

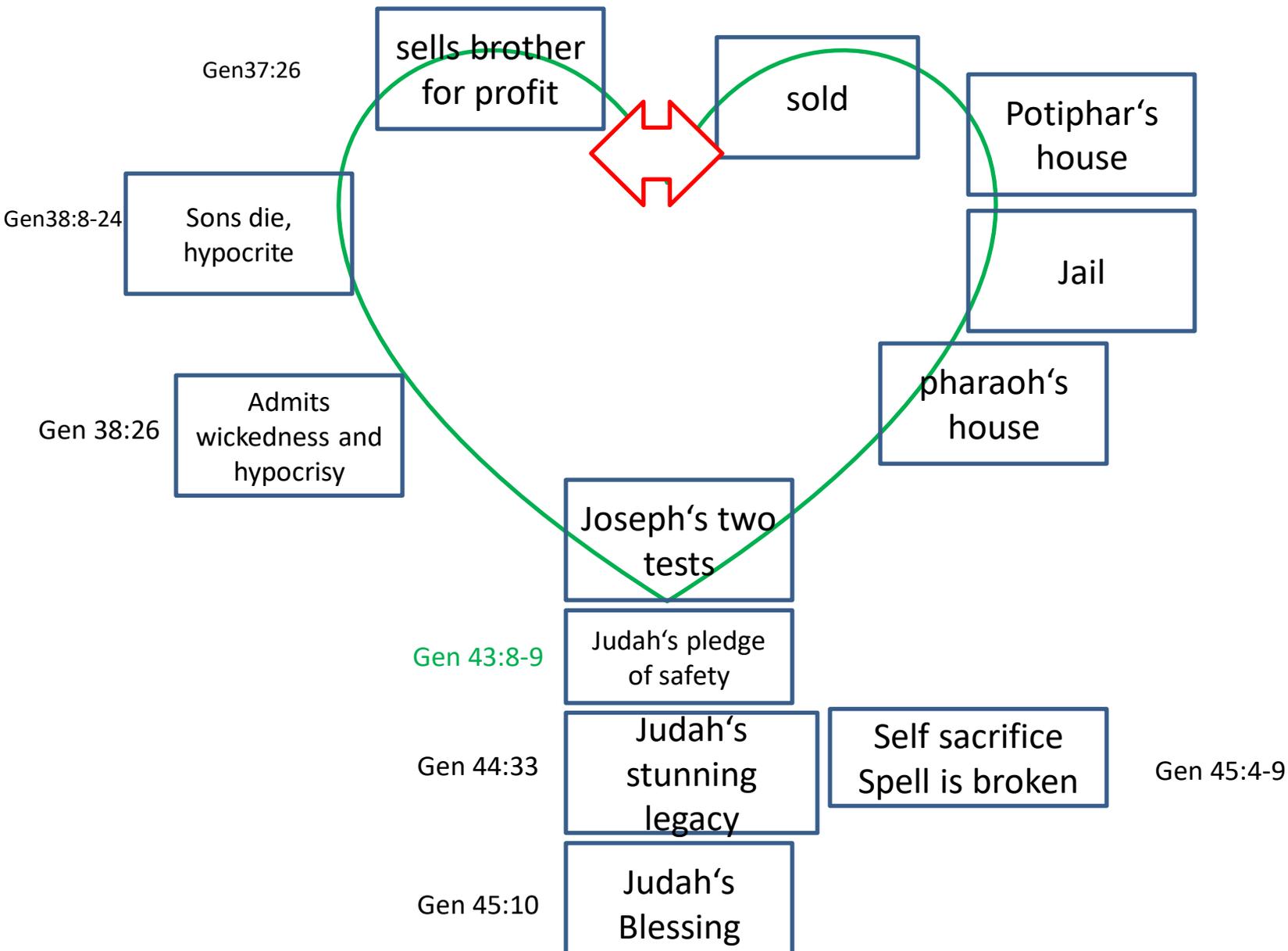
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- Rev 5:5
- John is told not to weep because Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered sin
- How can Jesus be the Lion and the Lamb of God?

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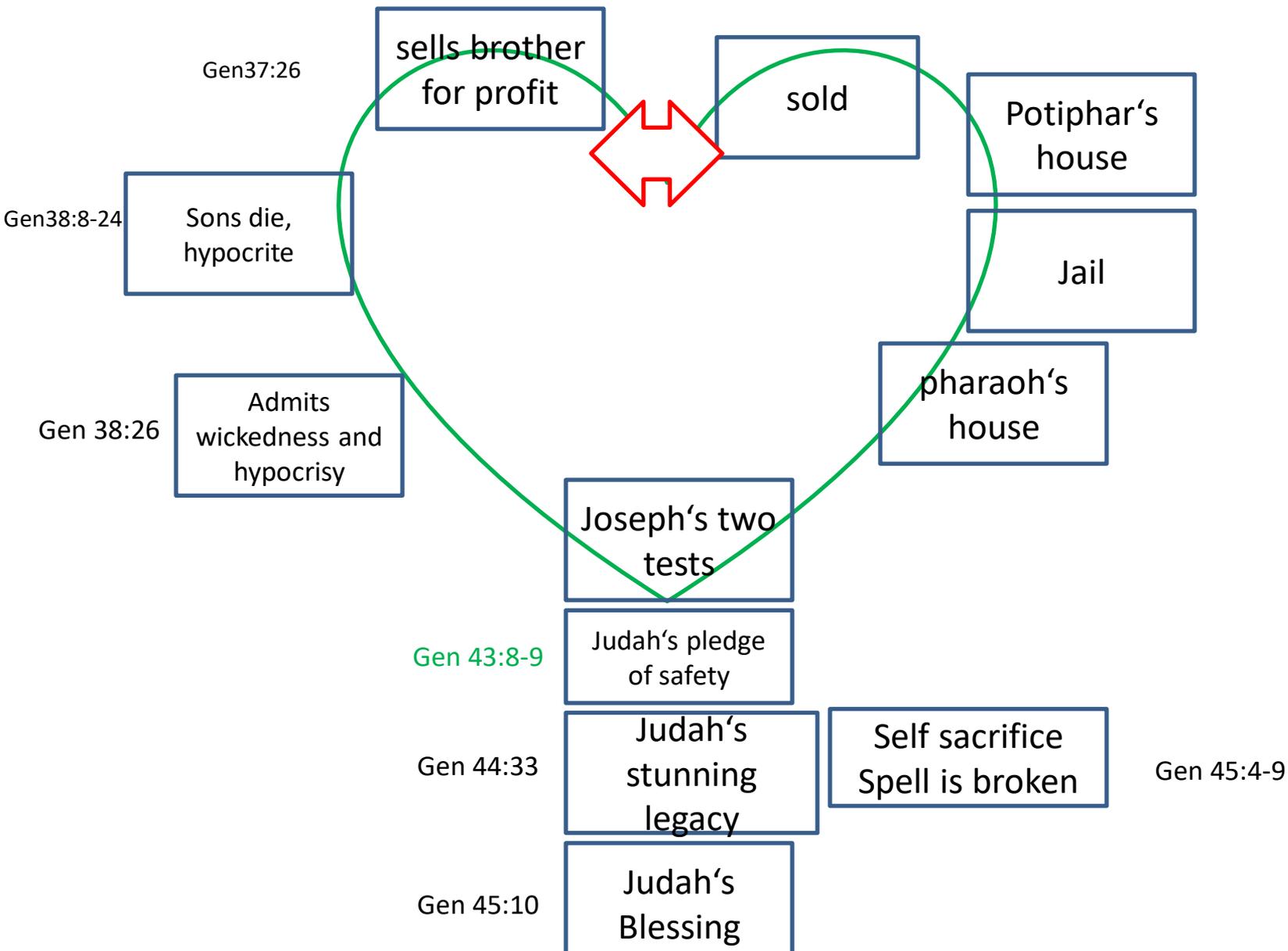
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²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

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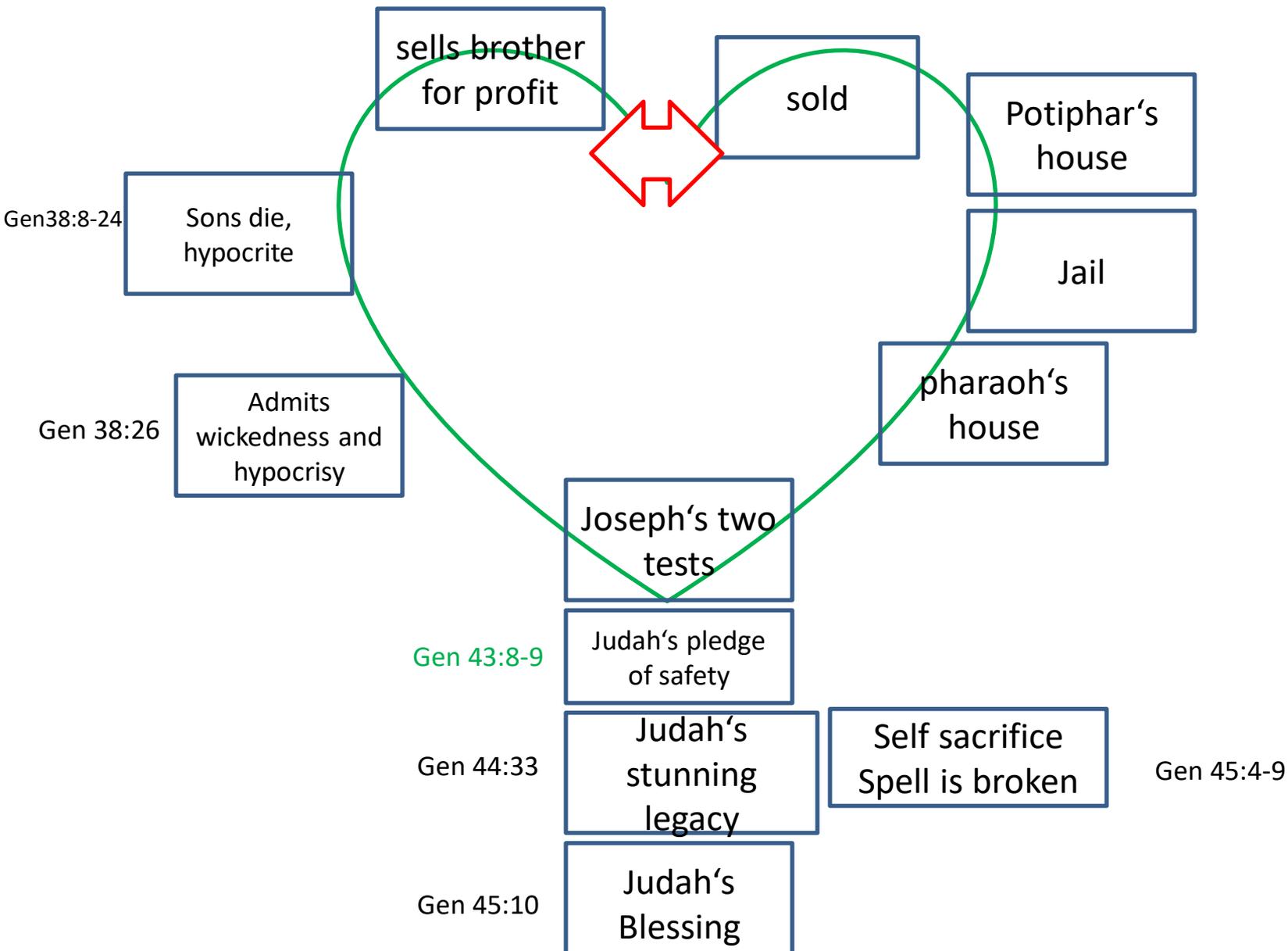


Judah's pledge of safety

Genesis 43:8–9

- “Judah said to Israel his father, ‘Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. 9 I will be a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.’”

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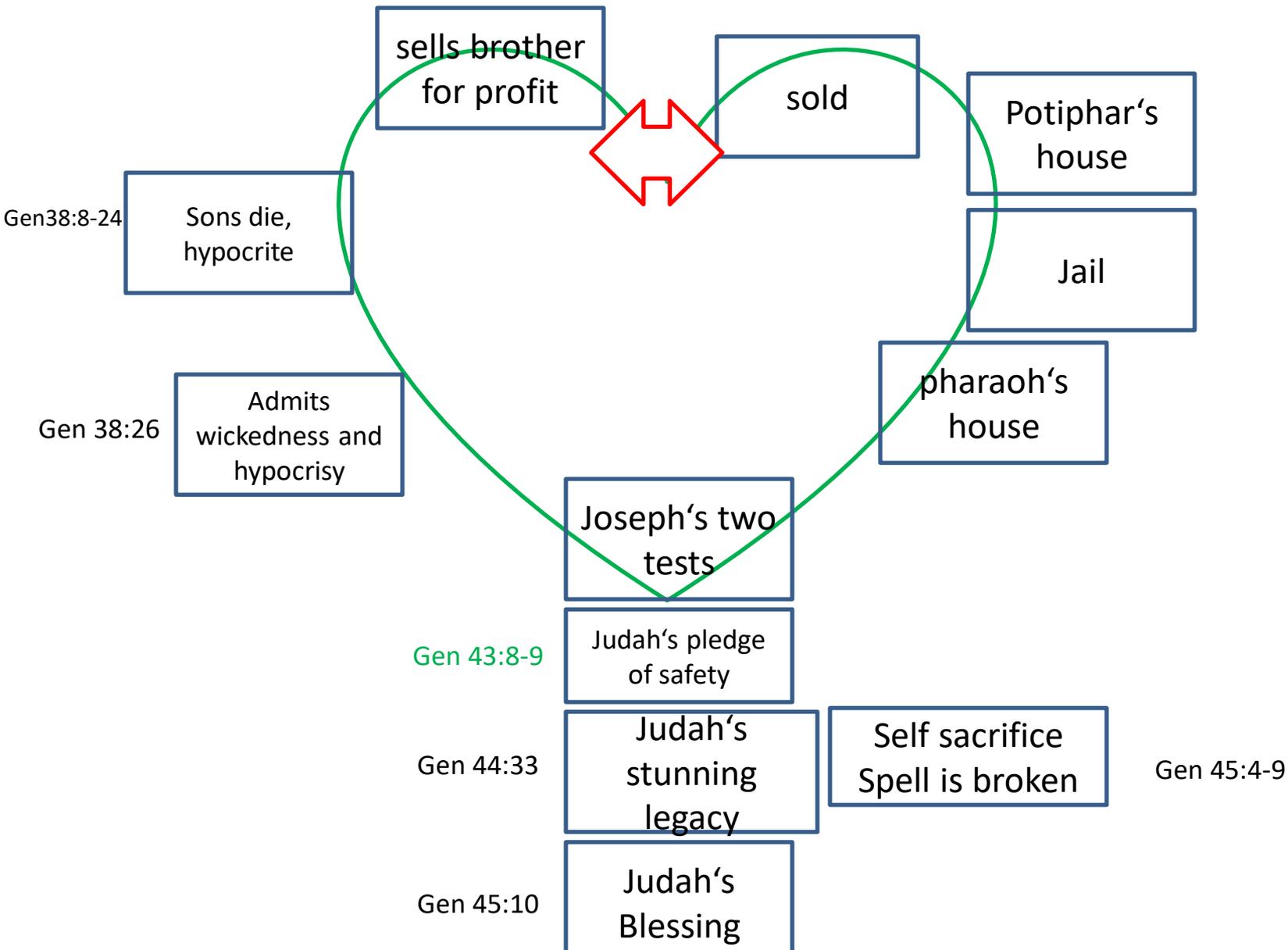


Judah's stunning legacy

Gen 44:33

³³ “Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers. ³⁴ How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come on my father.”

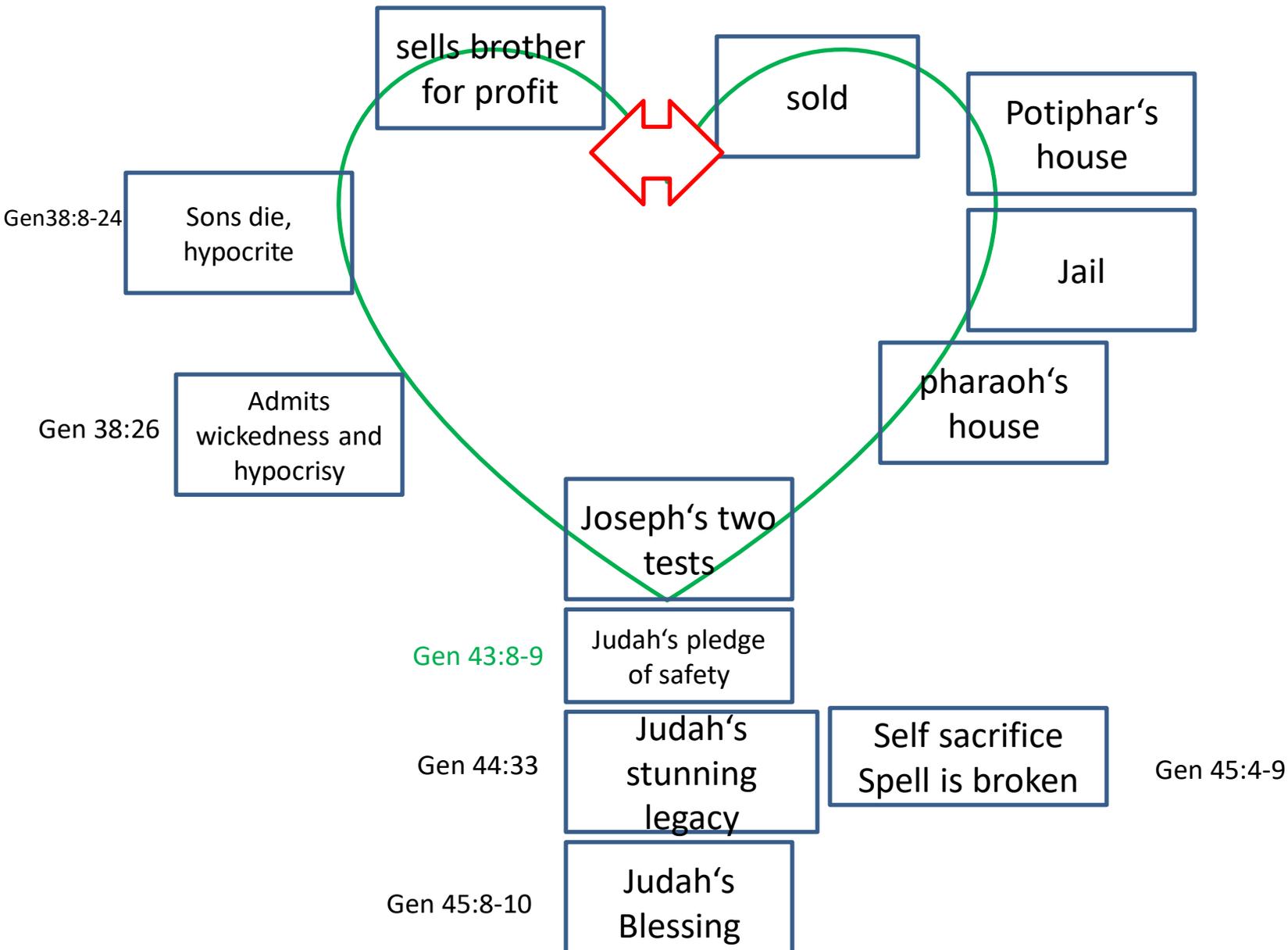
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Judah's speech, and readiness to sacrifice — to put himself into slavery instead of abandon his brother — breaks the spell, so to speak:

- “Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, ‘Make everyone go out from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.” (45:1)

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Jacob comes to the end of his life

He blesses his twelve sons in Genesis 49, he says that the kingship in Israel will belong to Judah:

8“Judah,[b] your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons will bow down to you.

9 You are a lion’s cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.

Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,[c]
until he to whom it belongs[d] shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Jesus Pledges our Safety

- Your Pledge of Safety
- But the legacy of Judah is more than simply a call for us to be pledges of safety for others. The reason we can have hope, despite our glaring flaws, and the reason we can step forward to sacrifice self for the good of others, is because we ourselves have a Pledge of Safety for us. There is only one king, and only one man, who is the perfect embodiment of Judah's legacy: "Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered" (Revelation 5:5).
- Brothers and sisters, as we come to the Table, picture Jesus himself turning to his Father and saying about you, "**I will be a pledge of his safety.**" Father, I will not come back without him. I will bear the blame for him. And Jesus came and offered himself in your place, as your substitute. What enables us to be the kind of people who become pledges of safety for others is that first and foremost we have Jesus as our Pledge of Safety.

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