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Study No. 3 The Life of Joseph - His Caring Conduct



Genesis chapters
42 and 43

Suggested Further Reading
Psalm 51 Philippians 2: 9-11



Romans 14: 11 & 12

Joseph quickly took up the task which the king had given him. The land produced abundant grain during the first seven years. Joseph collected it and stored it in the cities. There was so much food that eventually they stopped keeping a record of it.

At the end of seven years, as God had shown in Pharaoh's dreams, famine swept across the land and into other countries too. When the Egyptians came to the king begging for food, he had one answer for them: "Go to Joseph!" Joseph sold them the grain which he had stored away for this very time.

It was now more than twenty years since Joseph's brothers had sold him to the Ishmaelites. Now his brothers came to Egypt in search of food.

What did they say to one another which showed they still had a guilty conscience about how they had treated Joseph?

(See Genesis 42: 21)

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Look back to Genesis 37: 7 & 8. Joseph's first dream was fulfilled in Genesis 42: 6. Describe IN YOUR OWN WORDS what happened.

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Fill in the name of the king of Egypt in the squares provided (across).
Now fill in the names of all the brothers actually mentioned by name in these two chapters, in the appropriate spaces (down).

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Joseph immediately recognized his brothers but it is understandable that they did not recognize him. He looked just like an Egyptian and spoke their language. His treatment of them at first might seem harsh, but this was not so. It was necessary for Joseph to find out whether or not their characters had changed; whether they had repented of all that they had done. He longed to give them love and security, but that was impossible if the old feelings of jealousy and bitterness remained.

How did the brothers feel, and what did they say, when they found that the money which they had used to pay for the corn, had been returned?

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The provisions brought from Egypt did not last forever. Soon the family was once again in great need of food for themselves and their livestock.

On their second visit to Egypt, what did the brothers take with them?

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Whom did the brothers take with them?

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Joseph decided to entertain them all in his own house. Again the brothers were full of fear. **What did they think would happen to them? (See Genesis 43: 18.)**

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They explained to Joseph's steward about the money they had found in their sacks and how they had returned it. In addition they had brought enough to buy more grain. His reply must have surprised them. **What did he say?**

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Joseph's dream was fulfilled yet again, when he came to his house.

What did the brothers do after they had spoken to Joseph about their father?

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God has told us something even greater about the Lord Jesus. Every one will bow down in front of Him and admit that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Look at the Key Verses. What else will everyone have to do on that day?

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For teacher's remarks

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