

January 27/Day 27

Genesis 43

Verses 1-10

- What are we told once more about the intensity of the famine?
- What does the context tell us about which land and which people to which this verse refers?
- What did Judah remind Jacob/Israel in regard to going back to Egypt for more food?
- Did you notice the phrase Judah uses twice?
- Who will bear responsibility now for Benjamin's well-being? Remember, Reuben had said he would before.
- Do you remember what we were told about Judah before? His sons? His daughter-in-law?

Verses 11-15

- What kinds of things did Jacob/Israel send to Egypt as a gift? What do these gifts tell you about the land of Canaan?
- How much money were they to take this time?
- Do you remember this name of God from before? It's El Shaddai.
- Have you ever had to stand before a judge or government official? Did you pray this Scripture, that "God Almighty grant you compassion in the sight of the man."

Verses 16-25

- What did Joseph ask the house steward to prepare? Why?
- Why did the brothers think they were called into Joseph's house?
- What did they tell Joseph about the money? And how did Joseph respond? Who did he credit?
- Who did Joseph return to them?
- What did they do to make themselves presentable?

Verses 26-34

- Have you noticed how many times the brothers have bowed to Joseph by now? Do you remember his dreams when he was a teen?
- What did Joseph say when he saw Benjamin? Remember, Joseph was 17 when he was sold in Egypt, and Benjamin was younger than he.
- How did seeing Benjamin affect him?
- What do we find out about the Egyptians feelings for the Hebrews in this passage? Ironic, isn't it? They bow to Joseph and he's a Hebrew.
- What did Joseph serve his brothers from his own table? How much did he bring Benjamin?

Genesis 44

Verses 1-5

- What did Joseph command the house steward to place in Benjamin's sack?

Verses 6-13

- Observe verse 9. Have you seen this before? Jacob said these same words when Rachel had stolen Laban's household idols.
- Where was the cup found?

Verses 14-17

- Who did Joseph say he would keep as a slave? What had Jacob/Israel feared in sending Benjamin to Egypt?

Verses 18-34

- Who pipes up in effort to speak to Joseph? Do you remember who told Jacob he would be responsible for Benjamin's well-being?
- Look at verse 30, what does Judah say in regard to Jacob's relationship with Benjamin?
- Remember how Isaac and Rebekah played favorites with their children? Jacob had his favorites as well, his sons with Rachel.

Genesis 45

Verses 1-3

- What do we see Joseph doing now for a third time?
- What did he finally make known to his brothers?
- How did the brothers feel about his revelation?

Verses 4-15

- What does verse 5 say? Joseph understands the sovereignty of God. Although bad things happened to Joseph, God oversaw every detail and used Joseph to save their lives.
- Now we are told how many years into the famine they came to him. Joseph was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh, then there were seven years of abundance, and so far, there were two years of famine. Joseph is 39. See how the Scriptures build on each other?
- Joseph reiterates in verse 7. Is he being arrogant in saying God sent him before to preserve their lives?
- In verse 8, in case they still didn't understand, who send him to Egypt? Not the brothers?
- Who does he tell them to go get?
- Where will they live?

- And he weeps again.

Verses 16-20

- How did Pharaoh feel when he heard about this?
- Which part of the land did Pharaoh offer to give them? What words are used?

Verses 21-23

- What kinds of things did Pharaoh and Joseph send with the brothers?

Verses 24-28

- Why do you think he told them not to quarrel on the journey? Just think about it.
- Did Jacob/Israel believe it when he heard Joseph was still alive?
- Once he was convinced, how did he feel? Do you realize we have seen Jacob in a depression ever since he lost Joseph, for 39 years now?
- What did he decide he would do?

See you tomorrow.