WAYS OF FINDING THINGS OUT?

JUDAH: WHAT CAN WE SAY? HOW CAN WE PROVE OUR INNOCENCE? GOD KNOWS OUR SIN. WE, INCLUDING BENJAMIN, WHO HAD THE CUP, ARE ALL YOUR SLAVES.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

JOSEPH: I WOULD NOT DO SUCH A THING. THE ONLY ONE TO BECOME MY SLAVE IS BENJAMIN. YOU ARE FREE TO GO BACK TO YOUR FATHER IN PEACE.

JUDAH: YOUR MAJESTY, YOU ARE AS GREAT AS PHARAOH! BUT PLEASE, LET ME SAY THIS. BENJAMIN'S BROTHER DIED AND HE IS THE ONLY SON OF HIS MOTHER LEFT. HIS FATHER LOVES AND ADORES HIM. HIS FATHER WILL DIE IF WE DO NOT BRING BENJAMIN BACK. I WILL BEAR THE BLAME ALL MY LIFE. (in heavy sorrow) PLEASE LET ME BE YOUR SLAVE INSTEAD OF BENJAMIN.

JOSEPH: (anxiously cries out to guards) HAVE EVERYONE EXCEPT THE BROTHERS, LEAVE MY PRESENCE.

JUDAH: (gets down to be with brothers)

GUARDS AND STEWARD: (EXIT stage left)

[13] CUE BG: TOUCHING, SOFT, OPEN - SI CDM01 14 clip 2.wav

JOSEPH: (pacing or not...from upper stage talks to brothers below) BROTHERS, CAN YOU NOT RECOGNIZE MY FACE? IS IT SO HARD TO SEE? (pause) I AM YOUR BROTHER, JOSEPH, WHO YOU THOUGHT WAS DEAD.

BROTHERS: (in unison and very excited) JOSEPH, IS IT REALLY YOU? (to each other) BROTHERS, IT IS REALLY TRUE!

JOSEPH: (comes down to floor stage center to speak eye to eye, but the brothers shrink back and cower and act terrified) COME CLOSE TO ME. IT IS ALRIGHT. (brothers bow down to him) DO NOT BE ANGRY WITH YOURSELVES FOR SELLING ME. I AND YOUR GOD HAVE FORGIVEN YOU. GOD SENT ME HERE—NOT YOU, TO SAVE LIVES. GOD SENT ME AHEAD OF YOU TO PRESERVE AND DELIVER YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE. (Joseph hugs each brother and mime's a kiss...or not!) NOW HURRY BACK TO YOUR FATHER, JACOB, AND SAY "GOD HAS MADE JOSEPH LORD OVER ALL OF EGYPT. COME DOWN TO HIM, DON'T DELAY. YOU SHALL LIVE AND BE NEAR HIM. HE WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU THERE." NOW BRING MY FATHER DOWN HERE QUICKLY. (Joseph exits stage left)

BROTHERS: (run up stairs to tent.)

JACOB: (comes out of tent, hugs sons, and they mime to him what has happened while Doc talks)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

DOC: THIS IS AWESOME. THE BROTHERS ALL MADE IT HOME AND ARE TELLING JACOB WHAT JOSEPH SAID.

MOM: I SURE HOPE THEIR DAD BELIEVES THEM.

[14] CUE BG: DRAMATIC VICTORY - SI CDM02 79 end.wav

JACOB: I AM CONVINCED! MY SON JOSEPH IS ALIVE! MY SONS, I FORGIVE YOU. I HAVE BEEN REVIVED. I WILL GO SEE HIM BEFORE I DIE. (Jacob and brothers go down stairs to floor stage center to meet Joseph on floor stage center)

DOC: WOW! JOSEPH COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE HIS DAD SO HE JUMPED INTO HIS CHARIOT AND HE DROVE TO MEET THEM.

JOSEPH: (runs up floor stage center aisle, and runs to meet father.) FATHER!

DOC: WHEN HE SAW JACOB, HE HUGGED HIS DAD’S NECK AND CRIED A BUCKET OF JOYFUL TEARS.

JOSEPH & JACOB: (the two hug and then brothers all hug in circle (group hug).then all walk to stage left AND up stairs to OFF stage left--- QUIETLY!)

MICHAEL: THIS WAS TOO COOL. GOD IS SO AWESOME.

DOC: AFTER ALL JOSEPH WENT THROUGH, EVERYTHING TURNED OUT SO WELL IN THE END. MANY PEOPLE WERE BLESSED BECAUSE OF JOSEPH’S FAITHFULNESS-- EVEN THE BROTHERS OBEYED GOD IN THE END.

CINDY: I LIKE HOW JOSEPH AND JACOB FORGAVE THEM. THIS STORY GIVES ME HOPE.

[15] CUE SFX: DRAMATIC “OH NO”! - SI CDM02 70 clip.wav

MOM: (flabbergasted, upset) OH, MY! TIME HAS FLOWN BY SO FAST. WE MIGHT HAVE MISSED OUR CHANCE TO RETURN HOME. LET’S RUN!

[03] SOUND FX CUE: TIME MACHINE : LIGHTS AND SOUND

PUPPETS: (run in direction of time machine and go down)

DOC: HURRY, LET’S PRAY FOR THE BEST.... (jumps in time machine) JESUS HELP USSSSSSS!

WORSHIP LEADER: REPEAT AFTER ME:

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS,
HE’S FAITHFUL AND JUST
TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AND TO CLEANSE US
FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
1 JOHN 1:9

CLOSING PRAYER:

**Father in Heaven,
Thank you for the life of Joseph.
Thank you for showing us
a picture of forgiveness.
Help me to forgive others.**

**In Jesus name I pray!
And everyone said: so be it!**

CUE SONGS: [16] YOUR PROMISES [17] GET DOWN