

We NEED A Family Reunion

42 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, why do ye look one upon another?

- As prophetically spoken the time has arrived God foretold in the dream of Pharaoh and the prophetic interpretation of Joseph.
- Just because they didn't hear the prophecy didn't mean they would not be exempt from the outcome.
- Though a tragic situation God is also planning a family reunion of prophetic proportions.

²And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

- Egypt now represents salvation to Jacob and his sons but it will also become the staging place for a tried generation to come out to go to the Promised Land. It will also be the place God calls Jesus " out of Egypt I have called my son"

³And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

- In order to live they must go to Egypt where Jacob son is, whom they persecuted and rejected. Joseph came to his own and his own received him not which led to his suffering as Jesus came to his own and his own received him not which led to his cross. John 1 11-13

⁴But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, lest peradventure mischief befall him.

- Jacob unlike God was not willing to offer his son which he deemed precious which he had by Rachel whom he loved. Later we will find though resisting vehemently he will allow Benjamin to go knowing it to be the only way to live and save life.

⁵And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

- Both Gods chosen and gentiles came to the place where the "son" had what was necessary to save all lives.

⁶And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

- Bowing but knowing, outward reverence but without inward recognition due to not knowing who he is. Do we know him?

⁷And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, whence come ye? And they said, from the land of Canaan to buy food.⁸ And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

- Joseph “the son” recognized them immediately. Joseph knew his brethren, the son knows us, “Jesus knew the hearts of men” John 2:24 Joseph could read them but they couldn't read Joseph.

⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

- Fulfilled- His brother's bow- remembers what he dreamed about them- They have an evil report- He deals harshly due to what he knew about them. Can he trust them to reveal himself without going through the pain of their rejection and callousness again? Joseph wanted the joy of a family reunion, their complete acceptance.

¹⁰And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

- You call me lord? You crucified me and tormented me and you say ye are my servants.

¹¹We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

- Not knowingly probably Judea says what would free us today from ethnic strife- we are all one man's son and because of that we all must be born again.

¹²And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

- Perhaps his brethren tendencies to be womanizers and take on the nature and values of the world he used this terminology. "We often go to God about our priorities and he must get us to focus on what is eternally important.

¹³ And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

- So, you anticipated my demise and tell others I am dead. You assumed your ploy worked and you would not have to be accountable to me or your crimes. " he is not" no need to mention him, no need to believe in him or his vision or dreams"

¹⁴ And Joseph said unto them, that is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies:

- Spies are concerned only for what they can gain from their visit for their own good" They don't come to better the land they come to only profit for themselves so spies hide their motive and who they really are.
- The worst spies are those who are in and become spies betray the vision and become assets for the adversary who opposes the success of the land or church.

¹⁵ Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

- Joseph longs for a reunion and seeks his younger brother whom was not among the dastardly deed of his other brethren.

¹⁶Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

- All spies are sentenced to death. Judas became a spy. Joseph at this point feels his brethren haven't changed much and he is reluctant to reveal himself to them. Jesus is the same way!

¹⁷And he put them all together into ward three days.

- Three days as Jesus and Jonah but with this group it doesn't appear to change things but certainly it could had been the tipping point when they reflect on their past behavior. Do you need three days?