

Lesson Nine (Part #2) – Genesis 42: Joseph Encounters His Brothers in Egypt

1. Read vv. 1-5. What news does Jacob hear and what does he command his sons to do? Who goes to Egypt to buy grain? Which son was not allowed to go by Jacob and why?
2. Read vv. 6-11. When Joseph's brothers stand before Joseph to buy grain, he recognizes them, but they do not recognize him. Why do you think this is? cf. v. 23. How does Joseph treat his brothers? What does Joseph accuse them of being? What does Joseph remember?
3. Read vv. 12-17. What test does Joseph demand of his brothers to prove they are not spying? What does Joseph do to them?
4. Read vv. 18-28. What does Joseph do to his brothers to prove their veracity? Which brother was seized? Any reason you can possibly think for this one being chosen? Who do the brothers blame for their calamity? What final thing does Joseph do to his brothers before they return to Canaan? How do they discover this? Who do they truly believe has done all of this to them and why?
5. Read vv. 29-38. The brothers recount their ordeal in Egypt to their father Jacob. As they unload the grain, what do they discover? What's their reaction? What does Jacob absolutely forbid?