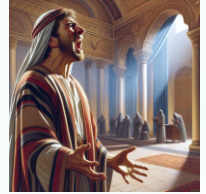


JOSEPH PROVIDES FOR HIS BROTHERS — GENESIS 45

THE EMOTIONAL REVELATION —

v.1-3

- Judah so impressed Joseph with the sincerity of his repentance and the tenderness of his affection that Joseph broke down completely.
- His great emotion showed Joseph did not cruelly manipulate his brothers.
- Joseph ordered all the Egyptians out of the room and was then alone with his brothers.
- Since all Egyptians, including the Interpreter, were commanded to leave, Joseph likely spoke to the brothers in Hebrew.



JOSEPH'S TESTIMONY —

v.4-8

- Joseph saw the loving hand of his God behind the cruelty of his brothers.
 - Reconciliation is possible when there is forgiveness.
 - Forgiveness is possible when there is recognition of God's sovereignty.
- Four times he stated that God, not his brothers, was behind what had happened (**Ge.45:5,7-9**).
- Joseph's aid to his family, by being raised to leadership in Egypt, is described as a great deliverance engineered by God.



JOSEPH TELLS HIS BROTHERS TO GO HOME AND RETURN WITH JACOB —

v.9-15

- Joseph had evidently been planning for his father's family to move down to Egypt if or when his brothers would prove that their attitude had changed.
- Over 400 years later, at the time of the Exodus, the Jews still lived in Goshen (**Ex.8:22; 9:26**).
- After a threefold expression of Joseph's goodwill toward his siblings (weeping, explaining, and embracing), the shocked and fearful brothers gained the courage to speak.

PHARAOH AND JOSEPH SEND THE BROTHERS HOME WITH GIFTS —

v.16-24

- Instructions were given to the brothers to bring Jacob's entire family to Egypt.
- Pharaoh himself instructed them to return, offering them the best of the land of Egypt, providing carts for transporting the family members back.
- Pharaoh's invitation was as generous as it was because Pharaoh held Joseph in high regard.
- The brothers needed admonition ("do not become troubled") because they would have so much sin to think about as they readied their confession to their father.



JACOB HEARS THE GOOD NEWS THAT JOSEPH IS ALIVE —

v.25-28

- Jacob was told Joseph was alive, and he did not believe it until his sons told him the words of Joseph and showed him the blessings that came to them through Joseph.
- When Jacob believed that Joseph was alive and ruling over Egypt, his spirit revived and he returned to a position of trust in God.
- Knowing that the favored son was alive - back from the dead, as it were - changed Israel's testimony from "all these things are against me" (**Ge.42:36**) to "it is enough."
- In his unbelief he is called "Jacob" (**v.27**). Once he believed he is called "Israel" (**v.28**).