

"A Reunion Remembered"

Cast: **Joseph** wearing fancy cloak & Egyptian headdress
Benjamin with beard, robe
Makir (great nephew to Benjamin and Joseph)

Setting: Using a window scene as the backdrop, an elderly Joseph & Benjamin are reminiscing at Benjamin's house in Goshen

Script:

Makir: Hello, Uncle Benjamin! Hello, Uncle Joseph!

Joseph: Hello, Makir. It's good to see you!

Makir: I'm glad I caught you two together, would you tell me about how we got to Egypt? My dad just told me that he used to live in Canaan.

Joseph: Well, you see, I was Rachel's son and my father's favorite. My older brothers were jealous of me so they sold me to some slave traders who brought me here to Egypt. I became the head servant to Potiphar, but was put in prison when I was falsely accused of a crime! But the Lord God was with me through it all. He protected me, blessed me and even put me in charge in the prison. Then when God told me the meaning of Pharaoh's dream, I was made the Prime Minister of Egypt. God gave me the wisdom to store grain to save thousands of people from the 7-year famine. I didn't realize that some of those people saved would be my own family.

How shocked I was when Reuben and some brothers came to buy grain! I hadn't seen any of my family for 20 years. I recognized my brothers right away—but they didn't recognize me.

Benjamin: I'm sure looking like an Egyptian didn't help matters any, Joseph. By the way, I've never asked you this, but why didn't you tell them who you were right away? Or if you were angry, why didn't you toss them all in prison?

Joseph: *[shakes his head]* Benjamin, I wasn't sure what I should do! I pretended to suspect them of being spies so I could question them. I found out that you and father were alive and I wanted to see you both so much I thought my heart would burst! But how could I get you here? That's why I cooked up that plan with the money in the grain.

Benjamin *[chuckles]* I remember! They were all pretty scared. They wondered what was going on.

Joseph: I couldn't accept money from my own family! Besides, I had to figure out a way to get you all back here.

Benjamin: That must be why you set the trap for me! You see, Makir, when we were almost out of food again, Father wanted to send the others back to buy more grain. But they knew it wouldn't do them any good unless I came too. For a long time father refused to let us go. He finally agreed because we were all going to starve to death if we didn't get more food.

Joseph: I was so glad to see you. But I couldn't make myself known to you until after I had sprung my trap.
[lowers voice and moves toward Makir]
I ordered my servant to load the sacks with as much grain as they could carry, to return their silver and to place my silver cup in Benjamin's sack.

Benjamin: When Joseph's servant raced after us and accused us of stealing we all denied it, but when he searched our sacks there it was in my sack! All they could think of was how terribly sad father would be. So they came with me to see if they could convince Joseph to keep anyone but me.

Joseph: *[very happy]* They had changed! They wouldn't leave Benjamin. Judah even volunteered to take Benjamin's place so all of the others could go back to your great grandfather, Jacob. I sent all of my Egyptian friends and servants out of the room and told my brothers who I was.

Benjamin: We all cried like babies! Soon everyone in Egypt, even Pharaoh, knew we were Joseph's family. He told Joseph to send for the rest of our family and even gave us carts for Father and the little ones to ride in. Father was amazed! We all returned to Egypt where Joseph has watched over us all ever since.

Joseph: Yes the Lord God watched over all of our family. And as God told our great grandfather Abraham, our grandfather, Isaac, and our father, Jacob, He will make us a mighty nation here in Egypt. And when the time is right He will send us back to the land He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And you or your children or children's children will be the ones He will lead back to the Promised Land. Remember that! Whew, all that talking makes me thirsty. Come on, let's find something to drink.

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