

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

### Part 5 – Joseph’s Brothers Coming to Egypt Through Joseph’s Death (Genesis 42-50)

1. Who saw that there was corn [grain] in Egypt?
  - **Jacob (Genesis 42:1).**
2. How many brothers of Joseph went to buy corn [grain] in Egypt?
  - **Ten (Genesis 42:3).**
3. Which of Joseph’s brothers did not come to Egypt and why was he left behind?
  - **Benjamin was left behind so that some mischief [calamity] would not come upon him (Genesis 42:4).**
4. Did Joseph’s brethren recognize him as they came to purchase corn [grain]?
  - **No they did not recognize Joseph (Genesis 42:8). Joseph acted as a stranger towards them and spoke harshly to them (Genesis 42:6-7).**
5. “And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies.” **(Genesis 42:14)**
6. Who did Joseph require his brothers to bring unto Egypt?
  - **Joseph required that his brothers bring the youngest (Benjamin – 42:4) while he bound Simeon (42:24) and kept him as “insurance” so to speak.**
7. Why did Joseph weep (the first time in the chapters we are studying)?
  - *“And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes” (Genesis 42:21-24).*
8. Did Jacob allow Benjamin to be brought unto Egypt?
  - **Yes: “And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time. And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be**

*bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph” (Genesis 43:8-15).*

9. Why did Joseph weep the second time?

- *“And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread” (Genesis 43:29-31).*

10. Why did Joseph have his silver cup put into Benjamin’s sack?

- *“And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing... And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father” (Genesis 44:4-5; 15-17).*

11. Why did Joseph weep for the third time?

- *“Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence” (Genesis 45:1-3).*

12. Why did Joseph tell his brothers not to be grieved nor angry with themselves for selling him into Egypt?

- *“And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 45:4-8).*

13. Was Pharaoh happy with Joseph inviting his family to come unto him?

- **Yes, (Genesis 45:16-20).**

14. What was Jacob's reaction to the news that Joseph was still alive and that he was governor over all the land of Egypt?

- *“And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die” (Genesis 45:26-28).*

15. Was God pleased with Jacob going down to Egypt?

- **Yes (Genesis 46:1-4).**

16. What were the names of Joseph's sons (this is not just a review, it is in the current text too)?

- **Manasseh and Ephraim (Genesis 46:20; cf. 41:51-52).**

17. How did Jacob and Joseph receive one another when they were reunited?

- *“And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive” (Genesis 46:29-30).*

18. What were shepherds unto the Egyptians?

- **An abomination (Genesis 46:34).**

19. “Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded” (Genesis 47:11).

20. When the money was spent and there were no more cattle, what did the people sell to Egypt for seed (with the exception of the priests)?

- **Their land and themselves (Genesis 47:18-20; 22).**

21. Did Jacob want to be buried in Egypt?

- **No, he wanted buried in Canaan and it would be so (Genesis 47:29-31; 49:29-30; 50:12-13).**

22. Did Ephraim and Manasseh receive the blessing of Jacob?

- **Yes (Genesis 48:5; 9; 14-16).**

23. Why was Ephraim set before Manasseh?

- *“And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God*

*make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh”*  
**(Genesis 48:17-20).**

24. What is meant when Jacob told Joseph, “I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow”?

- **Joseph would not just get one tribe and land, but two in the names of his two sons (cf. Deuteronomy 34:2).**

25. Of which tribe was it said, “thy father's children shall bow down before thee”?

- **Judah (Genesis 49:8).**

26. “And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel” **(Genesis 50:2).**

27. Who went to bury Jacob?

- *“And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company”* **(Genesis 50:7-9).**

28. What did Joseph’s brothers think would happen to them now that their father was dead?

- **They said, “Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him” (Genesis 50:15).**

29. Was Joseph hateful towards his brethren after the death of Jacob?

- **No, just the opposite (Genesis 50:16-22).**

30. Would the children of Israel live in Egypt forever?

- **No, God would deliver them unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob (Genesis 50:24).**

31. What did Joseph want done with his bones when he died and how old was he when he died?

- *“And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt”* **(Genesis 50:25-26).**