

Acts 7:9-16

v9 - patriarchs	(noun)	the male heads of a nation. In this case, the male heads of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel, who were the sons of Jacob.
v9 – jealous	(adjective)	angry and bitter because they think another person is trying to take something away from them
v9 – slave	(noun)	someone who is the property of another person and must do what their owner says
v10 – enabled	(verb)	made it possible for someone to do something
v10 – goodwill	(noun)	friendly, positive attitude
v10 – palace	(noun)	the large and beautiful building where a king lives
v11 – famine	(noun)	a situation where large numbers of people have no food and many of them die
v11 – Egypt	(proper noun)	a country
v11 – Canaan	(proper noun)	a country; the country that is the home of the Israelites
v12 – grain	(noun)	a cereal (e.g. wheat) that is grown for food
v16 – Shechem	(proper noun)	a city in Canaan
v16 – tomb	(noun)	a large grave that is above the ground, where dead bodies are placed

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⁹“Jacob’s sons were jealous of their brother Joseph. So they sold him as a slave. He was taken to Egypt. But God was with him. ¹⁰He saved Joseph from all his troubles. God made Joseph wise. He helped him to become the friend of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over Egypt and his whole palace.

¹¹“There was not enough food for all Egypt and Canaan. This brought great suffering. Jacob and his sons couldn’t find food. ¹²But Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt. So he sent his sons on their first visit. ¹³On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was. Pharaoh learned about Joseph’s family. ¹⁴After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family. The total number of people was 75. ¹⁵Then Jacob went down to Egypt. There he and his family died. ¹⁶Some of their bodies were brought back to Shechem. They were placed in a tomb Abraham had bought. He had purchased it from Hamor’s sons at Shechem. He had purchased it for a certain amount of money.

Genesis 45:1-15

v1 – presence	(noun)	the state of being in a place; the state of being present
v2 – wept	(verb)	cried
v3 – terrified	(adjective)	very scared
v5 – distressed	(adjective)	upset or worried
v6 – famine	(noun)	a situation in which large numbers of people have little or no food and many of them die
v6 – plowing	(verb)	turn over the soil in preparation for planting seed (US = plowing; British = ploughing)
v6 – reaping	(verb)	cutting down and gathering in crops that have been grown for food
v7 – preserve	(verb)	take action to save something from destruction
v7 – remnant	(noun)	small part of something that is left after the main part has been destroyed
v7 – deliverance	(noun)	rescue from danger
v8 – Pharaoh	(proper noun)	the king of Egypt
v10 – flocks	(noun)	groups of sheep, goats or birds
v10 – herds	(noun)	large groups of animals of one kind that live together (e.g. cattle)
v11 – destitute	(adjective)	having no money or possessions
v13 – accorded	(verb)	treated in a certain way
v14 – embraced	(verb)	hugged; held tightly to show your love and affection

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Joseph couldn't control himself anymore in front of all his attendants. He cried out, "Have everyone leave me!" So there wasn't anyone with Joseph when he told his brothers who he was. ²He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him. Everyone in Pharaoh's house heard about it.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers weren't able to answer him. They were too afraid of him.

⁴Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." So they did. Then he said, "I am your brother Joseph. I'm the one you sold into Egypt. ⁵But don't be upset. And don't be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me ahead of you to save many lives. ⁶For two years now, there hasn't been enough food in the land. And for the next five years, people won't be plowing or gathering crops. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to keep some of you alive on earth. He sent me here to save your lives by an act of mighty power.

⁸"So then, it wasn't you who sent me here. It was God. He made me like a father to Pharaoh. He made me master of Pharaoh's entire house. God made me ruler of the whole land of Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father. Say to him, 'Your son Joseph says, "God has made me master of the whole land of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't waste any time. ¹⁰You will live in the area of Goshen. You, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and everything you have will be near me. ¹¹There I will provide everything you need. There are still five years to come when there won't be enough food. If you don't come down here, you and your family and everyone who belongs to you will lose everything.'"

¹²"My brothers, I am Joseph. You can see for yourselves that I am the one speaking to you. My brother Benjamin can see it too. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor given to me in Egypt. Tell him about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴Then Joseph threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept. Benjamin also hugged him and wept. ¹⁵Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that, his brothers talked with him.