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**Genesis 45-46**

The brothers stand before Joseph without a defense as the cup of Joseph had been found in Benjamin's bag.

Judah has interceded on behalf of both Benjamin and his father Jacob, revealing a corporate repentance of all the brothers had committed against Joseph and his father.

Joseph has seen that their hearts have changed, this was what he had been looking for and he found it.

Now they experience the biggest shock of their lives, as Joseph tells them who he is.

**45:1-15 Joseph reveals himself and the purposes of God.**

**45:1-7** Joseph identified himself seeing their changed hearts.

- 1) The manifestation of Joseph's heart was overwhelming. Vs. 1
  - a) Joseph could no longer contain himself or withhold his identity. Vs. 1a-b
  - b) Joseph made himself known to his brothers. Vs. 1d

- 2) The lamentation of Joseph. Vs. 2
  - a) Joseph broke down and wept aloud. Vs. 2a
    - \* He had cried twice before. Gen. 42:24; 43:30
  - b) Joseph was heard by the servants and the house of Pharaoh heard it." Vs. 2b
- 3) The revelation of Joseph. Vs. 3-4
  - a) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" Vs. 3a-b
  - b) But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. Vs. 3c-d
    - 1) They were frightfully shocked.
    - 2) The word dismayed "bahal" means to be disturbed and terrified, used paralyzing fear of those in war. Ex. 15:15; Judges 20:41.
  - c) And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me. So they came near him." Vs. 4a-c
    - 1) You can imagine their reluctance.
    - 2) As they slowly moved towards him.
  - d) Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt." Vs. 4d-e
    - 1) They probably looked down in shame and fear.

- 2)) Perhaps even pulling away?  
 \* Interesting parallel, as Joseph revealed himself to his brothers the second time, so Jesus will reveal himself to the Jews at His second Coming! Zech. 12:10
- 4) The explanation of Joseph. Vs. 5-7
- a) God had planned it for their survival, “But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.” Vs. 5
- b) God would bring five more years of famine. Vs. 6
- 1)) Two years of the famine had passed. Vs. 6a
- 2)) Five years remained. Vs. 6b
- 3)) In these five years there would be neither plowing nor harvesting.” Vs. 6b
- c) God had planned it for their prophetic future, sent Joseph. Vs. 7
- 1)) To preserve posterity, meaning the remnant. Is. 55:8-9, Rom. 11:33
- 2)) To bring a great deliverance would not come for 430 years, through Moses.  
 \* All things work together... Rom. 8:28

- 45:8-11** Joseph indicated he would provide for them through the famine.
- 1) Joseph reassured them of what they had just heard. Vs. 8
- a) God brought him to Egypt, not them. Vs. 8a-b
- b) God had brought him into a position of power. Vs. 8c-e
- 2) Joseph commanded them to go communicate a message to his father Jacob. Vs. 9-11
- a) About the position God had given Joseph. Vs. 9
- b) About their habitation in proximity to Joseph. Vs. 10
- c) About their provision by the direct hand of Joseph. Vs. 11
- 45:12-15** Joseph implored them to believe him.
- 1) By telling them to verify with their own eyes and ears that it was He. Vs. 12
- a) Confirming it with their eyes.
- b) Confirming that they were hearing his words. Vs. 12
- 2) By going and communicating all to his father and bring him to Egypt. Vs. 13
- a) Regarding his splendid honor. Vs. 13a
- b) Regarding all they witnessed. Vs. 13b
- c) Regarding the bringing of Jacob to Egypt. Vs. 13c
- 3) By demonstrating his love for all eleven brothers. Vs. 14-15

- a) First to Benjamin as he fell on Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. Vs. 14
- b) Second to the eleven by kissing all his brothers and weeping over them, and after that his brothers talked with him. Vs. 15

**45:16-24 The commands of Pharaoh to Jacob and his sons to come to live in Egypt.**

**45:16-20** The news reached Pharaoh.

- 1) The news of Joseph's brothers pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. Vs. 16
- 2) The command of Pharaoh to Joseph regarding his brothers. Vs. 17-18
  - a) To load their animals and depart to the land of Canaan. Vs. 17
  - b) To bring their father and households and come to Pharaoh. Vs. 18a
  - c) To give them the best of the land of Egypt, to eat the fat of the land. Vs. 18b-c
- 3) The provisions given by Pharaoh by command. Vs. 19-20
  - a) They were to take carts out of the land of Egypt for their little ones and their wives. Vs. 19a-b
  - b) They were to bring your father and come. Vs. 19c

- c) They were not to be concerned about their goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt would be theirs. Vs. 20

**45:21-24** The sons are sent back to Canaan.

- 1) The obedience to Pharaoh's command. Vs. 21
- 2) The gift Joseph 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. Vs. 22
- 3) The gifts Joseph sent to his father these and food for his father for the journey. Vs. 23
- 4) The sending of his brothers with some final words, "See that you do not become troubled along the way." Vs. 24
  - \* The implication is arguing with each other, literally do not get angry by the way

**45:25-28 The arrival of the sons of Jacob to Canaan.**

- 1) The arrival to Canaan and Jacob. Vs. 25
- 2) They told Jacob everything. Vs. 26
  - a) That Joseph was still alive, and was the governor over all the land of Egypt. Vs. 26
  - b) Jacob is a type of the flesh, the old man.

- 3) The response of Jacob at the hearing of all the words and saw all the gifts, that the spirit of Jacob their father revived. Vs. 27
- 4) The words of Israel, were, “It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.” Vs. 28
- \* Israel is a type of Spirit, the new man. Is. 40:31

#### **46:1-7      The journey of Jacob to Egypt.**

##### **46:1-4**    The vision of Jacob at Beersheba.

- 1) Israel began his journey with all his possessions. Vs. 1a
- a) In obedience to the command of Pharaoh.
- b) In response to the invitation of Joseph.
- c) The journey is in faith depending on God, he is called Israel not Jacob.
- 2) On the way he came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. Vs. 1b-c
- a) Beersheba is the dwelling of the Patriarchs where God had appeared to them, marking the southern border of the land, Dan to Beersheba.
- b) Isaac was told by God at Beersheba not to go down to Egypt. Gen. 26:2

- c) Israel is coming to fellowship with God through sacrifice and seek His mind on going to Egypt.
- 3) God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, calling out his name, “Jacob, Jacob!”, to which he responded, “Here I am.” Vs. 2
- a) This is the last time God speaks to the Patriarchs.
- b) The home base of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- 4) God gave to Israel very specific directions in view of his journey. Vs. 3-4
- a) He first identified Himself, “I am God, the God of your father.” Vs. 3a-b
- b) He told him not fear to go down to Egypt.” Vs. 3c
- c) He said He would make of him a great nation there. Vs. 3d
- \* Gen. 12:2; 17:20; 18:18; 21:18
- d) He said He would go down with him to Egypt. Vs. 4a
- e) He would also certainly bring them up again. Vs. 4b
- \* The personal pronoun “I”, God Himself.
- f) He said Joseph would put his hand on his eyes, referring to his death. Vs. 4c
- g) This is the culmination of Genesis in the promise of making them a nation.

Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 22:1-18; 26:24; 28:13, etc.

**46:5-7** The journey to Egypt.

- 1) Jacob left Beersheba; and his sons carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives. Vs. 5a-c
- 2) They did so in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. Vs. 5d
- 3) They took all their belonging with them. Vs. 6a-c
- 4) Jacob and all his descendents with him, his sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt. Vs. 6d-7

**46:8-30** The genealogy of those journeyed to Egypt.

**46:8-27** The number of people.

- 1) The names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben [was] Jacob's firstborn. Vs. 8
- 2) The sons of Reuben were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. Vs. 9
- 3) The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. Vs. 10
- 4) The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Vs. 11

- 5) The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. Vs. 12
- 6) The sons of Issachar were Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron. Vs. 13
- 7) The sons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. Vs. 14
- 8) These were the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the persons, his sons and his daughters, were **thirty-three**. Vs. 17
- 9) The sons of Gad were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. Vs. 18
- 10) The sons of Asher were Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel. Vs. 18
- 11) These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob: **sixteen persons**. Vs. 19
- 12) The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, were Joseph and Benjamin. Vs. 20
- 13) And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. Vs. 21

- 14) The sons of Benjamin were Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. Vs. 22
- 15) These were the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: **fourteen persons** in all. Vs. 23
- 16) The son of Dan was Hushim. Vs. 24
- 17) The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. Vs. 25
- 18) These were the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob: **seven persons** in all. Vs. 26
- 19) All the persons who went with Jacob to Egypt, who came from his body, besides Jacob's sons' wives, were **sixty-six persons in all**. Vs. 26
- 20) And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy. Vs. 27
- 1) The testimony of Scripture is 70 persons. Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22
  - 2) Vs. 15= 33, Vs. 18=16, Vs. 22=14, Vs. 25=7, a total of 70.
  - 3) Stephen say 75 people because he was referring to the LXX, which adds five of Joseph's grandsons.
  - 4) There is the list of 70 nations. Gen. 10
  - 5) There were the 70 elders. Num. 11:16

- 6) There is the 70 weeks of Daniel. Dan. 9:24
- 7) There were the 70 member of the Sanhedrin.

**46:28-30** The meeting at Goshen.

- 1) Judah was sent by Israel sent Judah ahead to Joseph, that he might show him the way to Goshen. Vs. 28a-b
- 2) They arrived at the land of Goshen. Vs. 28c
- 3) Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel. Vs. 29a
- 4) Joseph came to his father and fell on his neck and wept for a long time. Vs. 29b-c
- 5) Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive." Vs. 30  
\* He died 17 years later. Gen. 47:28

**46:31-34** The instruction of Joseph to his brother before he presented them to Pharaoh.

- 46:31-32** The announcement of Joseph to his family informing Pharaoh about their arrival.
- 1) Joseph tell his brothers and to his father's household that he would go tell Pharaoh of their arrival. Vs. 31

- 2) Joseph informed them that he would tell Pharaoh they were shepherds by occupation and had brought all their flock, herds . Vs. 32

**46:33-34** The advice of Joseph to his family.

- 1) Pharaoh would call them and say, “What is your occupation?” Vs. 33
- 2) They were to respond by saying, “Your servants' occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers.” Vs. 34a-c
- 3) The purpose was that they may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians. Vs. 34d-e