

JACOB RELOCATES HIS FAMILY TO EGYPT – Part 2

Genesis 46:29-34

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5. JACOB REUNITES WITH JOSEPH - vv. 29-30

a) Joseph Rides To See Jacob v. 29a

He headed to Goshen where he would see his father for the first time in over 30 years! Wonder what was going through his mind as he rode? **Genesis 37:14** Those were the last words Jacob spoke to him.

b) Joseph Reunites With Jacob– v. 29b

His face and lips disappeared in the crook of Jacob's neck and he wept and wailed and kissed him uncontrollably! Not for just a few minutes, but the text says for a long time! Gladness! Worship! Laughing! Praise! Hallelujah!

c) Jacob's Resolve About Joseph– v. 30

He breathed a sigh of relief from a life-long pain in his heart, sorrow about a dead son he thought he'd have to take to the grave. "I can die in peace now, knowing you're okay, for I have seen you with my own eyes." **Genesis 37:10-11**

Now he is embracing Joseph who is living out what God had put in his heart, that came out of his mouth some 30 years earlier. Now Jacob could die happy!

6. JOSEPH REFERRALS TO PHARAOH – vv. 31-34

Being assigned over the grain, Joseph could do as he pleased, but to give out land he had to appeal to Pharaoh because the land belonged to Pharaoh.

a) Informs Pharaoh About Their Destination – v. 31

This was a reminder to Pharaoh who knew they were coming. Joseph would appeal to him that which Pharaoh had already promised in **Genesis 45:16-20**

b) Informs Pharaoh About Their Occupation – v. 32 S

laves or foreigners were assigned to take care of cattle and sheep. The Egyptians didn't stoop to such a low level of servitude.

c) Instructs Them About Pharaoh's Interrogation – vv. 33-34

What Joseph does is what we all do when we refer people for particular positions: emphasize your strengths to match the expectations of the job desired in order to better position yourself to get hired! So Joseph had a two-fold reason he wanted his brothers to stick to the script:

Goshen - Seclude them from the pagan lifestyle and influence of the Egyptians.

Shepherds – didn't want his family to have a poor reputation in Egypt.