

Genesis 46

Reunion

A long journey ...

- I. Jacob's Progress
 - A. Justifiable Fears
 - B. Jettisoned by Faith
- II. Joseph's Reception
 - A. Honorable
 - B. Heartfelt
- III. A Grand Reunion
 - A. Longings
 - B. Finally Fulfilled

... ends with joy.

Children, Listen ...

1. How was Jacob able to go on a great journey into a foreign land without fear?
2. Why do you think Jacob would be excited about his trip?
3. What did Joseph do when he saw his father Jacob?
4. Will all God's people be together as a family one day?
5. Can we expect to see loved ones who died "in the Lord" again some day?

Sweet Reunion

One of the sad effects of the fall is the sorrow of separation from loved ones. Whether it comes about from moving to a distant area, a wedge driven by interpersonal conflict, or death itself, the removal of loved ones from our daily life brings some degree of heartache. Both Joseph and Jacob experienced the pain of separation in a dramatic way through all three (death was alleged). But after 22 years of longing their sorrow turns to joy as they are reunited as father and son. We will all experience the pains of parting to some degree in this life. But for those who are in Christ the grief will finally end when our longing to see not only Jesus, but our loved ones who have died in the Lord is fully satisfied. That will be a grand, glorious, sweet reunion when we meet in paradise together at Jesus' feet.