

(I) LAND OF CANAAN AFFECTED BY THE FAMINE

1. Jacob lived in Canaan
2. The land was affected by the Famine (Genesis 42:5)
3. His family was affected

(II) JACOB SENDS OUT HIS SONS TO EGYPT

1. Jacob was the patriarch (Genesis 42:1)
2. His sons did not know how to respond to the Famine (Genesis 42:1)
3. Jacob's suggestion (Genesis 42:2)
 - a) Heard about grain being sold in Egypt
 - b) Sending the sons to Egypt to purchase food
 - c) So that they may survive the famine years
 - d) Jacob continued to play an active role in leading the family-clan
4. Ten sons were sent out (Genesis 42:3)
 - a) Numbers were important
 - i) For heavy purchases of food
 - ii) For protection
 - b) 10 sons were sent out to Egypt to purchase grain
5. Withholding of Benjamin (Genesis 42:4)
 - a) For fear of calamity befalling Benjamin
 - b) He was the youngest of his twelve sons
 - c) He was the second and last son of Rachel
 - d) Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin (Genesis 35:16-20)

(III) GLOBAL PROBLEMS IN THE ANCIENT DAYS

1. War (Genesis 14)
2. Famine (Genesis 42)
3. A Biblical perspective (Psalm 105)
 - a) God's sovereignty
 - b) God was always fully in control