

²³ But he said, “Peace *be* with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money.” So Joseph’s steward lied at Joseph’s direction, and we should consider this as perhaps, Joseph’s one recorded sin. **Then he brought ^qSimeon out to them.**

²⁴ So the man brought the men into Joseph’s house and ^rgave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed. ²⁵ Then they made the present ready for Joseph’s coming at noon, for they heard that they would eat bread there.

²⁶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and ^sbowed down before him to the earth. ²⁷ Then he asked them about *their* well-being, and said, “*Is your father well, the old man ^tof whom you spoke? Is he still alive?*” Jacob, we will find, comes to Egypt at 130 years of age so here is a man who is nearly 130 years old, having not seen him for 20 years.

²⁸ And they answered, “Your servant our father *is* in good health; he *is* still alive.” ^uAnd they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves.

²⁹ Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, ^vhis mother’s son, and said, “*Is this your younger brother ^wof whom you spoke to me?*” And he said, “**God Remember that this is the English translation of the Hebrew translation of Joseph’s Egyptian language. **be gracious to you, my son.****” Joseph being 6 or 7 years old when they leave uncle Laban’s and nearly 10 years passing before Benjamin’s birth, this term **son** is more about position than age difference.

^q Gen. 42:24

^r Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 24:32

^s Gen. 37:7, 10; 42:6; 44:14

^t Gen. 29:6; 42:11, 13; 43:7; 45:3; 2 Kin. 4:26

^u Gen. 37:7, 10

^v Gen. 35:17, 18

^w Gen. 42:13