"Revived" Joseph (Part 16)

"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." (Matthew 4:16)

Reanimation Revelation

Genesis 45:25-28 – (25) "So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. (26) And they told him, 'Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.' And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. (27) But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. (28) And Israel said, 'It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.'"

The Dream comes True

Genesis 46:1-4 – (1) "So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. (2) And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, 'Jacob, Jacob.' And he said, 'Here I am.' (3) Then he said, 'I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. (4) I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

Genesis 46:28-30 – (28) "He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. (29) Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. (30) Israel said to Joseph, 'Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive.'"

Medicine to the Traumatized

"Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25)

"They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction." (Psalm 107:18-20)

The, "Pinch me, am I dreaming?" Psalm

"When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:1-6)

God will turn things around for His people

"And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Revelation 21:5)

The one who laughs last, laughs best

"Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication." (Micah 7:8-9)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)