

## **(I) JOSEPH'S SECOND INTERVIEW WITH THE TEN BROTHERS**

1. On the third day of the imprisonment of the Ten Brothers (Genesis 42:18a)
2. Joseph interviews the brothers a second time (Genesis 42:18b-20)
  - a) Slight change of plans
  - b) Reason for this change: "I fear God" (Genesis 42:18c)
  - c) One of the brothers will stay in prison (Genesis 42:19a)
  - d) The rest can return home to Canaan with grain (Genesis 42:19b)
  - e) They must bring with them their youngest brother (Genesis 42:20a)
  - f) Their words would then be verified (Genesis 42:20b)
  - g) They would then escape the death penalty (Genesis 42:20c)

## **(II) THE DISTRESS OF THE TEN BROTHERS**

1. They were guilt ridden (Genesis 42:21)
2. They remembered the anguish of their brother Joseph (Genesis 42:21b)
3. They had closed their heart to his anguished cries (Genesis 42:21b)
4. This present distress was their retribution (Genesis 42:21c)
5. Reuben speaks up
  - a) He had warned the brothers not to harm Joseph (Genesis 42:22a)
  - b) They had not heeded him (Genesis 42:22b)
  - c) The blood of Joseph was on them (Genesis 42:22c)

## **(III) JOSEPH'S HEART**

1. Joseph had understood every word spoken (Hebrew) (Genesis 42:23a)

2. The brothers did not know Joseph spoke Hebrew

3. Joseph had used an interpreter to speak to the Ten Brothers (Genesis 42:23b)

4. He withdrew into his personal chambers (Genesis 42:24)

a) He wept (Genesis 42:24)

b) At heart he was their brother

5. Resumption of Interview

a) He arrested Simeon

b) He bound him before the eyes of the brothers