

Hello! This is Dorothy -

There is a most dramatic story in **Genesis chapter 45**. It all has to do with these brothers who had come out of famine and came to the governor of the land, not knowing it was their brother Joseph. Joseph had patiently waited in the timing of God to be able to reach them, so that there might be that work done within them that that very tribe might be used. This was the tribe that He had called upon to come through Judah, of which Jesus would be born. While this was going on, He was preparing the lives of all the brothers because they were going to a very important part of what was called Israel.

1 **Then Joseph could not refrain himself . . . - any more -**

Have you ever been in a place where you cannot hold in any more; you are just bursting inside? This is how Joseph was. He had seen so much and he has heard so much. But when Judah was willing to say, "I will be the slave! Take my life, but let my brother go free!" he saw the purposes of God in bringing it about that the whole situation had changed from the day when his brothers took no notice of him when he pleaded, and they just sent him off to what they thought was a certain death and sold him so many years previously as a slave.

. . . **and he - Joseph - cried, Cause every man to go out from me.**
. . . *In other words, he gets everybody out. Everybody had to leave the place - all his attendants - . . .* **And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.** *Oh, that scene is so dramatic as Joseph revealed himself!* You can only think of that glorious day when Yeshua, Jesus Christ, will make himself known to his brethren, the Jews. For as our Lord Jesus Christ, Joseph was hated by his brothers to the point they desired to kill him.

But as in **Hosea 11** -

1 **When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt . . .**

3 **. . .and they knew not that I healed them.**

4 **I drew them with the cords of a man, with bands of love:**

. . . *That is the great love that God had for His people..*

And in **Isaiah 43:11** - . . . **and beside me there is no Saviour.**

Back in **John 1:11**, we read - **He Yeshua, Jesus - came unto his own, and that is what He did two thousand years ago - and his own received him not.** Yet, one day, they are going to bow down; they are going to see Him; they are going to know Him. For we know that at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus to this earth, He will make Himself known to His own people, the Jews.

In **Zechariah 13**, we read -

1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Back to **Genesis 45** -

2 And he - *Joseph* - wept aloud . . .

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph . . . *and his first question was - . . . doth my father yet live?. . . Now his brothers were speechless; they went into absolute shock!*

4 And. . . *-with amazing grace - . . .* Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be ye not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing. . . *- that means the little corn - . . .* nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you, to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a faithful father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his

house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. *Yes, in God's providence, Joseph was sent to Egypt to prepare the way for their salvation from death by famine.*

Are you willing to forgive and understand the purpose behind why God has placed you, a believer, in your difficult situation? Can't you see there is an amazing timing of God in your life, that you might bring forth a great deliverance in your situation because He who lives within you, the Lord God Almighty, is able to perform what you could never do? When your life is available to Him, He will work through you. He will do that work. He is able to do it and He wants to do it.

But if you are held back by bitterness, if you have a lack of forgiveness, if you are blocked by something in your life because you will not surrender to the Lord, you are missing what God wants to do. Turn to Him with all your heart today. Get right with Him. Right now. And give Him all the glory.

In the mighty Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.