

Genesis 42-43 – Life Of Joseph IV.

Jacob noticed a strange expression among the brothers when **Egypt** was mentioned, because the brothers knew it was likely Joseph was sold as a slave there. Joseph's brothers had lived with terrible secrecy and guilt these 20 years. Normally, the brothers would never go to Egypt, but *need* drove them to Egypt.

The brothers bowing before him reminded Joseph of the dream he had some 20 years earlier. “When Joseph's brothers plotted murder against him and sold him into slavery they did it specifically attempting to defeat his dreams. Instead, by sending Joseph to Egypt, they provided the way the dreams would be fulfilled.”

The same brothers lied to their father some twenty years before, saying that Joseph was killed by a wild animal when they sold him to slave-traders. The brothers repeat the lie, and will be proven dramatically wrong.

The brothers expected to be taken as slaves and have everything stolen. Yet Joseph treated them with kindness. Joseph was especially affected at meeting his only full brother, Benjamin, whom he last saw as only a small child. Joseph wanted to see how the brothers reacted when the younger brother (in this case, Benjamin) was favored, because they resented it so much when Joseph was favored by his father.

Joseph wanted to see if there was a change in the hearts of his brothers. This may be his whole motivation in asking for Benjamin. He wondered if they would take care of Benjamin on such a journey, as they failed to do with Joseph.

Joseph is a foreshadow of Jesus Christ;

Loved by his father.

Sent to his brethren.

Hated by his brothers.

Prophesied his coming glory.

Rejected by his brothers.

Endured unjust punishment from his brothers.

Sentenced to the pit.

Delivered to the pit, though a leader knew he should go free.

Sold for pieces of silver.

Handed over to the Gentiles because of envy.

Regarded as dead, but raised out of the pit.

Went to Egypt.

A servant.

Falsely accused yet made no defense.

Cast into prison, and numbered with sinners and criminals.

Endured unjust punishment from Gentiles.
Associated with two other criminals; one is pardoned and one is not.
Showed compassion.
Recognized as having the Spirit of God.
Betrayed by friends.
Given a Gentile bride.
Exalted.
Was 30 years old when he began his life's work.
Blessed the world with bread.
Became the only source of bread for the world.
The world was instructed to go to him and do whatever he said to do.

2 Peter 1:1-9 - *Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to **life and godliness**, through the **knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly **great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, **giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.** For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*

2 Peter 3:17-18 - *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; **but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*