



## Introduction

*Joseph's brothers are afraid when they find out who he is.*

## Questions

1. How did Joseph's brothers react when they found out who he was?
2. How did Joseph respond to their reaction at finding out who he was?
3. What did Joseph say to his brothers as they departed to bring the rest of the family to Egypt?

## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** When Joseph makes himself known to his brothers, they are afraid because of what they did to him
- **v 4 to 15** Joseph tells them “God sent me here to preserve life” (see theme). He tells them that as there are still five more years of famine to come his father and the rest of his family should come to Egypt where Joseph will provide for them
- **v 16 to 20** When Pharaoh hears that Joseph's brothers have come, he invites all Joseph's family to come and live in Egypt
- **v 21 to 28** Joseph sends wagons from Egypt with the brothers so they can fetch their father. Jacob initially doesn't believe Joseph is still alive, but agrees to go to Egypt when he sees the wagons Joseph has sent

**Timeline** to 2000 BC (see below)

## Theme

### **Seeing God's control in our lives**

*A selection of verses encouraging us to see God's control in our lives.*

Joseph saw God's hand in his brothers selling him into Egypt:

*Genesis 45 verses 4 and 5*

Even after several disasters, Job acknowledged God's control in his life:

*Job 1 verses 20 and 21*

Jacob acknowledged that God influenced the fertility of his wife Rachel:

*Genesis 30 verse 2*

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that God has considerable influence in our lives:

*Ecclesiastes 5 verses 18 and 19*

The apostle James reminds us that God gives us many good things:

*James 1 verse 17*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1 v 3, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 24

## Bible timeline



