

- d. Why did the Lord do that?
    - 1) The Messiah is going to come through Jacob and his family.
    - 2) The Lord promised Abraham many descendants and that these descendants would occupy the land.
    - 3) Do you think the Lord is going to let them die off and not keep his promise? No.
    - 4) The Lord is going to do what is necessary to keep his promise.
  - e. Joseph wants them to go back and tell Jacob the following, "God has made me the lord of all Egypt. Come down to me and live in the region of Goshen and be near me, you, your children and your grandchildren and your animals. I will provide for you there because five years of famine are still to come."
  - f. Then Joseph embraced Benjamin and wept and then he kissed all his brothers and wept.
  - g. Pharaoh hears that Joseph's brothers have come down and he wants to see them.
    - 1) He tells them that he wants them to go back to Canaan and bring his father and his household down.
    - 2) He tells them he will give them the best land to live on in Egypt.
    - 3) He gave them carts to ride in and provision to make the trip and gives them.
    - 4) He gives them all new clothes.
  - h. The brothers go back to Jacob
    - 1) They tell him that Joseph is alive.
    - 2) They give him the gifts.
    - 3) Jacob can't believe it at first, but he is finally convinced of the truth of their words.
- xii. The whole family comes to Egypt (46:1-7)
- a. On the way back to Egypt, they come to Beersheba.
  - b. They offer a sacrifice to God.
  - c. The Lord appears to Jacob in a vision and says, "I want you to go down into Egypt because I am going to make a great nation of you."
- xiii. Joseph settles his own (46:8-47:3)<sup>31</sup>
- a. At this time, Jacob and his children numbered 70 people.
  - b. When they get down to Egypt, Joseph goes to see his father.
    - 1) They embrace and weep.
    - 2) Then Joseph says, "I am going to go to Pharaoh and tell him that you are here. I want you to do something. If Pharaoh asks you what your occupation is, be sure to tell him that you are shepherds"