

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS' TRIP TO EGYPT

Genesis 41:46 - 42:25

We have seen how wonderfully God overruled the wrongs done to Joseph, actually using each one to accomplish His purposes for Joseph. Each step in the seeming downward trend of Joseph's life was necessary to get him to the place which God had prepared for him. Now read to see what happened after he had arrived at this place:

A. The Extent of the Famine: Read Genesis 41:46-57

1. How old was Joseph when he was made second ruler of Egypt? Genesis 41:46a _____

2. How long had it been since he was sold into Egypt as a slave? Genesis 37:2

3. What did Joseph do during the seven years of plenty? Genesis 41:48

4. What happened in Joseph's family during the years before the famine came? Genesis 41:50-52

5. What was the extent of the famine which then came? Genesis 41:54b, 56a

6. What was the one hope of all the countries which were affected by this famine? Genesis 41:54c, 57

B. Jacob's Advice to His Sons: Read Genesis 42:1-5

1. What country was among those affected by the famine? Genesis 42:5b

2. When Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, what did he suggest that his sons do? Genesis 42:1, 2

3. How many of the brothers heeded this advice? Genesis 42:3

4. Which of them did not go, and why? Genesis 42:4

C. The Brothers' Arrival in Egypt: Read Genesis 42:6-17

1. What did the brothers do as soon as they arrived in Egypt? Genesis 42:6c

2. Of what was this the fulfillment? Genesis 37:5-8

3. What two facts describe what took place at this meeting? Genesis 42:8

4. Although Joseph knew his brothers, what two things did he do? Genesis 42:7

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5. When Joseph remembered the dreams he had dreamed concerning them, what did he accuse them of being? Genesis 42:9

6. In denying this accusation in Genesis 42:13, what facts of great interest to Joseph did they reveal

a. concerning their father? _____

b. concerning their brother? _____

7. What did Joseph say must be done to prove that his charge against them was not true? Genesis 42:15

8. While one of them went to carry out this order, what was to be done with all the others? Genesis 42:16

9. How long did he keep them all in ward (prison)? Genesis 42:17

10. How did this compare with the amount of time he had spent in confinement because of their actions against him? (*THINK!*)

D. The Brothers' Departure from Egypt: Read Genesis 42:18-25:

1. At the end of this time, how many did Joseph say must remain in prison? Genesis 42:19a

2. What did he say he would let the others all do? Genesis 42:19b

3. But what did he say they must still do? Genesis 42:20

4. After this treatment by Joseph, what did his brothers realize? Genesis 42:21a

5. Why did they feel that these things had happened to them? Genesis 42:21b, 22 _____

6. Of what were the brothers not aware? Genesis 42:23

7. What did Joseph do when he heard the words of his brothers? Genesis 42:24a _____

8. In spite of this, what did he do to Simeon? Genesis 42:24b

9. What two things did Joseph do for his brothers besides giving them the corn which they paid for? Genesis 42:25

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was Joseph's true heart attitude toward his brothers? Why did he speak roughly to them, and treat them so strangely and unkindly?

2. What is God's heart attitude toward me when I have sinned? Why does He speak firmly to me, and treat me severely at times? (See Romans 11:22) How long will God have to continue such treatment of me?