

“Through the Bible: Genesis 44-47”

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I. Brothers Return to Jacob; Joseph Reveals Himself to Brothers (Gen. 44-45)

- A. Joseph’s brothers were sent back to Jacob. Before leaving, what did Joseph command be done? _____

- B. Joseph sent a man to follow and overtake the traveling brothers. “And he searched, and began at the _____, and left at the _____: and the cup was found in _____ sack” (Gen. 44:12).
- C. How did the brothers react to this outcome? _____

- D. The brothers meet Joseph once again. What solution to the problem does Joseph demand? _____

- E. Which of the brothers “came near” to Joseph and begged that Benjamin not be retained? Reading Gen. 44:18-34, select which of the words are most touching.

- F. “Then Joseph could not _____ himself before all them that stood by him; and he _____, Cause every man to go _____ from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself _____ unto his brethren.”
- G. How did the brothers initially react to this announcement?

- H. In Gen. 45:4-9, three times Joseph urges his brothers to understand what fact?

- I. With Pharaoh’s generous help, the brothers are sent back to Canaan to fetch Jacob and the rest of the family, to bring them back to Egypt. Joseph was careful to tell his brothers “See that ye _____ not out of the _____” (Gen. 45:24).
- J. How did Jacob react to the incredible news Joseph was yet alive (Gen. 45:26,28)?

II. Jacob’s Family Travels to Egypt (Gen. 46)

- A. As the journey to Egypt was under way, Jacob “offered _____ unto God,” and God promised to Jacob “I will _____ make of thee a great _____.”
- B. A detailed listing is presented of all who traveled to Egypt. The total number entering Egypt was _____ (Gen. 46:27).
- C. “And Joseph made _____ his chariot, and went up to _____ Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he _____ on his neck, and _____ on his neck a good _____.”

III. Pharaoh Meets Joseph's Family; Famine Grows Severe; Jacob Nears Death (Gen. 47)

- A. "Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My _____ and my _____, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of _____; and, behold, they are in the land of _____."
- B. Upon meeting five of Joseph's brothers, what very kind thing did Pharaoh do for them? _____

- C. Jacob also came to meet Pharaoh. What question did Pharaoh have for Jacob? What answer did Jacob give, and what did he do for Pharaoh? _____

- D. "And there was no _____ in all the land; for the famine was very _____, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan _____ by reason of the famine" (Gen. 47:13).
- E. While most of Egypt was severely struggling through the famine, how were things going for Israel? _____

- F. Near the end of this chapter, Jacob achieves the age of _____. He constrains Joseph to make what promise? _____
