

GENESIS CHAPTER 45

¹ And Joseph could not refrain himself when all were standing by him, but said, "Dismiss everyone from before me"; and no one stood near Joseph, when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he uttered his voice with weeping; and all the Egyptians heard, and it was reported to the house of Pharaoh. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father yet live?" And his brothers could not answer him, for they were troubled. ⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, "Draw near to me"; and they drew near; and he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ Now then, do not be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For this second year there is famine on the earth, and there are yet five years remaining, in which there is to be neither plowing, nor mowing. ⁷ For God sent me before you, that there might be left to you a remnant upon the earth, even to nourish a great remnant of you. ⁸ Now then, you did not send me here, but God; and He has made me as a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler of all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry, therefore, and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: God has made me lord of all the land of Egypt; come down therefore to me, and do not delay. ¹⁰ And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen of Arabia; and you shall be near me, you and your sons, and your sons' sons, your sheep and your oxen, and whatever things are yours. ¹¹ And I will provide for you there: for the famine is yet for five years; lest you be consumed, and your sons, and all your possessions. ¹² Behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.' ¹³ Therefore report to my father all my glory in Egypt, and all things that you have seen, and make haste and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept on him; and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers, and wept on them; and after these things his brothers spoke to him.

¹⁶ And the report was carried into the house of Pharaoh, saying, "Joseph's brothers have come"; and Pharaoh was glad, and his household. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, Do this; fill your wagons, and depart into the land of Canaan. ¹⁸ And take up your father, and your possessions, and come to me; and I will give you of all the goods of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land. ¹⁹ And do charge them thusly: that they should take for themselves wagons out of the land of Egypt, for your little ones, and for your wives; and take up your father, and come. ²⁰ And be not sparing in regard to your property, for all the best of Egypt shall be yours."

²¹ And the children of Israel did so; and Joseph gave to them wagons, according to the words spoken by King Pharaoh; and he gave them provision for the journey. ²² And he gave to them all two sets of clothing apiece; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of gold, and five changes of clothing. ²³ And to his father he sent *presents* at the same rate, and ten donkeys, bearing some of all the good things of Egypt, and ten mules, bearing bread for his father for the journey. ²⁴ And he sent away his brothers, and they went; and he said to them, "Be not angry by the way."

²⁵ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father. ²⁶ And they reported to him, saying, “Your son Joseph is living, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And Jacob was amazed, for he did not believe them. ²⁷ But they spoke to him all the words uttered by Joseph, whatsoever he said to them; and having seen the chariots which Joseph sent to take him up, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, “It is a great thing for me if Joseph my son is yet alive. I will go and see him before I die.”