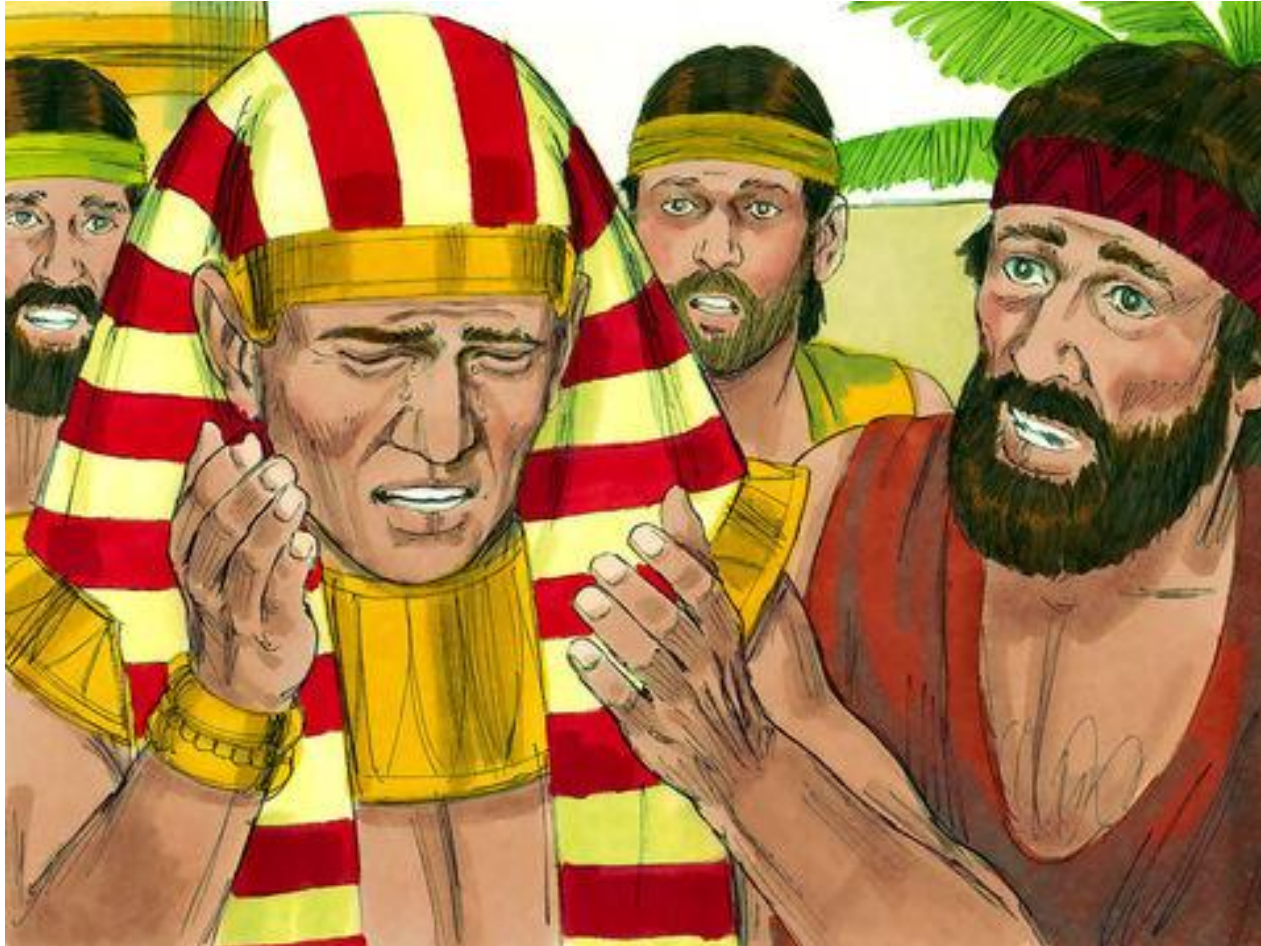


Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.



**Why did he want all the attendants to leave ?**

And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him,



**Bottled up emotion released**

and Pharaoh`s household heard about it.



Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?"



They had already told him – He is overcome –  
“Just say it one more time.”

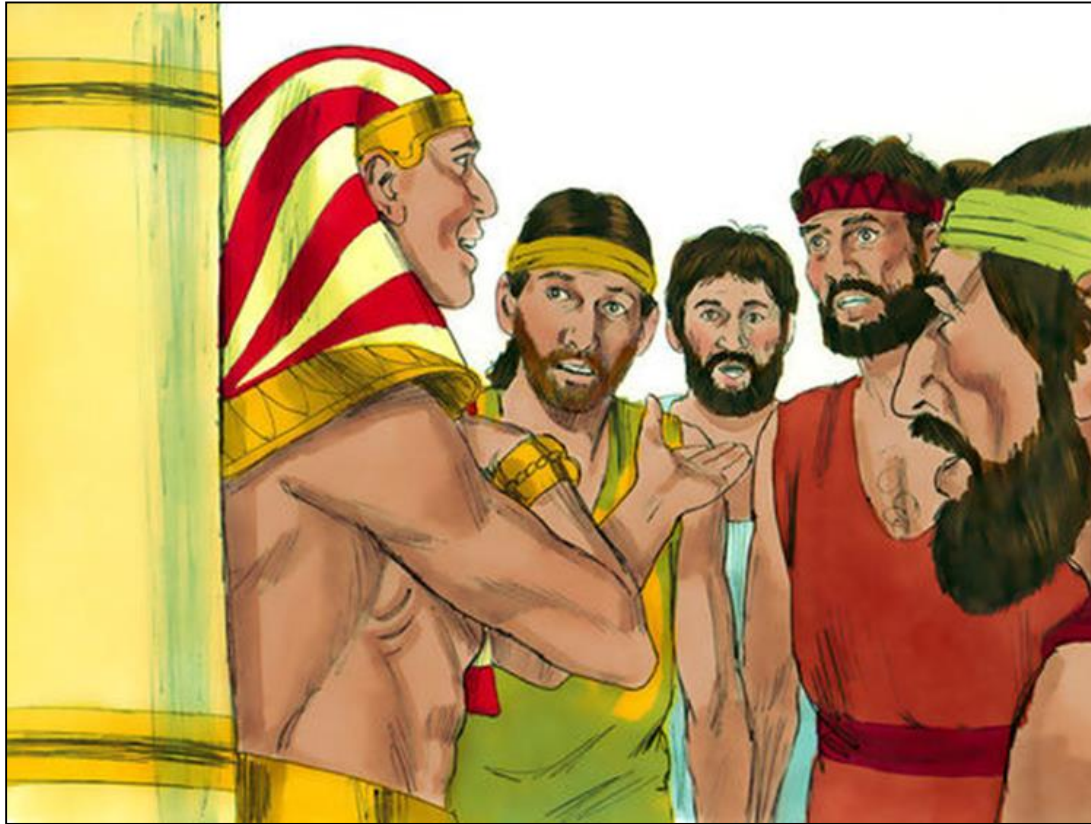
But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.



Recoil in shock – surprise , fear,

When Jesus reveals himself. Zechariah 12:10-14

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!"



Come close ! (Don't be afraid)

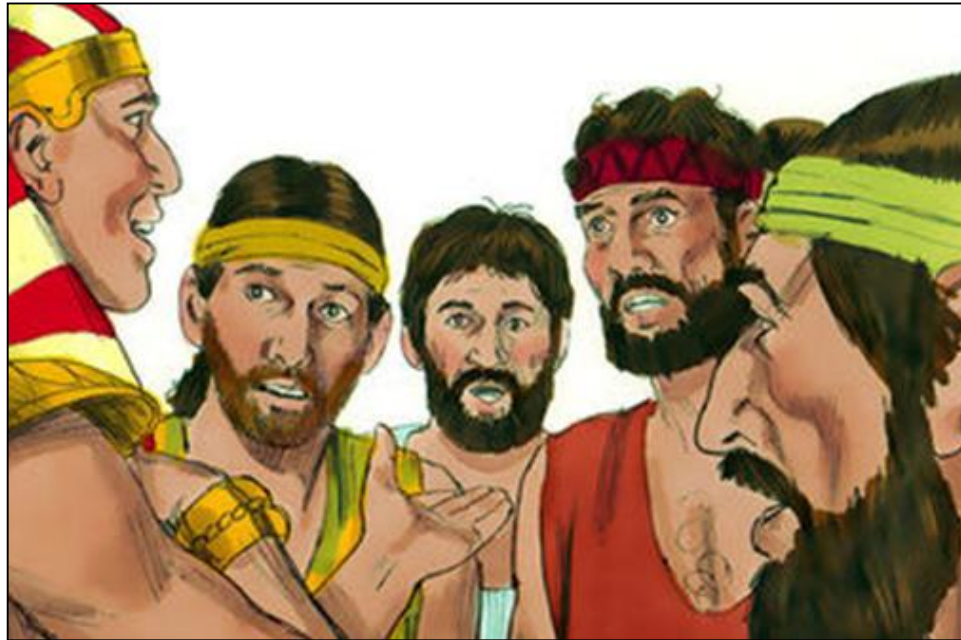
He said it to convince them he really was Joseph

And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

## **A different perspective !**



For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. **But God** sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.



An extended drought. **God** has been involved in it all



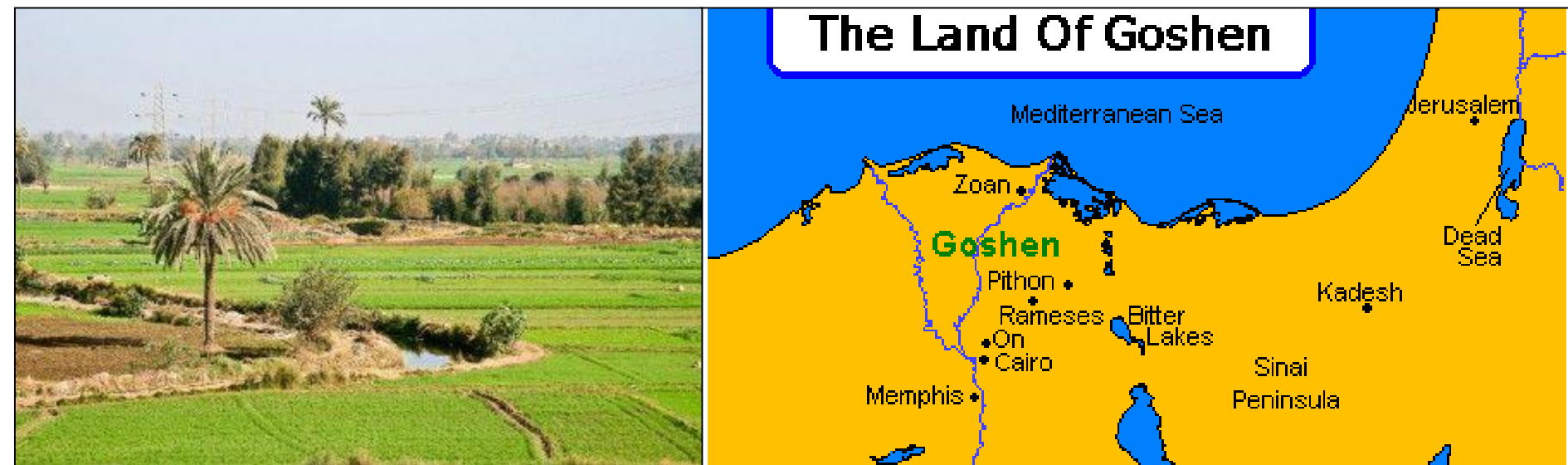
Now hurry back to my father and say to him, `This is what your son Joseph says.. God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. `

For how long ? What about the prophecy (Genesis 15:13)?



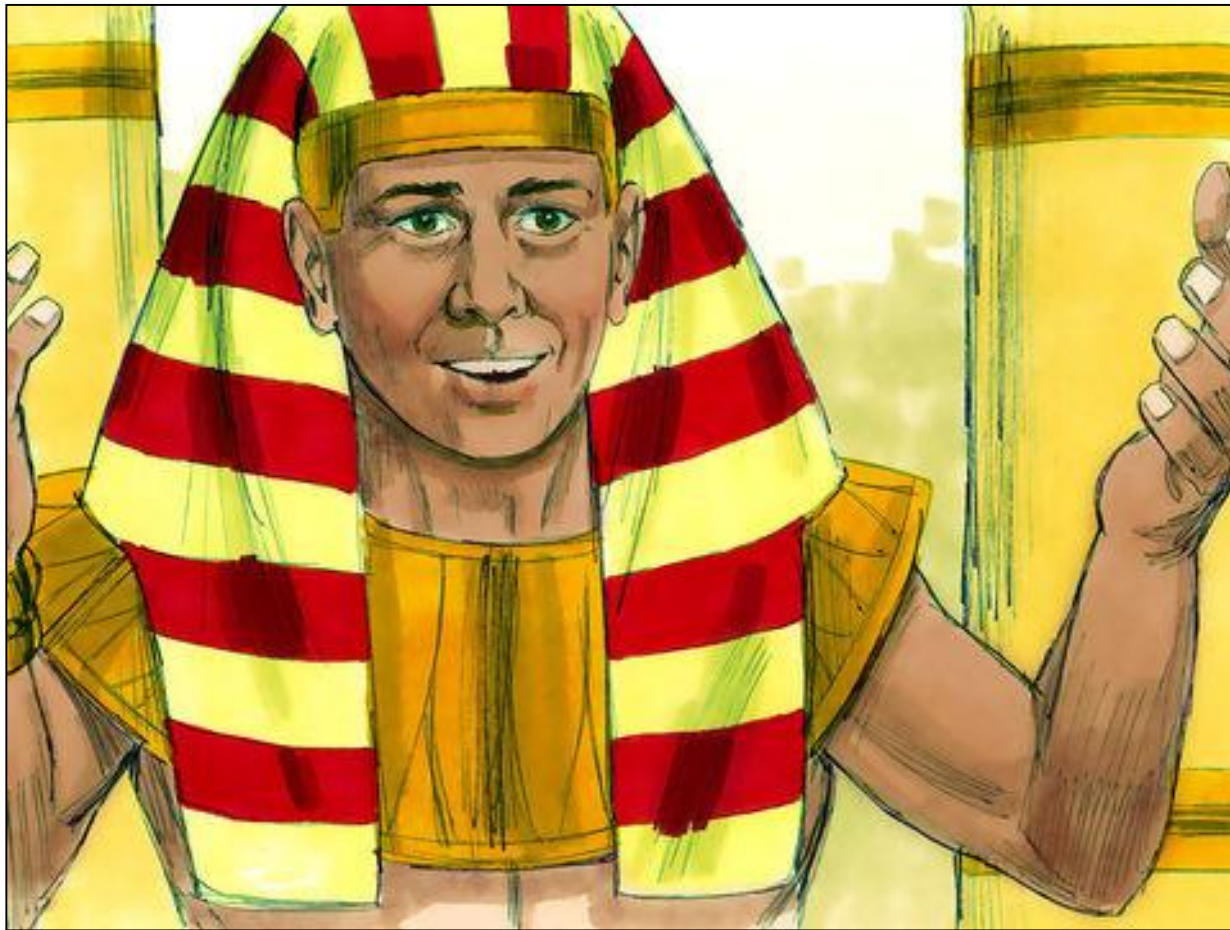
Protection from assimilation and room to grow as a nation

You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me--you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.`



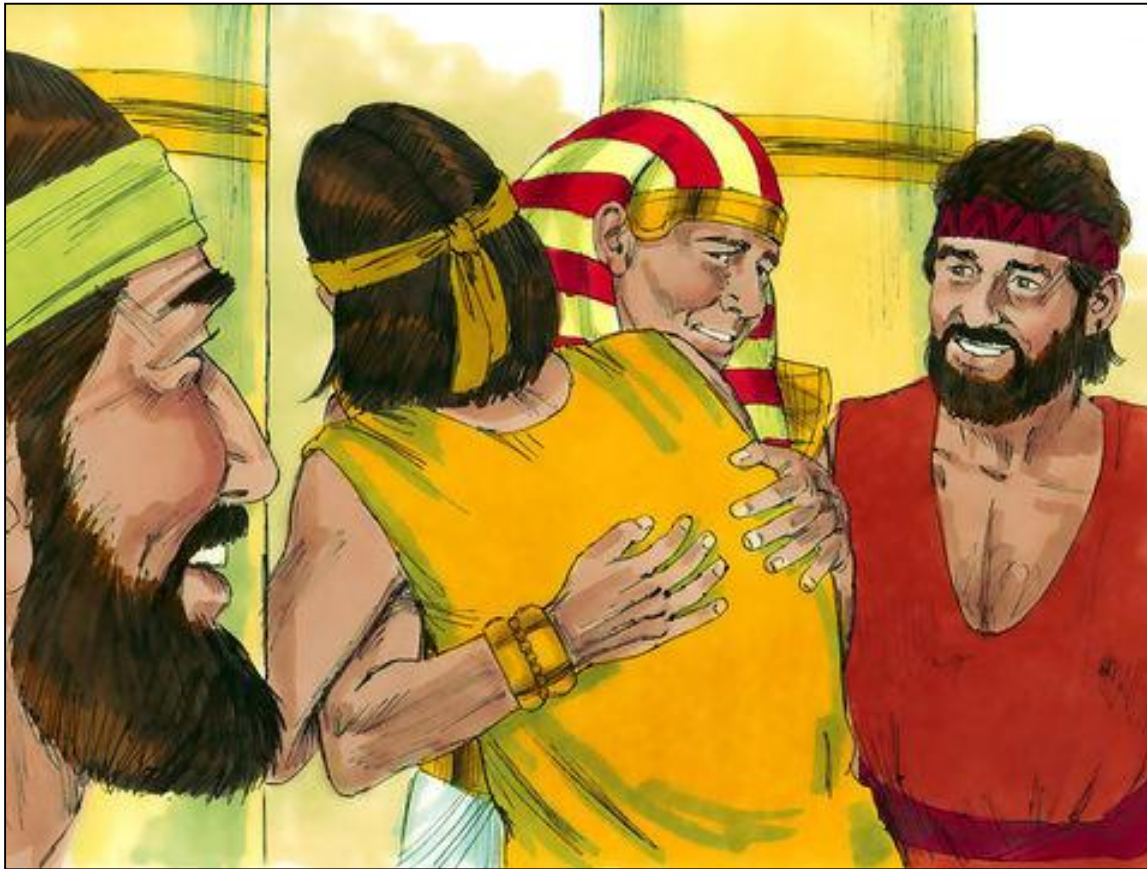
Joseph's intention

"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honour accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."



They need convincing that it's true.

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping.



**What a change !**  
Condemned criminal to embraced brother !

And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them.  
Afterward his brothers talked with him.



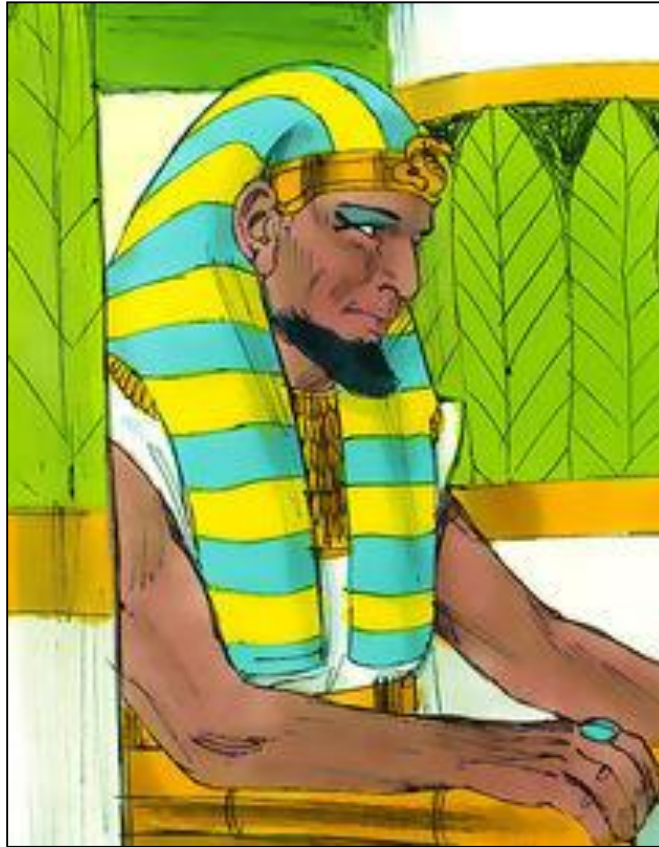
Forgiven, embraced - phew!  
Catch up time !

When the news reached Pharaoh's palace that Joseph's brothers had come, Pharaoh and all his officials were pleased.



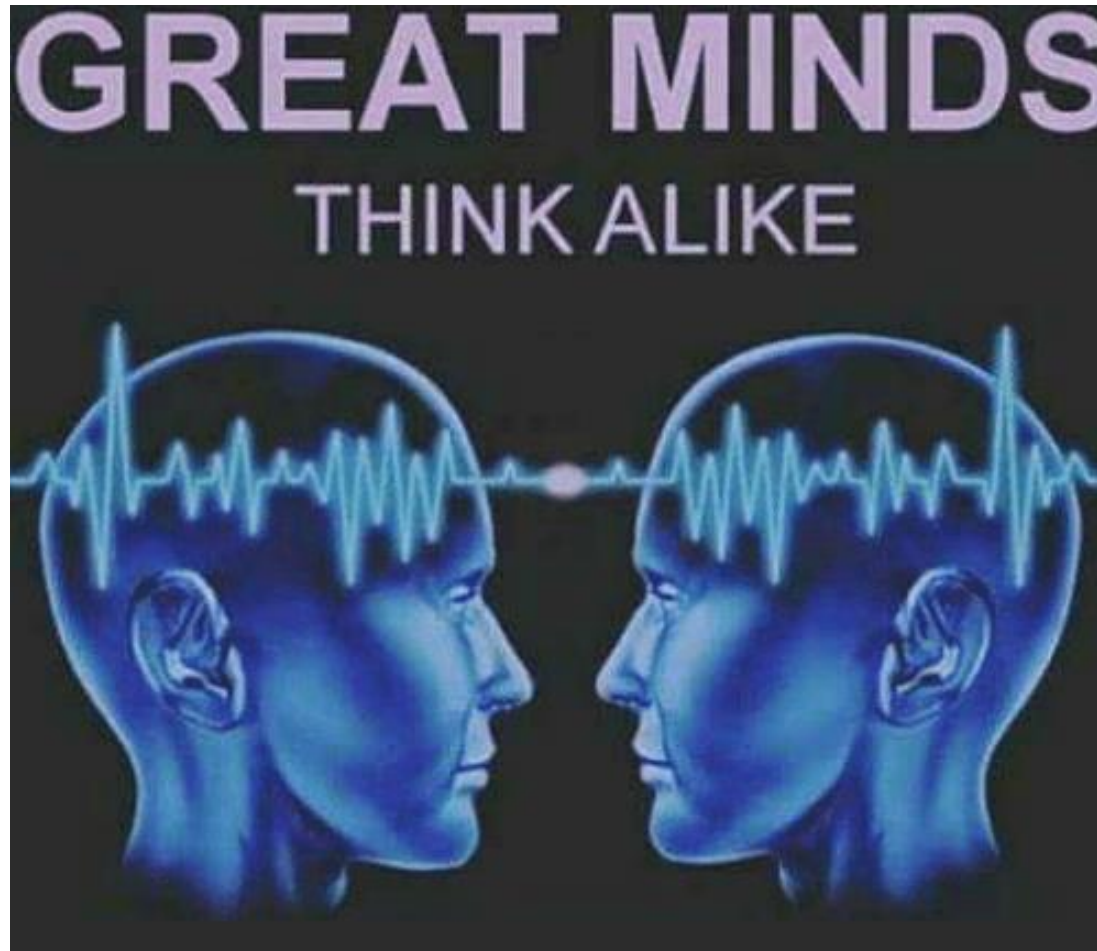
A kind hearted Pharaoh

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell your brothers, `Do this.. Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.`"



Generous to the family because of Joseph's blessing

"You are also directed to tell them, `Do this.. Take some carts from Egypt for your children and your wives, and get your father and come. Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.`"



Pharaoh's instruction = Joseph's advice ?

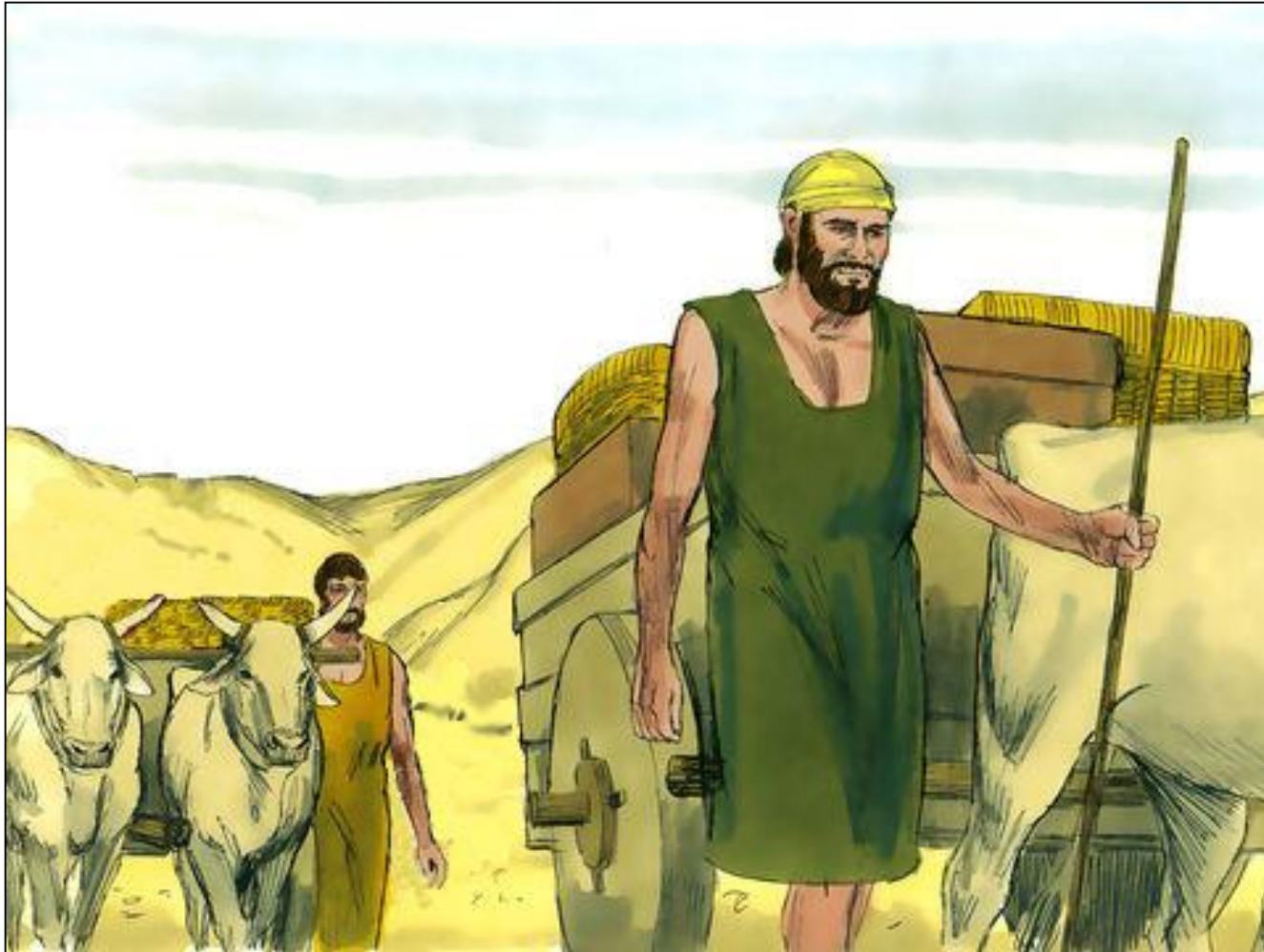


So the sons of Israel did this.



When obedience is a joy !

Joseph gave them carts, as Pharaoh had commanded, and he also gave them provisions for their journey.



A seriously impressive wagon train !

To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.



**Safe to bless his “special” brother now ?**

And this is what he sent to his father.. ten donkeys loaded with the best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey.



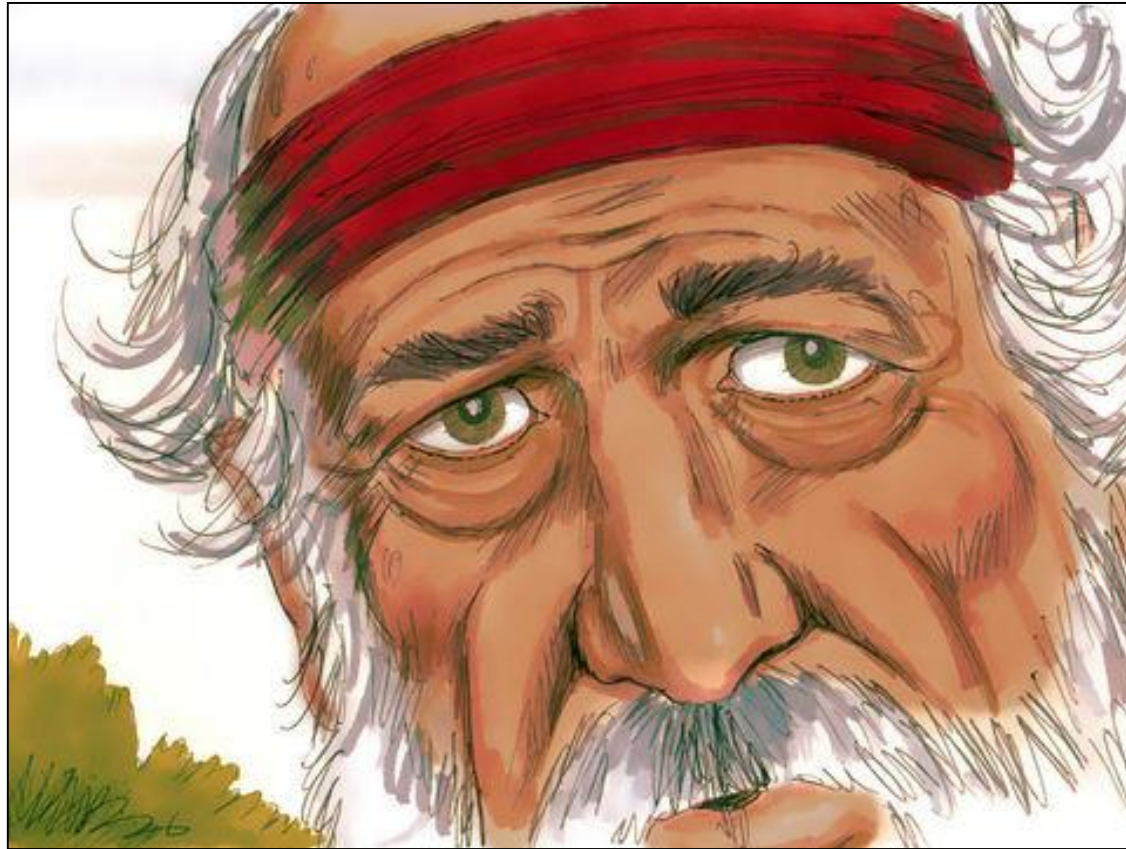
**And a big blessing for dad**

Then he sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, "Don't quarrel on the way!"



**The past stirred up– what do they say to dad?**

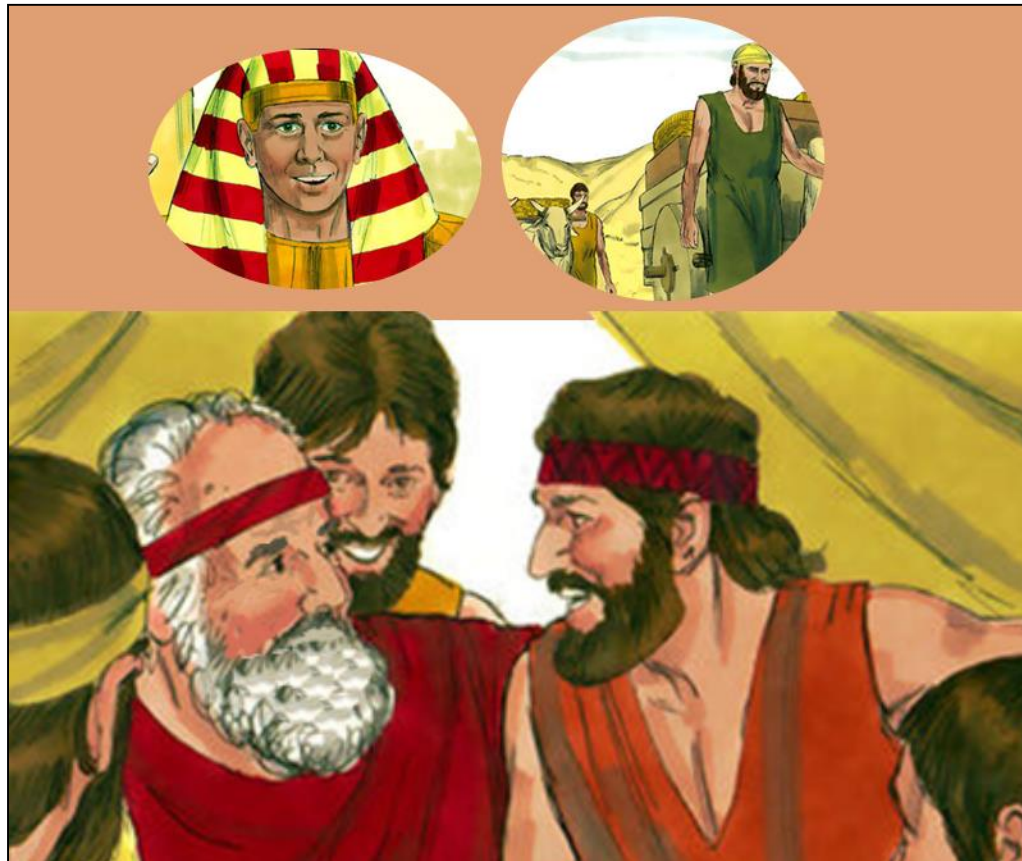
So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. They told him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt." **Jacob** was stunned; he did not believe them.



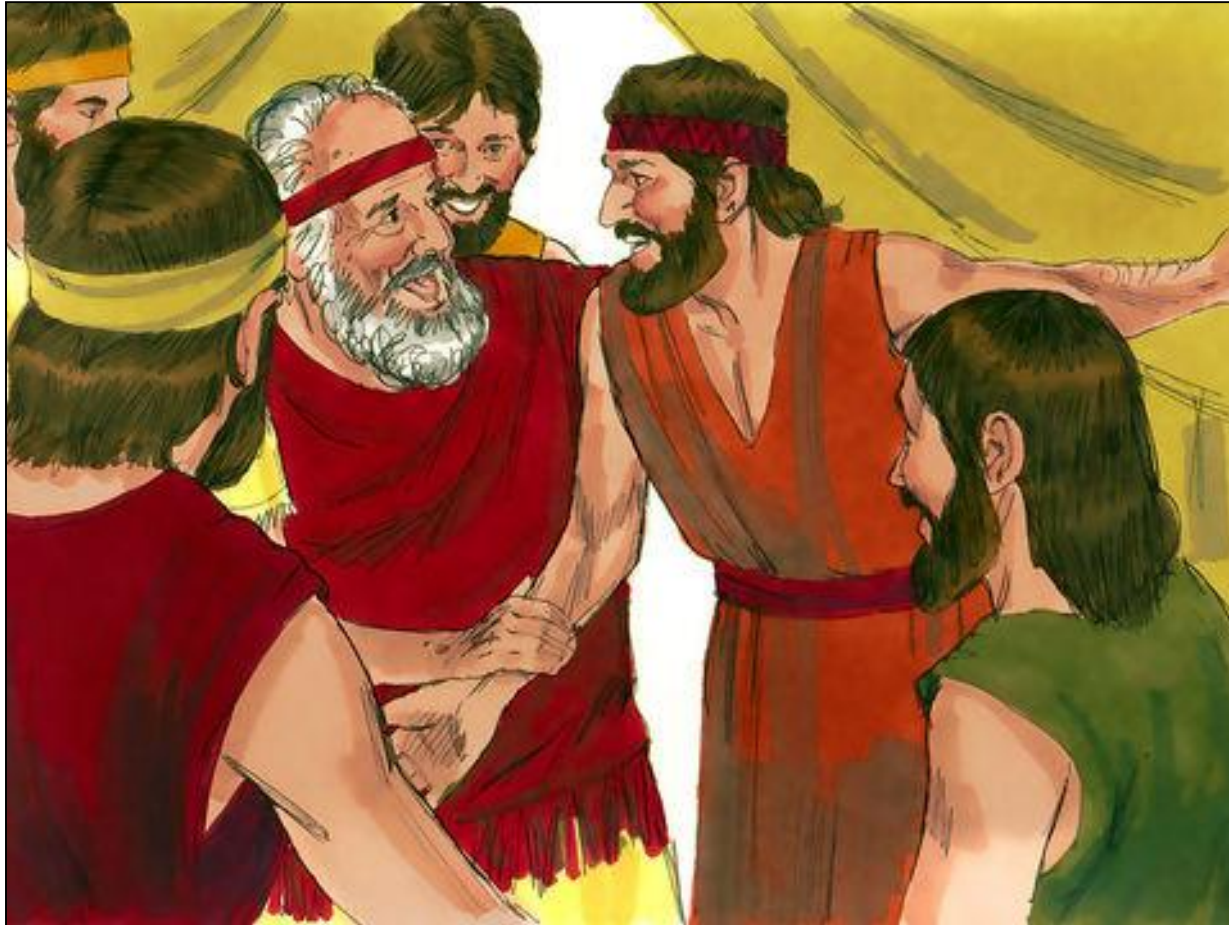
**It's unbelievable good news**

But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

They tell him what Joseph said and show him the blessing!



Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them. ....  
And Israel said, "I`m convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will  
go and see him before I die."



Israel (not Jacob) now speaking - I believe!  
(Romans 8:28)



# The Good News Parallel

**Tell them what Jesus said and show them the blessing!**



**Luke 8:39**

**"Return home and tell how much God has done for you."  
So the man went away and told all over town  
how much Jesus had done for him.**