

Genesis 45:1-28 **Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and calls for Israel to come to Egypt**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> But now, do not therefore be grieved nor angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. <sup>8</sup> So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. <sup>10</sup> You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine." ' <sup>12</sup> "And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. <sup>15</sup> Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

<sup>16</sup> Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come." So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. <sup>17</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan. <sup>18</sup> Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land. <sup>19</sup> Now you are commanded--do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come. <sup>20</sup> Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.' "

<sup>21</sup> Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them carts, according to the command of Pharaoh, and he gave them provisions for the journey. <sup>22</sup> He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of garments. <sup>23</sup> And he sent to his father these things: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and food for his father for the journey. <sup>24</sup> So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, "See that you do not become troubled along the way."

<sup>25</sup> Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. <sup>26</sup> And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. <sup>27</sup> But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. <sup>28</sup> Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ After Judah's self sacrificial plea for Benjamin to be allowed to return to his father, Joseph was overcome by emotion and commanded everyone of the Egyptians to go out from him.
- ✧ So Joseph was alone with his brothers and wept aloud and the Egyptians and Pharaoh's house heard it.
- ✧ Joseph told his brothers that he was Joseph and asked about the welfare of his father.
- ✧ His brothers were terrified at his presence and could not answer him.
- ✧ Joseph called them near and said, "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for Elohiym sent me before you to preserve life." This included the lives of those in Egypt and in the countries that came to Egypt to buy grain.
- ✧ This is the second year of famine and there are five years of famine yet to come.
- ✧ So Joseph realized that the whole thing that had happened to him was due to the will of God working behind the scene guiding events including the resentment of his brothers that caused them to sell him into slavery and his imprisonment there.
- ✧ God was controlling the circumstances that eventually brought him before Pharaoh and gave him favor that placed him as lord over all of Egypt including over all of Pharaoh's house to be like a father to Pharaoh himself.
- ✧ It all was for the purpose of preserving a posterity for Israel in the earth, and to save their lives with a great deliverance.
- ✧ Joseph told his brothers to go to his father and to tell him that "Elohiym has made me Adoney (lord) over all Egypt, come down to me, do not tarry, you shall dwell in the land of Goshen and you shall be near to me, you, your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have come to poverty, because there are still five years of famine"
- ✧ Joseph was speaking in the Hebrew language without an interpreter, as he said, "Behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you."
- ✧ Joseph instructed them to tell his father of all his glory and all they had seen and to hasten and bring his father to Egypt, he kissed all his brothers and then they were able to talk with him.
- ✧ When Pharaoh heard that the brothers of Joseph had come, Pharaoh and all his servants were well pleased, and Pharaoh instructed Joseph to tell his brothers to load their animals, go to the land of Canaan, and bring their father and their households to Pharaoh and he will give them the best of the land of Egypt to eat the fat of the land.
- ✧ Pharaoh was the one who commanded them to take carts out of the land of Egypt for their little ones and their wives, and to bring their father and come. Pharaoh also told them not to be concerned about their goods because the best of the land of Egypt is theirs.
- ✧ Joseph gave them carts according to the commandment of Pharaoh, as well as provisions for the journey. Joseph also gave them changes of garments and to Benjamin he gave 300 pieces of silver and 5 changes of garments. Joseph sent his father 10 donkeys loaded with good things of Egypt, and 10 female donkeys loaded with food for the journey.
- ✧ Joseph told them not to become troubled along the way. Apparently he was afraid that on the way home they might think about all they had experienced and learned in Egypt and begin to have second thoughts and doubt the outcome should they return to Egypt.
- ✧ When they arrived in Canaan and told Jacob about Joseph and his position in Egypt, Jacob's heart stood still because he did not believe them until he saw the wagons from Egypt and all Joseph had sent to him and heard the words Joseph had said to them. Then his spirit revived and Jacob said, "It is enough, Joseph my son is alive, I will go and see him before I die."

