

- k. The famine was not only in Egypt, but in the surrounding nations including the land of Canaan.
- l. Joseph sold food to all <sup>these</sup> ~~these~~ in Egypt and the surrounding nations.
- ix. The brothers come to Egypt (42:1-8)
  - a. It was two years into the famine and Jacob was running out of food.
  - b. Jacob sends his sons down to Egypt to get food.
    - 1) He sent all of them except Benjamin.
  - c. When they come to Egypt to get grain, Joseph sees the brothers and he recognizes them.
    - 1) They don't recognize him.
    - 2) It was a total of twenty two years since they last saw him.
      - i) He was 17 when he went down into Egypt.
      - ii) He was 30 when he became prime minister.
      - iii) There were seven years of plenty.
      - iv) They are two years into the famine.
  - d. They come to him and bow to him. - *fulfilling his two dreams*
- x. Fraternal remembrance (42:9-44:34)
  - a. Then Joseph remembers those dreams he had.
  - b. He accuses them of being spies to search out the land so it cannot be attacked.
    - 1) The brothers say they are not spies, but honest men who have come to get food.
    - 2) Joseph still accuses them of being spies.
    - 3) They tell that they have a father in Canaan and there were twelve sons at one time.
    - 4) They say:
      - i) One is no more (i. e. Joseph)
      - ii) One, the youngest, is with his father (i. e. Benjamin).
      - iii) We are honest men who have come down to get grain.
  - c. In order to test them, Joseph does the following.
    - 1) First, he says, "What I am going to do is to keep all of you here except one. And I am going to send one of you back to bring Benjamin and when you come back, I know you're telling the truth and that you are not spies."
    - 2) He keeps them for three days.
    - 3) Then on the third day, he says, "I fear the Lord and because I fear the Lord I am going to send nine of you back and keep one of you