

## **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)