

## **Joseph's Prophetic Dream is Finally Fulfilled**

Genesis 42-43

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**God uses time and circumstances to effect change in people.**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

- I. God used the famine He foretold to reunite Israel's sons. (v. 42:1-5)**
  - II. And He used the famine fulfill the dream given to Joseph. (v. 42:6)**
  - III. Joseph chose to not reveal himself to his brothers immediately. (v. 42:7-12)**
  - IV. Joseph longed to see his full brother. (v. 42:13-17)**
  - V. Adversity brought out the pangs of guilty consciences. (v. 42:21-24)**
  - VI. Joseph's covert kindness became cause for consternation. (v. 42:25-28)**
  - VII. The brothers report back to their father with the truth. (v. 29-34)**
  - VIII. Jacob was emotionally overwhelmed at losing yet another son and the possibility of also losing his youngest. (v. 42:35-36)**
  - IX. Reuben offers a strange vow. (v. 42:37-38)**
  - X. Jacob chided his sons for having told the truth. (v. 43:1-7)**
  - XI. Judah offered personal assurance of protection for the youngest. (v. 43:8-10)**
  - XII. Jacob suggested a bit of bribery but finally resigned himself to whatever would happen. (v. 43:11-14)**
- A gift opens the way  
and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. (Proverbs 18:16)
- XIII. Joseph's kindness again caused consternation and more pangs of guilt. (v. 43:15-18)**
  - XIV. Joseph's steward reassured his brothers. (v. 43:19-23)**

**XV. Again, Joseph's brothers willingly bowed down to him. (v. 43:24-28)**

**XVI. The initial (unrecognized) reunion with his younger brother was emotional for Joseph and cause for celebration and blessing. (v. 43:29-34)**

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. (John 1:11)