

(I) JOSEPH AS GOVERNOR OF EGYPT

1. Joseph governed Egypt by appointment of the Pharaoh (Genesis 42:6a)
2. One of his duties was to oversee the sale of grain in the Famine (Genesis 42:6b)

(II) THE TEN BROTHERS OF JOSEPH IN EGYPT

1. They were brought to see Joseph (Genesis 42:6c)
2. They bowed before the governor Joseph (Genesis 42:6d)

(III) JOSEPH'S RECOGNITION OF HIS BROTHERS

1. He recognised them (Genesis 42:7a, 8a)
2. He remembered the dreams he had as a young lad (Genesis 42:9a)
3. But he acted as a stranger to them (Genesis 42:7b)
4. He spoke roughly to them (Genesis 42:7c)
5. He interrogated them
 - a) Where do you come from? (Genesis 42:7d)
 - b) You are spies! (Genesis 42:9b)
 - c) You have come to see the nakedness of the land (Genesis 42:9c)

(IV) THE DILEMMA OF THE BROTHERS

1. They did not recognise Joseph (Genesis 42:8b)
2. They answered the questions of Joseph candidly
 - a) They had come from Canaan (Genesis 42:7e)
 - b) They protest their innocence; they were not spies (Genesis 42:11b)

- c) They had come with only one purpose- to purchase grain
- d) They were the sons of one man in Canaan (Genesis 42:13)
- e) They even disclosed two other details that were not asked for:-
 - i) They had a younger brother who was at home with their father
 - ii) They had another brother who had died

(V) THE BROTHERS IMPRISONED

1. Joseph charged them with espionage (Genesis 42:14)
2. He arrested them and put them in jail (Genesis 42:17)
3. They were incarcerated for 3 days (Genesis 42:17)
4. This was well within the authority of the Governor Joseph

(VI) THE TEST

1. They must bring their youngest brother to Egypt (Genesis 42:15)
2. One of the brothers will go back to Canaan and bring back their youngest brother (Genesis 42:16a)
3. Meanwhile, the rest of the brothers would remain in prison (Genesis 42:16b)