

Genesis 45

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45 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. (He sent the Egyptians out and then he told his brothers who he really is)

²And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

³And 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. (They were in shock. The jig is up. They can't hide what they did to him)

⁴And 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.

⁵Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. (Joseph gets it. This was all a part of God's plan to save Jacob and his family from the famine)

NOTE: (Sometimes, when bad things happen in life, it is God's way of getting us where we need to be later on. Wisdom is seeing this in our own life, like Joseph just did)

⁶For 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. (earing = old Anglo Saxon word that means plowing or planting)

⁷And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (Joseph knows that he didn't get promoted to his high position by accident. God did that for him. God is using Joseph to save the lives of the Egyptians; and all of the surrounding nations that are buying food from Egypt)

⁸So 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. (father = adviser, chief officer under

Pharaoh – this is an Egyptian word that was badly translated into Hebrew, and now to English)

(Joseph was chief adviser to Pharaoh)

⁹Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: (Always give glory to God for your blessings)

¹⁰And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: (Goshen-> Southern Egypt; the land of the Shepherd kings <Hicksos>. These are the Hebrews that were the herdsman for the Egyptians. It was beneath the Egyptians to tend herds of cattle and flocks of sheep)

(Jacob's family will be able to raise their flocks there and trade with the Egyptians)

¹¹And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. (There are 5 years left of famine. He knew that because God told him. Joseph never doubted God)

¹²And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. (You are eye witnesses that I am Joseph. Don't tell him what I said. Tell him what you have seen for yourselves – that Joseph has the authority to do what he just said to them)

¹³And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. (Bring your families here to Egypt)

¹⁴And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

¹⁵Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him. (Joseph forgave them)

¹⁶And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. (Pharaoh loved Joseph for what he did for Egypt, by the power of God. God, through Joseph, literally saved Egypt from starvation)

¹⁷ And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

¹⁸ And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. (Pharaoh is offering them a home in Egypt)

¹⁹ Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. (Pharaoh is sending a caravan to help the families make the trip through the desert)

²⁰ Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's. (Pharaoh will replace whatever they leave behind)

²¹ And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

²² To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. (Joseph might have been still testing the others. Were they still jealous?)

²³ And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

²⁴ So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way. (Have a safe journey and don't argue amongst yourselves)

²⁵ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

²⁶ 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. (He went into shock)

²⁷ 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: (It had to be true, seeing the caravan that they arrived with)

²⁸ And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.