

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, ¹they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may ³actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." They fear that Joseph may have only respected their lives thus far because dad was no longer alive to find out what he might do to them. ¹⁶ So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, They are probably making this up. saying, ¹⁷ 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; ^mfor they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of ⁿthe God of your father." Perhaps the brothers are appealing to the higher authority in Joseph's life—reminding him of the God that ran his dad's life. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. He has had 39 years to forgive them—17 of which they lived in the same region—and they still doubt his heart. 47:11 shows us they received the "best of the land." They superimpose their character onto their brother. This is nothing but proof that to accuse somebody is often to confess of our own shortcomings.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also went and ^ofell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we *are* your servants."

¹⁹ Joseph said to them, ^p"Do not be afraid, ^qfor *am* I in the place of God? ²⁰ ^rBut as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* ^sGod meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. This very much echoes 45:5-8. ²¹ Now therefore, do not be afraid; ^tI will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke ⁴kindly to them.

²² So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. ²³ Joseph saw Ephraim's children ^uto the third generation. ^vThe children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, ^wwere also brought up on Joseph's knees. Knowing that Abraham didn't see his 4th generation as Joseph, did (It was Ephraim's third).

²⁴ And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but ^xGod will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land first promised to his father (46:1)—proving that nobody naturally thought in singular generations. to the land ^yof which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵ Then ^zJoseph took an oath probably in the same way this has happened so far ("hand under the thigh") from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely ⁵visit you, and ^ayou shall carry up my ^bbones from here." He wants to wake up in God's promised land at the resurrection. ²⁶ So Joseph died, *being* one hundred and ten years old; 56 when his father died so 54 years of no record. and they embalmed him

¹ [Job 15:21]

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^m [Prov. 28:13]

ⁿ Gen. 49:25

^o Gen. 37:7–10; 41:43; 44:14

^p Gen. 45:5

^q Gen. 30:2; 2 Kin. 5:7

^r Gen. 45:5, 7; Ps. 56:5

^s [Acts 3:13–15]

^t [Matt. 5:44]

⁴ Lit. *to their hearts*

^u Gen. 48:1; Job 42:16

^v Num. 26:29; 32:39

^w Gen. 30:3

^x Gen. 15:14; 46:4; 48:21; Ex. 3:16, 17; Josh. 3:17; Heb. 11:22

^y Gen. 26:3; 35:12; 46:4; Ex. 6:8

^z Gen. 47:29, 30; Ex. 13:19; Josh. 24:32; Acts 7:15, 16; Heb. 11:22

⁵ give attention to

^a Gen. 17:8; 28:13; 35:12; Deut. 1:8; 30:1–8

^b Ex. 13:19

Significantly different than today. His was probably like Jacob's in that the internals were probably removed, as were the brains and substituted with spices. **and he was put in a coffin** otherwise translated "ark" as in "ark of the covenant" (versus the "ark" in Noah's story). **in Egypt.** Beautiful commentary can be found in Psalm 106:17-25, Acts 7:9-18, and Hebrews 11:21-22.