

Genesis 43**Key Verse:** v.14**Key Word:** "mercy" v.14**X-Ref:** Genesis 35:18**Paraphrase:** *Jacob sends his sons with Benjamin to buy more food. Joseph has a meal with his brothers.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Which verse early in this chapter shows us that Jacob has not learned his lesson regarding showing favoritism with his children? *He values the life of Benjamin above the rest – v.6.*
- 2) Why is it strange that Judah is taking on the responsibility of caring for Benjamin? *It was Judah's idea to sell Joseph – 37:26-27.*
- 3) Has Jacob forgotten about Simeon? Prove your answer. *No, he has not forgotten about him for in verse 14 he sends them to retrieve "your other brother."*

Genesis 44**Key Verse:** v.16, v.31, v.33**Key Word:** "sorrow" v.31**X-Ref:** Lev. 19:26**Paraphrase:** *Joseph lays a trap for his brothers in order to keep Benjamin. Judah offers himself in place of his brother.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Who continues to take the leading role in speaking to Joseph? *Judah -v.14.*
- 2) Discuss the reference to divination mentioned in the chapter (vs.5 & 15). *Divination was a heathen practice. It would have been sinful for Joseph to do this. In the past he gave credit to God for his interpretations, so it seems unlikely that he practiced divination. It is more likely that this was part of the deception of his brothers. Much like his not eating with them at the same table.*
- 3) Discuss Judah's willingness to offer himself in place of his brother. *It is an interesting change in the life of Judah. He went from the one whose idea it was to betray and sell his brother to the one who was willing to give his life in place of his brother. Later Jesus (Judah's descendant) would offer himself for the world.*

Genesis 45**Key Verse:** v.3, v.5, v.7, v.8**Key Word:** "made himself known", "preserve life"**X-Ref:** 42:23**Paraphrase:** *Joseph could no longer deceive his brothers. Overwhelmed by emotion, he reveals himself to them. He assures them that he was not angry with them because it was God who brought him there to save everyone, especially his brothers.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) In which verse does Joseph clearly mention God's providence at work? v.8
- 2) What is Joseph's point in v.12 (42:23)? *He wanted them to look closer. Also, before he spoke through an interpreter, but now directly.*
- 3) How did Pharaoh respond to the news? *He was happy for Joseph. He commanded Joseph to send for his family and gave them many gifts. Vs.16-20*
- 4) Discuss Jacob's response to the news. *At first, he was overwhelmed and "numb", but he eventually got over it and was excited. Vs.26-28.*

Genesis 46**Key Verse:** vs.3-4**Key Word:** "brought" v.7, "meet" v.29**X-Ref:** Acts 7:14**Paraphrase:** *Jacob moves his family to Egypt to finally reunite with Joseph.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What does Jacob do as he leaves the land and what is God's response? *He offers a sacrifice to God. God assures him it is ok to go to Egypt. Jacob might have been worried about going. Vs.2-4*
- 2) The number of Jacob's family members who went into Egypt listed here and the number mentioned in Acts 7:14 do not match. What possible explanations exist? *Verse 26 tells us that Jacob's son's wives were not counted. "Judah's wife was dead, Benjamin was unmarried, Joseph and his family are not considered, so the 9 wives of the other brothers makes 75." – Bob Winton Commentaries. 66 with Jacob plus 4 for Joseph's family = 70.*

- 3) Why did Joseph prepare his brothers with instructions for when they met Pharaoh? *Egyptians saw shepherds as an abomination so Joseph didn't want any confusion.*

Genesis 47

Key Verse: v.12

Key Word: "provides" v.12

X-Ref: Exo. 1:11; Heb. 11:21; Gen. 23:17-18

Paraphrase: *Joseph presents five of his brothers and then his father to Pharaoh. They settled in Goshen. Joseph purchases all of Egypt for Pharaoh.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) The land of Goshen is also referred to as what? *The land of Rameses – v.11.*
- 2) What group of Egyptians did not have to sell their land for food? *The priests. They received an allowance from Pharaoh. – v.22.*
- 3) What percentage of the harvests would belong to Pharaoh? *20% (1/5). – v.24.*
- 4) What promise did Jacob secure from Joseph? *Bury him in his family burial cave. – vs.29-31*

Genesis 48

Key Verse: v.15, v.21

Key Word: "blessed" v.15

X-Ref: Heb. 11:21, Acts 7:5, Jn. 4:5

Paraphrase: *Jacob blesses the sons of Joseph. He gives the greater blessing to the younger. Joseph's sons take his place in the inheritance. They will each be a half tribe among the 12.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Which of Joseph's sons should have received the greater blessing? *Manasseh because he was older. – v.18*
- 2) Why did Jacob give the greater blessing to the younger? *Jacob prophesied that the younger would be greater. And that he would have a multitude of offspring. – v.19*
- 3) What inheritance would Joseph receive that his brothers would not? *A mountain slope that Jacob took from the Amorites – v.22*

Genesis 49

Key Verse: v.1, vs.8-12

Key Word: "What shall happen" v.1 (prophecy)

X-Ref: Gen. 35:22; 1Chr. 4:27; Rev. 5:5

Paraphrase: *Jacob tells his sons the future of their descendants. Prophecy of Christ is mentioned. God's hand in delivering Joseph is mentioned.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Reuben's future could have been better. What crime did he commit that changed his future and where is it recorded in Scripture? *He had sex with his father's concubine. – Gen. 35:22*
- 2) What did God say He would do with Simeon and Levi because of their anger and wrath? *"...divide them in Judah and scatter them in Israel." – v.7 (1Chr. 4:27)*
- 3) Verse 10 says the scepter (regal power) would not depart from Judah until someone comes. This someone would command the obedience of the people. Revelation 5:5 reveals that this person is whom? *Jesus.*