

JOSEPH

RECONCILED WAYS

It was all GOD!

- ❖ God sent me to preserve life (45:5)
- ❖ God sent me before you to preserve (7)
- ❖ God made me father, lord, ruler (8)
- ❖ God made me lord of all Egypt (9)
- ❖ It all made sense, now!
- ❖ Famine still has 5 years to go...(6)

Go, get dad!

- ❖ Go to my father... quickly!!!
- ❖ You will live here:
 - ❖ Food, provision, safety, “be near me” (10)
 - ❖ Tell my father and bring him here!
- ❖ Affection and reconciliation
 - ❖ Benjamin first (14)
 - ❖ Then all the brothers (15)

By Pharaoh's command

- ❖ Because of Joseph (17)
 - ❖ Load your beasts
 - ❖ Go to the land of Canaan
 - ❖ Take your father
 - ❖ Come to me – Pharaoh!
 - ❖ I will give you the best of the land (18)
 - ❖ Eat the fat of the land...

By Pharaoh's command

- ❖ You are ordered! (19)
 - ❖ No choice or responsibility
 - ❖ This protects Joseph's position with Egyptians
 - ❖ Take our wagons and come back!
 - ❖ Bring everyone!
 - ❖ Don't worry about stuff – the best is yours...
- ❖ 400 years later...

Clothing and gifts

- ❖ Joseph provides the wagons/provisions
 - ❖ Again, by Pharaoh's order (21)
- ❖ Reconciliation in visible form:
 - ❖ Clothing for everyone!
 - ❖ Benjamin gets 5 plus 300 silver!
 - ❖ Father – donkeys with the best of Egypt

Sent away...

- ❖ Do not quarrel on the journey!
 - ❖ Reasons for fighting... who is telling dad???
 - ❖ Leave the past alone...
- ❖ “they told him” (26)
 - ❖ Stunned, numb hearted
 - ❖ Did not believe
 - ❖ Hears the words; sees the gifts – revived!

Father's heart

❖ Israel (28)

❖ “It is enough; my son Joseph...”

❖ Go, see, die?

❖ He would live another 17 years! (47:28)

❖ Ch 46 is important historically – to Israel...

❖ Ties the promise to the suffering...

❖ Gen 15:13 – an exact promise! Reminder!

'Father's' Promise

- ❖ Israel! Here am I.... (2)
- ❖ I am the God, God of your father
 - ❖ Do not be afraid
 - ❖ Go down, I will go with you
 - ❖ I will make you a great nation there
 - ❖ If they had stayed...
 - ❖ I will bring you back...
 - ❖ Joseph....

Taking it all

- ❖ Everything they have goes to Egypt
- ❖ Names of the sons:
 - ❖ Children of Leah named first (15) in order
 - ❖ Children of Zilpah next (18)
 - ❖ Rachel's children are next – Benjamin (19)
 - ❖ Finally, Bilhah's sons... Dan, Naphtali, listed last
- ❖ 66 in all (26), plus wives + 4 = 70