

### Joseph Deals Kindly with His Brothers

45:1 **T**HEN Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, “Have everyone go out from me.” So there <sup>1</sup>was no man with him <sup>a</sup>when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And <sup>a</sup>he <sup>1</sup>wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard *it*, and the household of Pharaoh heard *of it*. 3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “<sup>a</sup>I am Joseph! <sup>b</sup>Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for <sup>c</sup>they were dismayed at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come <sup>1</sup>closer to me.” And they came <sup>1</sup>closer. And he said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom you <sup>a</sup>sold into Egypt. 5 “And now do not be grieved or angry <sup>1</sup>with yourselves, because <sup>a</sup>you sold me here; for <sup>b</sup>God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 “For the famine *has been* in the land <sup>a</sup>these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 “And <sup>a</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great <sup>1</sup>deliverance. 8 “Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a <sup>a</sup>father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 “Hurry and go up to my father, and <sup>a</sup>say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 “And you shall <sup>1</sup>live in the land of <sup>a</sup>Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have. 11 “There I will also <sup>a</sup>provide for you, for there are still five years of famine *to come*, lest you and your household and all that you have be impoverished.”’ 12 “And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin *see*, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you. 13 “Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and <sup>a</sup>bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin’s neck and <sup>a</sup>wept; and Benjamin wept on his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

**16** Now when <sup>a</sup>the <sup>1</sup>news was heard in Pharaoh’s house <sup>2</sup>that Joseph’s brothers had come, it <sup>3</sup>pleased Pharaoh and his servants. 17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and <sup>1</sup>go to the land of Canaan, 18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and <sup>a</sup>I will give you the <sup>1</sup>best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.’ 19 “Now you are ordered, ‘Do this: <sup>1</sup>take <sup>a</sup>wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come. 20 ‘And do not <sup>1</sup>concern yourselves with your goods, for the <sup>2</sup>best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’”

**21** Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them <sup>a</sup>wagons according to the <sup>1</sup>command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. 22 To <sup>1</sup>each of them he gave <sup>a</sup>changes of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces of silver* and <sup>b</sup>five changes of garments. 23 And to his father he sent <sup>1</sup>as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the <sup>2</sup>best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father <sup>3</sup>on the journey. 24 So he sent his brothers away, and <sup>1</sup>as they departed, he said to them, “Do not <sup>2</sup>quarrel on the journey.” 25 Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. 26 And they told him, saying, “Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” But <sup>1</sup>he was stunned, for <sup>a</sup>he did not believe them. 27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the <sup>a</sup>wagons that Joseph had sent to carry

him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. 28 Then Israel said, “It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

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<sup>1</sup> Lit., *stood*

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:13

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:14, 15; 46:29

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *gave forth his voice in weeping*

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:13

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 43:27

<sup>c</sup> Gen. 37:20-28; 42:21, 22

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *near*

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<sup>a</sup> Gen. 37:28

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *in your eyes*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 37:28

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 45:7, 8; 50:20; Ps. 105:17

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 37:2; 41:46, 53

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:5

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *escaped company*

<sup>a</sup> Judg. 17:10

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:14

<sup>1</sup> Lit.,  *dwell*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 46:28, 34; 47:1

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 47:12

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:14

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:2

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:13

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *voice*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *saying, “Joseph’s brothers have come.”*

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *was good in the eyes of*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *come, go*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 27:28

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *good*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *take for yourselves*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:21, 27; 46:5; Num. 7:3-8

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *let your eye look with regret upon your vessels*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *good*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:19

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *mouth*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *all of them he gave each man*

<sup>a</sup> 2 Kin. 5:5

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 43:34

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *like this*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *good*

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *for*

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<sup>1</sup> Lit., *they departed; and he said*

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *be agitated*

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *his heart grew numb*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 37:31-35

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 45:19

<sup>i</sup>*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.