

Lesson Eleven: Joseph Forgives

Lesson Text

Genesis 41:26 - 45:15

Daily Bible Reading



Monday

Genesis 41:46 - 42:20

Tuesday

Genesis 42:21-38

Thursday

Genesis 43

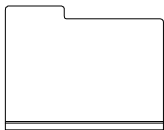
Friday

Genesis 44

Saturday

Genesis 45:1-15

Lesson Concept



OBEDIENCE

Repenting

Joseph's Brothers Sent

to Egypt for Food (41:46 - 42:38)

1. Why did Joseph's brothers come to Egypt for food?
2. About how many years had passed since Joseph had seen his brothers? (Consider his age when he was sold into Egypt and his age when he came to power along with his time in office.)
3. Show the fulfillment of prophecy involved in this chapter. (Especially compare v. six with 37:5-11)
4. Can you explain why Joseph recognized his brothers but they did not recognize him? Why did he keep his identity hidden from them for so long?
5. Since Joseph's questioning seemed intended to bring out the present feelings of his brothers, what were those feelings?
6. How do you account for Joseph's special interest in the youngest brother, Benjamin?
7. How is this chapter an illustration of Numbers 32:23?
8. What illustration of Romans 12:17a is found here?
9. Would this chapter lead you to conclude that the years in which his brothers had been deceiving his father about Joseph were happy years for them? Cite evidence.

The Second Trip to Egypt (43:1-34)

10. What fears did the brothers have as they returned to Egypt?
11. How were the brothers received? How did Joseph show special feeling for Benjamin?
12. What caused the brothers to be amazed and marvel?
13. In the light of 37:3-4, might not the favored treatment of Benjamin have been a test of the brothers? Why did Joseph wait so long to reveal his identity to them?

The Brothers Recalled to Egypt (44:1-34)

14. What did Joseph's treatment of them reveal about his brothers?
15. What might his brothers have done with reference to Benjamin when the cup was discovered? What attitudes were shown by the way they did react? How had they changed?

Joseph Reveals His Identity to His Brothers (45:1-15)

16. What kind of man did Joseph show himself to be?
17. According to Joseph, what was behind his being sold into Egypt?
18. In reviewing the steps God has taken in history to accomplish His purposes:
 - a. What was His purpose in choosing Abraham?
 - b. How did He use Joseph?
 - c. Discuss how He works even in human adversity to accomplish good.