

## JOSEPH AND HIS BROS. PART 2

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH')" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
  - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- After Creation, God saw that his creation was good. He trusted the story.
- Abraham trusted the story and followed God.
  - Because Abraham followed God, he was given a son, Isaac, who had sons. Esau and Jacob.
  - JACOB WAS BLESSED AND HAD 12 SONS, WHICH WOULD BECOME THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.
- Jacob's son, Joseph, was sold into slavery by his brothers.
- EVENTUALLY, JOSEPH BECAME 2ND IN COMMAND IN ALL OF EGYPT.
- Pharaoh's dreams came true after 7 years of plenty, there were 7 years of famine.
- Jacob sent his sons all except the youngest, Benjamin, that is to Egypt to buy food, since there was no food in Canaan.
- · JOSEPH RECOGNIZED HIS BROTHERS, BUT THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM.
  - Joseph wanted to see his brother, Benjamin.
- Joseph sent his brothers home with food and secretly gave their money back. He kept his brother, Simeon, as a prisoner in Egypt until Benjamin came to visit.
- After much time had passed, Jacob sent his sons to get more food.
  - o At first, he refused to send Benjamin to keep him safe.
  - o After time, he sent Benjamin as the food got more scarce.
- Joseph ate with his brothers and sent them on their way, once again replenishing their money bags and filling their sacks with grain.
- After an elaborate scheme to keep Benjamin with him, Joseph Finally told his brothers who he was.
- Joseph's brothers then brought their father to Goshen in Egypt, where they would settle for hundreds of years.