

Genesis 45 shape and keywords

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send all men away from me." So no man stood with him when Joseph made himself known to his **brothers**. And he made a weeping sound that the Egyptians heard, and the household of Pharaoh heard.

Joseph said to **his brothers**, "**I am Joseph**. Is my **father** still alive?"

But his **brothers** could not answer him, so terrified were they at his face. Then Joseph said to his **brothers**, "Come closer to me, please." And they came closer.

He said, "**I am your brother, Joseph**, whom you sold into Egypt.

And now do not be distressed, or angry in your own eyes, because you sold me here; for **God sent me before your face to preserve life**.

For the famine has been in **the land** these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

God sent me before your face to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who **sent** me here, but God; he has made me a **father** to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all **the land** of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father

and **say to him**, 'Thus says your son Joseph, **God has made me lord of all Egypt**; come down to me, do not stand there.

You shall settle in **the land** of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your sons and your sons' sons, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my **brother** Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.

You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen.

Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his **brother** Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his **brothers** and wept upon them; and after that his **brothers** talked with him.

When the sound was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's **brothers** have come," it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your **brothers**, 'Do this: load your animals and go back to **the land** of Canaan. **Take your father and your households and come to me**, so that **I may give you the best of the land of Egypt**, and you may enjoy the fat of **the land**.'

And you make this order: 'Take wagons from **the land** of Egypt for **your little ones and for your women, and bring your father, and come**. Let your eyes not be troubled by your possessions, **for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.**'"

The sons of Israel did so. Joseph gave them wagons according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and **he gave them provisions for the journey.**

To each one of them he gave a set of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five sets of garments.

To his **father** he **sent** the following: ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, **and provision for his father on the journey.**

Then he **sent** his **brothers** on their way, and as they were leaving he said to them, "Do not quarrel along the way."

So they went up out of Egypt and came to their **father** Jacob in **the land** of Canaan. And they told him, "Joseph is still alive! He is even ruler over all **the land** of Egypt." His heart grew numb; he could not believe them. But when they worded all the words of Joseph that he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had **sent** to carry him, the spirit of their **father** Jacob revived. Israel said, "Enough! My son Joseph is still alive. I must go and see him before I die."