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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-2:3

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. [1:1]
- ☐ The earth was without form and empty, and the Spirit hovered over the waters. [1:2]
- ☐ In six days, God created everything, including humans. [1:3-25]
- ☐ God created humans in his image, told them to fill and rule over the earth, and gave them plants and fruit as food. [1:26-29]
- ☐ God rested on the seventh day. [2:1-3]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the author say that God did in the beginning? [1:1]
In the beginning God created everything.
2. Describe the earth when God began his work of creation. [1:2]
It was covered in darkness and water and there was nothing living on it.
3. Describe what God did on each of the seven days. [1:3-2:3]
 - Day 1. Light, day and night [1:3-5]
 - Day 2. The sky [1:6-8]
 - Day 3. Dry land and all plant life [1:9-13]
 - Day 4. The sun, moon, stars [1:14-19]
 - Day 5. Sea animals and flying creatures [1:20-23]
 - Day 6. Land animals and human beings [1:24-31]
 - Day 7. God rested. [2:1-3]
4. What statement was repeated at the end of each day of creation? [1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31]
“And there was evening and there was morning, the [number] day.”
5. Why did God create humans? [1:26]
God created humans to be like him and to rule over all the earth and all the creatures in it.
6. What did God say after he created humans? [1:28]
He blessed them and told them to fill the earth with more people. They were to rule over all other creatures.
7. What did God give for food to humans and animals? [1:29-30]
For humans he gave seed-bearing plants and trees that produced fruit with seed. For animals he gave every green plant.

Genesis 1:1-2:3 continued

8. What did God say about the creation at the end of the sixth day? [1:31]
God saw all that he created, and it was very good.

Comment Section:

2:4-25

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh God formed man from dirt, breathed life into him, and put him in the garden of Eden. [2:4-8]
- ☐ In the garden Yahweh God made all kinds of trees grow, including the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. [2:9]
- ☐ A river watered the garden and flowed from Eden; and it flowed in 4 directions. [2:10-14]
- ☐ Yahweh God commanded man to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If the man did, he would die. [2:15-16]
- ☐ Yahweh God created a woman to be a helper to the man. [2:18-25]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Describe what the earth was like when Yahweh God formed humans. [2:5-6]
There were no bushes or plants because God had not caused it to rain, and no one had worked the ground to cause them to grow.
2. How did Yahweh God form man? [2:7]
Yahweh God formed the man out of the dust of the earth and breathed life into his nose.
3. What did Yahweh God plant in Eden? [2:8-9]
Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden. Every kind of tree that was good for food and pleasant to look at was planted in the garden.
4. What were the two trees the writer of Genesis identified in the garden? [2:9]
The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
5. What did Yahweh God want the man to do in the garden? [2:15]
To work it and take care of it.
6. What did Yahweh God command the man not to do? [2:17]
God commanded the man not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
7. What would happen to the man if he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? [2:17]
The man would die.
8. What did Yahweh God do since he did not want the man to be alone? [2:18-25]
Yahweh God decided to make a helper for the man, so he created a woman from the man.

Genesis 2:4-25 continued

9. After God created the woman, why do you think the Bible mentioned that the man and woman were naked and felt no shame? [2:25]

Perhaps this meant they were pure and without sin. They had no reason to be ashamed in front of each other or before Yahweh God.

Comment Section:

3:1-24

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The serpent came to the woman and told her she would not die if she ate from the tree in the middle of the garden, but she would be like God and know good and evil. [3:1-5]
- ☐ The woman ate the fruit from the tree and gave it to the man to eat as well, and they realized they were naked, so they hid from God. [3:6-8]
- ☐ Because they ate the fruit, God punished the serpent, the woman, and the man. [3:9-19]
- ☐ God forced Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden and placed cherubim at the entrance so they could not enter and eat from the tree of life. [3:20-24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did the author describe the serpent? [3:1]
The serpent was described as the most shrewd of all the animals of the field.
2. What did the serpent ask the woman? [3:1]
The serpent asked if God really said, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden."
3. How did the woman respond? [3:2-3]
She said they could eat from any tree in the garden except the one in the middle. If they ate from it or touched it, they would die.
4. Then what did the serpent say? [3:4-5]
The serpent told the woman they would not die. Instead, they would be like God, knowing good and evil.
5. What did the woman observe about the tree? [3:6]
She saw that the tree was good for food, that it was a delight to the eyes, and that it was desirable to make one wise.
6. What did the woman do? [3:6]
The woman ate the fruit of the tree and gave some to her husband, and he ate it as well.
7. What happened to the man and woman after they ate the fruit? [3:7-9]
They realized that they were naked, so they covered themselves, and they hid from God when they heard him coming.
8. What did the man and woman say after Yahweh God asked them if they had eaten from the tree? [3:9-13]
The man said that the woman had given him the fruit, so he ate. The woman said that the serpent deceived her, so she ate.

Genesis 3:1-24 continued

9. When Yahweh God asked the man and woman if they had eaten from the tree, why do you think the man blamed the woman, and the woman blamed the serpent? [3:12-13]
Perhaps they were trying to avoid personal responsibility for what they had done.
10. How did God curse the serpent? [3:14-15]
God said the serpent was the most cursed of all animals of the field. It would crawl on its stomach, and it would have hostility with the woman and her child. The child would step on its head, and the serpent would bite his heel.
11. How did God curse the woman? [3:16]
God increased the woman's pain during childbirth, and her husband would rule over her.
12. How did God curse the man? [3:17-19]
God cursed the ground so that the man would have to work hard for his food until the day he died.
13. What did Adam do after Yahweh God announced the curses? [3:20]
Adam named his wife "Eve" because she would be the ancestor of everyone alive.
14. What did Yahweh God do after he announced the curses? [3:22-24]
God made clothes for Adam and Eve, then forced them out of the garden of Eden. God placed cherubim at the east of the garden to keep Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of life.

Comment Section:

6:5-22

Background: After Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, they had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain killed Abel, and God forced Cain to leave. Then Adam and Eve had a third son, named Seth. The following chapters are about the descendants of Cain and Seth. This passage begins many years after the events that occurred in the Garden of Eden, when humans had become increasingly evil.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh saw that people were very wicked, so he decided to destroy them. [6:5-7]
- ☐ Yahweh was pleased with Noah, so he told Noah to build an ark so that he and his family would be safe during the flood. [6:8-18]
- ☐ Yahweh told Noah to bring a male and female of every kind of creature on to the ark, and to gather enough food for everyone. [6:19-22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the condition of humanity in 6:5?
Humans had become very wicked. Their thoughts and desires were always evil.
2. How did Yahweh feel about human beings and what did he decide to do? [6:6-7]
Yahweh was sorry he had made human beings, so he decided to destroy them.
3. How was Noah different from the people of his time? [6:8-9]
Noah pleased God. Noah was righteous, blameless, and he listened to God and obeyed him.
4. What did God tell Noah to do? [6:13-18]
God told Noah to build a large boat called an “ark” for himself and his family to save them from the flood.
5. God said he would destroy everything, but what did he do for Noah? [6:17-18]
God made a promise with Noah and his family that was called a “covenant.”
6. Besides his family, what else was Noah to bring on the ark? [6:19-21]
Noah was to bring two of every animal, male and female, and every kind of food for the people and the animals.

Comment Section:

7:5-24

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Noah, his family, and the animals went into the ark as Yahweh commanded. [7:5-9, 13-16]
- ☐ Rain fell for 40 days and nights, flooding the whole earth. [7:11-12, 17-19]
- ☐ All people and animals that lived on the earth died. [7:21-24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How old was Noah when the flood started? [7:6]
He was 600 years old.
2. Where did the waters of the flood come from? [7:11-12]
The springs under the earth broke out and large amounts of rain fell down from the sky.
3. How long did it rain? [7:12]
It rained 40 days and 40 nights.
4. Who shut the door of the ark once everyone had entered it? [7:16]
Yahweh shut it.
5. When Yahweh closed the door of the ark, what did this mean for all those not in the ark? [7:16]
It meant the people outside would not be saved on the ark and would die in the flood.
6. How high did the flood waters rise? [7:19-20]
The waters rose higher than all the mountains.
7. Who all died in the flood? [7:21-23]
All people and animals that breathed the breath of life through their noses died.
8. How long did the flood last? [7:24]
It lasted 150 days

Comment Section:

9:8-17

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ God made a covenant with Noah, his descendants, and every creature with him that he would never destroy the earth with a flood again. [9:8-11]
- ☐ God said the sign of his covenant would be the rainbow in the clouds. [9:12-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. With whom did God make a covenant? [9:9-10]
With Noah, his descendants, and all the animals that came out of the ark with him.
2. What do you think a covenant was? [9:8]
A covenant was a promise or agreement between two parties. Here it was God who made a promise with Noah, his descendants, and all the animals that came out of the ark.
3. What was God's promise? [9:11]
He would never destroy all life on earth again with a flood.
4. What was the sign of God's promise? [9:13]
The rainbow in the clouds was the sign of God's covenant between himself and all living things on earth.
5. What did God promise would never do again? [9:15]
A flood would never come and destroy all flesh.

Comment Section:

12:1-8

Background: The event in this passage happened many years after the flood. Abram was a descendant of Noah through his son Shem. Abram lived in a land called Haran when Yahweh first spoke with him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Abram to leave his home, country, and family and to go to a land that Yahweh would show him. [12:1]
- ☐ Yahweh promised to make a great nation through Abram, to make Abram famous, and to bless the whole world through Abram. [12:2-3]
- ☐ Abram obeyed Yahweh and went to the land of Canaan. [12:4-7]
- ☐ Abram built an altar to Yahweh and worshiped him. [12:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh tell Abram to do? [12:1]
Yahweh told Abram to leave his home and go to a place that God would show him.
2. What did Yahweh promise Abram? [12:2-3]
Yahweh promised
 - to make Abram's descendants into a great nation.
 - to make Abram's name great.
 - to bless those who blessed him.
 - to curse those who cursed him.
 - to bless all families of the earth through Abraham.
3. What did Abram do after Yahweh appeared to him? [12:7]
Abram built an altar to offer sacrifices and worship Yahweh.

Comment Section:

15:1-6

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Abram in a vision to not be afraid because he would protect Abram and give him all he needed. [15:1]
- ☐ Abram said that everything that the Lord Yahweh had given him would go to his servant, Eliezer, because Abram had no children. [15:2-3]
- ☐ Yahweh promised that Abram would have a son. [15:4]
- ☐ God promised that Abram would have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. [15:5]
- ☐ Abram believed Yahweh and, because of Abram's faith, Yahweh considered him righteous. [15:6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Yahweh communicate with Abram in 15:1?
Yahweh spoke to Abram in a vision.
2. What did Yahweh say to Abram? [15:1]
Yahweh told him that he should not be afraid because Yahweh was his shield and his very great reward.
3. Why was Abram not comforted by what Yahweh said? [15:2-3]
Abram was still not comforted because he had no child that could inherit his possessions. Everything Abram owned would go to his servant, Eliezer.
4. What did Yahweh promise Abram? [15:4-5]
Yahweh promised Abram that he would have a son and that he would have as many descendants as there were stars in the sky.
5. How did Abram respond to Yahweh's promise? [15:6]
Abram believed Yahweh.
6. How did Yahweh respond to Abram's belief? [15:6]
Yahweh considered Abram righteous because he believed Yahweh's promise.

Comment Section:

17:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh appeared to Abram and confirmed his covenant with him. [17:1-2]
- ☐ God changed Abram's name to Abraham, meaning "father of many nations." [17:3-5]
- ☐ Yahweh promised that he would establish a covenant with Abraham and his descendants that would last forever. [17:6-7]
- ☐ Yahweh promised to give the whole land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants forever. [17:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How old was Abram when the Lord appeared to him? [17:1]
He was 99 years old.
2. What did Yahweh first say to Abram? [17:1-2]
Yahweh said, "I am God Almighty. He told Abram to walk before him and be blameless. Yahweh also said he would confirm the covenant with Abram and would cause him to have many descendants.
3. What did Abram do when Yahweh said this to him? [17:3]
Abram bowed low with his face to the ground.
4. Why do you think Abram fell down when Yahweh spoke to him? [17:3]
Perhaps he fell down in front of Yahweh to show his (Abram's) submission and to give honor to Yahweh.
5. What did God do for Abram after he said that Abram would be the father of many nations? [17:4-5]
God changed Abram's name to "Abraham."
6. What did God promise to do for Abram and his descendants? [17:6-8]
God promised
 - nations and kings would descend from Abraham.
 - to establish a covenant and rule over Abraham and his descendants forever.
 - to give the whole land of Canaan to Abraham's descendants.

Comment Section:

22:1-19

Background: When Abraham was 100 years old, he had a son with his wife, Sarah. The son's name was Isaac. This passage is about when God tested Abraham regarding Isaac.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ God told Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. [22:1-2]
- ☐ Abraham traveled for three days to the place God said he should sacrifice Isaac. [22:3-5]
- ☐ Abraham was about to kill Isaac, but the angel of Yahweh told him not to harm his son because now God knew Abraham truly feared God and would obey him. [22:9-13]
- ☐ Abraham offered a ram as a sacrifice instead. [22:13]
- ☐ Yahweh said since Abraham was willing to offer his son, he would certainly bless him, give him very many descendants, and bless the world because of Abraham. [22:15-18]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did God test Abraham? [22:1-2]
He told Abraham to sacrifice his only son.
2. How did Abraham respond? [22:3]
The next morning Abraham went to do what God commanded.
3. When Abraham saw the place where he was supposed to go, what did he say to the servants? [22:4-5]
He told the servants to wait because he and Isaac were going somewhere else to worship, and then they would return.
4. Why do you think Abraham told the servants that “we” would return?
Perhaps he knew in some way that Isaac would live and return with him. Or perhaps he said that to keep the servants and Isaac from worrying about what was going to happen.
5. What did Isaac ask Abraham? [22:7]
He asked Abraham where the lamb for the sacrifice was.
6. How did Abraham answer Isaac? [22:8]
He said God would provide the lamb for the sacrifice.
7. What did Abraham do when they arrived at the place that God told him? [22:9-10]
Abraham built an altar, placed wood on it, bound his son, and placed his son on the wood. Then he took a knife to kill his son.
8. What happened when Abraham was about to kill his son? [22:11-12]
The angel of Yahweh told him not to harm the child.

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9. What did Abraham see when he looked up? [22:13]

He saw a ram caught in thickets by its horns.

10. What did Abraham do then? [22:13-14]

He sacrificed the ram and named the mountain "Yahweh Will Provide."

11. What did the angel of Yahweh promise Abraham? [22:15-18]

He promised that because Abraham obeyed Yahweh and was willing to sacrifice his son:

- Yahweh would bless Abraham and greatly increase the number of his descendants.
- His descendants would have victory over their enemies.
- Yahweh would bless all people of every nation through his descendants.

12. Why do you think God tested Abraham?

Perhaps God wanted to know how much Abraham was willing to trust him.

Comment Section:

25:19-34

Background: This passage is about Isaac's family after Abraham and Sarah died.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Isaac married Rebekah, who became pregnant with twins, and God said the older child will serve the younger child. [25:19-22]
- ☐ Esau was born first, and then Jacob was born holding Esau's heel. [25:23-26]
- ☐ Esau became a hunter, and Isaac loved him, but Jacob was quiet and stayed home, and Rebecca loved him. [25:27-28]
- ☐ Esau came home hungry, and Jacob offered to give him some stew if Esau would give him his birthright. [25:29-32]
- ☐ Esau agreed and gave his birthright to Jacob for bread and stew. [25:33-34].

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who did Isaac marry? [25:20]
He married Rebekah.
2. What was Rebekah's condition at the beginning of the passage? [25:21]
She was unable to become pregnant.
3. What happened so that she was able to become pregnant? [25:21]
Isaac prayed and Yahweh made her able to become pregnant.
4. What did Rebekah notice about the children in her womb? [25:22]
They were struggling with each other.
5. When Rebekah asked Yahweh about the children, what did he tell her? [25:23]
Yahweh told Rebekah that the two children in her were two nations. One nation would be stronger than the other, and the older would serve the younger.
6. Describe the first baby born. [25:25]
He was red and hairy. His name was Esau.
7. What was the second baby doing when he was born? [25:26]
He was holding the heel of Esau.
8. What was the name of the second baby? [25:26]
Jacob.
9. When the children grew up what was Esau like? [25:27]
He was a skillful hunter. He enjoyed being in the open country.

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10. What was Jacob like? [25:27]

He was quiet and enjoyed staying near the tents.

11. Which parent loved which child more? [25:28]

Isaac loved Esau more. Rebekah loved Jacob more.

12. One time when Esau came in from hunting and was weak from hunger. What was it that Esau asked Jacob to do for him? [25:29-30]

He asked Jacob to give him some of the red stew that Jacob had made.

13. What was another name for Esau? [25:30]

Edom.

14. What did Jacob want from Esau in exchange for the food? [25:31]

Jacob wanted what Esau would inherit from his father. This was called a "birthright."

15. How did Esau respond? [25:32-34]

He said that what he would inherit from his father would do him no good if he died from hunger, so he gave Jacob his inheritance in exchange for a bowl of stew and bread.

16. What was said about how Esau felt about his birthright? [25:34]

Esau did not respect all that he would inherit from his father.

Comment Section:

32:22-31

Background: After Jacob took Esau's birthright, Jacob tricked their father, Isaac, into blessing him instead of Esau. When Esau found out, he threatened to kill Jacob, so Jacob ran away. Jacob went to the region of Paddan Aram and stayed with his relative, Laban. While there he married Laban's daughters, Leah and Rachel, and had 11 sons. Laban became jealous about how prosperous Jacob had become, so Jacob left to return home. This passage took place on the night before Jacob met Esau again.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jacob sent his family and possessions across the stream called Jabbok. [32:22-23]
- ☐ Jacob wrestled a man, and the man injured Jacob's hip when he realized he could not defeat Jacob. [32:24-25]
- ☐ The man told Jacob to let him go, but Jacob would not until the man blessed him. [32:26]
- ☐ The man blessed Jacob and changed his name to Israel. [32:27-29]
- ☐ Jacob named that place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face to face and my life is delivered." [32:30]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened after Jacob sent his family and possessions across the stream? [32:24]
A man wrestled him until the sun came up.
2. What did the man do when he could not defeat Jacob? [32:25]
He struck Jacob's hip and injured him.
3. What did Jacob want the man to do? [32:26]
Jacob wanted the man to bless him.
4. What did the man do after Jacob told him his name? [32:28]
The man changed Jacob's name to Israel.
5. Why did the man change Jacob's name to Israel? [32:28]
Because Jacob had wrestled with God and man and had succeeded.
6. What did the man do when Jacob asked him his name? [32:29]
The man asked him why he asked him his name. Then the man blessed him.
7. What did Jacob name that place? [32:30]
He called it Peniel.
8. Why did he name it that? [32:30]
Because he had seen God face to face and had survived.

Comment Section:

37:12-36

Background: Jacob, also known as Israel, had 12 sons. Ten of them were sons of Leah or sons of maidservants. The other two were sons of Rachel. Jacob loved the two sons of Rachel, especially Joseph, more than he loved the other sons. Jacob gave Joseph a beautiful, ornamented coat. The 10 sons were very jealous of Joseph. Joseph started having dreams about one day ruling over his brothers. This passage tells what Joseph's brothers did to him out of their anger and jealousy.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Joseph's 10 older brothers were with their father's flocks, and Israel sent Joseph to see if they were well. [37:12-17]
- ☐ When the brothers saw Joseph coming, they planned to kill him, throw him in a well, and tell their father that an animal killed him. [37:18-20]
- ☐ One brother, Reuben, tried to convince the brothers to only throw him in the well and not kill him. Reuben planned to rescue Joseph from the well later. [37:21-22]
- ☐ The brothers grabbed Joseph, took his beautiful coat, and threw him in the well. [37:23-24]
- ☐ Later, the brothers sold Joseph to some Ishmaelites going to Egypt, which upset Reuben when he found out. [37:25-30]
- ☐ The brothers covered Joseph's coat in blood and showed it to their father, and he wept because he thought his son was dead. [37:31-36]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where were Joseph's 10 older brothers? [37:12]
They were with their father's flocks near the town of Shechem.
2. What did Israel ask Joseph to do? [37:13-14]
He asked Joseph to go check on his brothers and the flocks, and then to report back.
3. When the brothers saw Joseph coming, what did they plan to do? [37:18-20]
They planned to kill Joseph, throw his body in one of the pits, and tell their father that an animal killed him.
4. What did Reuben want to do? [37:21-22]
He wanted to throw Joseph in the well but not kill him. He planned to get Joseph out of the well later.
5. What happened when Joseph arrived? [37:23-24]
They took him, removed his beautiful coat, and threw him in a well.
6. Later, what did the brothers see? [37:25]
They saw a group of traders on their way to Egypt.
7. What did Judah convince his brothers to do? [37:26-27]
He convinced them to sell Joseph to the traders.

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8. What did the traders do? [37:28]

They gave the brothers 20 pieces of silver and took Joseph to Egypt.

9. How did the brothers convince their father that Joseph had been killed by an animal? [37:31-32]

They put goat's blood on Joseph's coat and showed it to their father.

10. How did Jacob react? [37:33-35]

He responded that some wild animal must have killed Joseph. Then he tore his clothes, put on clothes made of rough material, and mourned for many days. He planned to mourn for his son the rest of his life. No one could comfort him.

Comment Section:

45:1-28

Background: After Joseph's brothers had sold him to traders, they took him to Egypt. While in Egypt, Joseph was able to help the king of Egypt, called Pharaoh. Pharaoh made him the second most powerful person in Egypt. Later, there was a famine. Joseph's family was about to starve, so Israel sent his sons to Egypt to get food. Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize him. This passage is about when Joseph told his brothers who he was.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Joseph became very emotional, and he told his brothers that he was Joseph, their brother. [45:1-4]
- ☐ Joseph told his brothers not to be afraid because it was God's will for Joseph to be sent to Egypt so he could save his family during the famine. [45:5-8]
- ☐ Joseph sent his brothers to get his father so they could all live in Egypt with him. [45:9-15]
- ☐ Pharaoh said he would give Joseph's family to live and food to eat. [45:16-20]
- ☐ Joseph's brothers traveled home, and they told their father that Joseph was alive and a ruler in Egypt. Israel was happy and wanted to go see Joseph. [45:21-28]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Joseph do when he was overcome with emotion and could no longer control himself? [45:1-2]
He had all of his servants leave, and then he revealed who he was to his brothers. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him.
2. What did Joseph ask his brothers? [45:3]
He asked them about their father.
3. What was the reason Joseph gave for why his brothers should not be grieved or angry with themselves for what they did to him? [45:4-8]
Joseph said it was God's will for Joseph to go to Egypt so that God could make Joseph powerful and able to save many lives, including his family's, during the famine.
4. What did Joseph tell his brothers to do? [45:9-11]
He told them to go back to Canaan, get their father and the rest of the family, and then return to Egypt so Joseph could take care of them.
5. What did Pharaoh do when he heard about this? [45:16-20]
Pharaoh sent many gifts with the brothers as they went back to Canaan. He sent carts for the women and children to ride as they traveled. He promised to give the best land to Joseph's family.
6. How did Israel respond when his sons told him about Joseph? [45:26-28]
At first, he did not believe them, but they were able to convince him that Joseph was alive. Israel decided to go to Egypt to see Joseph.

Comment Section:

50:15-26

Background: Joseph's family moved to Egypt, and he was reunited with his father. Joseph also had two sons named Ephraim and Manasseh. This passage is about what happened after Israel died and about Joseph's last days.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ After Israel died, Joseph's brothers were afraid he might take revenge on them for what they did to him. [50:15-18].
- ☐ Joseph told them not to be afraid because everything that had happened was God's will. [50:19-21]
- ☐ Before Joseph died, he prophesied to his family that God would take all of their descendants and return them to Canaan, just as God had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. [50:22-24]
- ☐ Joseph made his family promise that when they left Egypt, they would take his bones so he could be buried in Canaan. [50:25-26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid after their father died? [50:15]
Joseph's brothers thought that now their father Jacob had died, Joseph might want to punish them for what they did to him.
2. What did the brothers do? [50:16-17]
Joseph's brothers sent a message to Joseph saying that their father had instructed him to forgive his brothers.
3. What did Joseph say to his brothers when they offered themselves as his slaves? [50:18-21]
He told them not to be afraid. It was God's will for Joseph to go to Egypt and save the lives of many people.
Joseph promised to take care of his brothers and their families.
4. How old was Joseph when he died? [50:22, 26]
He was 110 years old.
5. What did Joseph say to his brothers before he died? [50:24]
Joseph spoke about the future. He promised them that one day God would take their family back to Canaan.
Joseph was confirming the promise that God had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Comment Section: