

### **Transforming Daily**

*“ . . . bowed down before him with their faces to the earth . . . ”*  
*Genesis 42:6*

At this point the famine in the land was intense and far and wide spread. Everyone was affected by it. Every nation came to Egypt and stood before Joseph to purchase grain, including his brothers. After the admonition of their father, 10 of the sons of Jacob went to Egypt to buy grain to take back home, but they had no way of knowing what was about to happen. The subsequent events of their journey would soon change their lives as well as the lives of all the children of Israel, as well as Egypt.

Do you remember what got Joseph’s brothers so upset with him in the first place? What was it that moved his brothers to put him in a pit, and then later pull him out of the pit and sell him to the Ishmaelite traders who took Joseph to Egypt? It had something to do with his coat of many colors and a dream; more so to do with a dream. Do you remember what the dream was about? The dream was a Divine message to Joseph about how God was going to use him in relationship to his brothers. But how was God going to use Joseph in relationship with his brothers? Does the term “sheaves” ring a bell?

Joseph’s dream that got his brothers so upset had to do with him ruling over them. Oversimplified, in his dream they all were in a field bundling sheaves. All of a sudden, his sheaves stood up and his brother’s sheaves bowed down before his. Sound familiar? In part, this text reveals the dream Joseph had. His brothers at this point, unknowingly, came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

The fulfillment of this prophecy is reminiscent of a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. It is the prophecy that declares that one day every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! His brothers didn’t believe Joseph’s word when he told them of the dream, and look what happened. There are those in time past who heard the Word of God concerning the Lordship of Christ. They didn’t believe, and now it is too late for them. There are others who have heard, are now hearing, and are yet to hear the prophecy concerning the Lordship of Christ for whom it is not too late to surrender. Because just as it was for Joseph’s brothers who did not receive his message when he shared it with them, and even when the dream was being fulfilled, didn’t know it, there will be those who will have a similar experience before Christ when on “that day” every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The only alternative is to trust Christ today. Do you trust Him? Are you born again? Is it one of your spiritual disciplines to share Christ with others? For those of us who have been born again, and have already bowed the knee to Christ as Lord, we won’t experience the second death. However, there are many who haven’t trusted Him. It is the believer’s privilege and responsibility to tell them now about “that day” so that on “that day” it won’t be the first time they bowed down before Him with their faces to the earth.