

# GENESIS – LESSON EIGHTEEN

## I. FAMINE IN CANAAN BRINGS JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS TOGETHER (Genesis 42-45)

- A. Joseph's First Meeting With His Brothers (42:1-38)
  - 1. Jacob sends brothers to Egypt to buy grain – Benjamin remains with Jacob (v. 1-5)
  - 2. Brothers bow before Joseph the governor of Egypt-Joseph remembers earlier dreams (v.6-9).
  - 3. Joseph puts brothers in prison for three days on the pretense that they may be spies (v. 10-17).
  - 4. Joseph releases brethren demanding that one brother remain only to be released when Benjamin comes to Egypt-Simeon remains (v. 18-24).
  - 5. Brothers return to Jacob to find that their money to buy grain was still in their sacks which caused them and Jacob to fear (v.25-38).
- B. The Second Journey to Egypt For Food (43:1-34)
  - 1. Jacob sends brethren to Egypt with gifts and Benjamin (v. 1-15)
  - 2. Joseph prepares feast with brothers upon seeing Benjamin (v.16-34)
- C. Brothers Have More Trouble with Joseph Resulting in an Appeal by Judah (44:1-34)
  - 1. Joseph has Steward plant his silver cup in Benjamin's sack as brothers leave to bring grain to Canaan (v.1-3).
  - 2. Joseph commands Steward to intercept brothers and expose the apparent theft – “Rewarding Evil For Good?” (v.6-13).
  - 3. Judah's appeal to clear himself and his brothers of any evil deed – desires to be prisoner and let Benjamin go back to Jacob (v. 14-34).
- D. Joseph Identifies Himself to Brothers and Gives Message for Jacob (45:1-28).

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How did Jacob see that there was grain in Egypt?
2. Why was Benjamin not allowed to go with brothers to Egypt to buy grain?
3. What caused Joseph to remember dreams when he met his brothers?
4. Why did Joseph put his brothers in jail?
5. What were the brothers feeling when they were told by Joseph of the conditions by which they could live?
6. What caused the brothers and Jacob to be fearful when they returned to Canaan with sacks full of grain?
7. Why did Jacob change his mind and send Benjamin with brothers to Egypt?
8. What provisions did Jacob supply the brothers with to give as a present to the governor of Egypt?
9. Why do you think Joseph planned a feast for his brethren?

10. Why were the brothers apprehensive in going to Joseph' house?
11. Describe the feeling of the brothers while at the feast in Joseph's house?
12. What two things did Joseph command his steward to do that caused his brothers to rent their clothes?
13. Why do you think Judah is worried about Jacob's mourning to death over loosing Benjamin when he and his brethren were not worried enough about Jacob's mourning when Judah lost Joseph?
14. What was the reaction of Joseph's brethren when he made himself known unto them?
15. How did Joseph look upon the events of being sold into Egypt?  
How is this a good example for defining "providence of God"?
16. Where did Joseph direct his brethren to live in Egypt?  
Is this good land?
17. What message did Joseph tell his brethren to tell their father Jacob?
18. How did Pharaoh react to the news that the brothers were of Joseph's family?
19. What two reactions did Jacob have upon hearing the news about Joseph?