

“The Great Reveal”
Genesis 45

v. 1 Q. What did Joseph finally do?

A.

1. Joseph could no longer _____ himself after he saw Judah's willingness to be _____ and the effect that it would have on his father.
2. He _____ his attendants out.
3. Joseph finally _____ who he really was.

v. 2 Q. Describe the emotion that Joseph displayed.

A. Joseph was so _____ that his weeping could not be contained, even to the Egyptians and the _____ of Pharaoh.

v. 3 Q. Describe the moment of the reveal.

A.

1. He discloses that he is _____.
2. He asks about his _____ (Jacob).

Note: This may seem a bit _____ since they have been speaking about him and the effect that not sending Benjamin back would have on him. But perhaps Joseph thought that it was simply a _____ to gain favor.

3. They were in such _____, so terrified that they could not respond.

v. 4 Q. Describe the further description and the need for repeated information.

A.

1. In an apparent _____, Joseph calls them to come forward.
2. Joseph _____ himself using his past slavery and their culpability in it as the _____.

v. 5 Q. How does Joseph allay their fears?

A. Joseph has made the _____ between something evil happening to him personally and the greater _____ for his family as well as the entire area. So, Joseph tells them not to be _____ or to beat themselves up over it.

vv. 6-7 Q. How does the prophetic word dictate his response?

A. Joseph knows that _____ times still lay ahead for those in Egypt and the surrounding areas because of Pharaoh's _____ and the divine interpretation.

Joseph understands on a personal level that he has been put in place as a _____ of his family.

v. 8 Q. Who does God "blame" in hindsight?

A. God.

Note: There is also an indication of the _____ of God. He took a shepherd's son, sinfully sold and enslaved by his own brothers, and brought him to the _____ highest level of one of the greatest nations in history at that time. There might also be a bit of personal _____ in saying it out loud.

vv. 9–13 Q. What was the message to his father, Israel? (chiastic structure)

A.

1. Go tell dad that I'm _____ and thriving (unbelievably).
2. Bring dad, the family, and the livestock down _____.
3. Tell dad the divine _____.

vv. 14-15 Q. What does forgiveness look like?

A.

1. Loving those who _____ you.
2. Loving those who have _____ you.
3. Taking the _____ to forgive so _____ can take place.

vv. 16-20 Q. What was Pharaoh's response?

A.

- v. 16 Pharaoh was _____ to hear that Joseph's brothers were here.
- v. 17 Load up and _____ home.
- v. 18a Bring _____ and the family back here.
- v. 18b Dwell in the _____ of the land (Goshen)
- v. 19 We'll provide the _____.
- v. 20 Leave the _____ stuff behind; _____ things will be provided.

v. 21 Summation

v. 22 Q. What distinction was made?

A. There was a clear _____ between the brothers who betrayed him and Benjamin. _____ again shows its ugly but predictable head.

v. 23 Q. What kindness was shown to Joseph's father?

A.

1. Ten (male) donkeys with the _____ things of Egypt.
2. Ten (female) donkeys with _____ for the journey.

v. 24 Q. Why would Joseph say this?

A.

1. It may be in _____ to the gift given to Benjamin.
2. It could mean, "do not _____" (Hebrew alternative), as in the relationship has been _____.
3. Rashi: "According to the plain sense of the verse, however, it must be explained thus: Because they felt _____ he feared that they might quarrel on the way about his having been sold, arguing one with another. One would say: 'It was through _____ he was sold'. Another: 'It was _____ who made slanderous statements about him and caused us to hate him'."

v. 25-28 Describe the report and response to Israel.

A.

1. They went _____ (I wonder what they were thinking on the way?)

2. They told their _____ all that had happened and that Joseph was _____.

Note: Remember they told dad that he was _____ by a beast and all that was left was the torn bloody robe...hmmm...so what's the _____ now?

Fact, the bible never records them _____ their sin to their father.

3. Jacob could not _____ it.
4. Jacob was _____ by their testimony of Joseph's words and by the _____ blessings before him.
5. Jacob set off to see his son that was _____ but is now _____!

Application Questions:

Q. How should we biblically look at suffering or tragedy by the hands of others in light of this passage?

A.

Q. How does knowing the fullness of the plan allow for a more meaningful and complete forgiveness when you are wronged?

A.

Q. How do we see Jesus in this account?

A.