

GENESIS 45; February 14; Joseph Reveals Himself

ANALYSIS:

1. When Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers, what was their reaction?

2. Joseph refers four times to God as being responsible for what two great events in his life?

3. To what physical feature did Joseph appeal to confirm his identity to his brothers? _____

4. What was Jacob's first response upon being told Joseph was alive and a ruler of Egypt, and what changed his mind? _____

5. Summarize Pharaoh's command to Joseph's brothers.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Joseph had already been told that his father was in good health (Gen 43:27-28). Why then, after telling his brothers, "I am Joseph," was his first question, "doth my father yet live?" This is the anxious question of an orphaned son. Here is that son's love bursting forth after some 22 years of separation. That father had bestowed special love on that son during the first seventeen years of his life. Love gave his brothers gifts and choose the elaborate gifts and provisions the son sends to his father, to make the trip from Canaan to Egypt comfortable and easy (v 23).

What is your relationship to your father, your mother, all your other kin ... is it all the LORD commands and expects? Do not forget the command with the gracious promise (Ex 20:12; Deut 5:16; Eph 6:2-3).

HELP:

1. They were troubled (v 3).

2. Joseph being sent to Egypt, and him being made lord over all Egypt (vs 5, 7, 8, 9).

3. His mouth (v 12).

4. Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. Hearing all the words of Joseph repeated by his sons and seeing the wagons Joseph sent revived His spirit (vs 26-28).

5. Take wagons from Egypt and go to Canaan and bring your father, your wives and little ones, and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt. Regard not your stuff, for the good of Egypt is yours (vs 19-20).