

Session 11

Old Testament Survey Course

Gen 42:28---

Sons go back and tell Jacob that they got the grain and their money was still there.

They explain that the lord of Egypt treated them roughly. Called them spies. Had them leave one of their brothers.

Jacob laments: first Joseph dies then Simeon held in a prison; now they want to take Benjamin (youngest son, only remaining son of Rachel).

Famine is very severe. They use up all the grain that they brought back.

Judah tells Jacob that they have to take Benjamin back or they won't get food. He will take responsibility if Simeon does not come back or something happens to Benjamin. If we don't go we will die.

Jacob finally agrees; take Benjamin; take double money, almonds, honey, spices.

Jacob prays that it will be alright.

Get to Joseph. Sees Benjamin. Orders a lunch (Hebrew word means great feast).

Brothers are very afraid. Worried about the money; worried about becoming slaves. They still have guilty consciences about Joseph. Joseph asks about Jacob.

Steward tells them not to worry; tells them that God was with them. ?Hebrew also.

Brothers bowed down again.

Saw Benjamin; went off to weep in secret. His FULL brother.

Sat separately to eat; Benjamin got much bigger portion- 5 times more.

Pack sacks with grain AND the money the brothers brought. Joseph has a silver cup put in Benjamin's sack.

Tells servants to stop them and find the cup. Joseph produces maximum distress.

Come back to Joseph. Brothers bow again. Says Benjamin will be Joseph's slave.

Judah argues that their father could not tolerate youngest son being lost. Retells the whole story about brother being dead and Jacob loving the youngest, Benjamin.

Joseph couldn't stand it anymore; sends everyone out; weeps loudly; everyone hears him.

"I am Joseph who you sold to Egypt." Brothers can't speak! He tells them there are still 5 more years of famine. Go and tell Jacob to come to Egypt, settle in Goshen, fertile, (land of rain), Joseph will care for everyone. Pharaoh excited about it.

Tell him that Joseph is lord in Egypt and tell him of the glory they saw there.

Brings them close. Falls on Benjamin's neck.

Word gets back to Pharaoh and he is pleased that Joseph's brothers are there and the whole family will come and live in Egypt.

Sends back food, carts, donkeys.

Jacob doesn't believe them at first then he does. Takes everything with him to go to Egypt. Wants to see Joseph before he dies.

God calls him at Beersheba.

Gen 46:3 do not be afraid to go to Egypt. I will make you a great nation, I will be with you. You will see Joseph. Identifies Himself; read Gen 46: 1-4.

They take all their family, possessions, livestock.

70 people go to Egypt.

Jacob and Joseph reunited in Goshen. Cry for a long time. Jacob says now he can die.

Jacob meets Pharaoh. Settle in Goshen. Shepherd your flocks.

Jacob dying – do not bury me in Egypt. Bury me with my fathers.

Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh. Becomes a traditional blessing for Jews.

Jacob dies; embalmed; 40 days; Egypt mourns for 70 days. Military honors for funeral. Buried at Hebron.

Brothers afraid Joseph will take revenge. "Am I God."
You meant it for evil; God meant it for good.

Dies at 110 years old.

Wants to be buried in Canaan. Dies, embalmed and put in a coffin.

