

Acts 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

Analysis

The 'second time' marks Joseph's self-revelation to his brothers (Genesis 45:1-4), a dramatic moment of reconciliation demonstrating God's sovereignty over family conflict for redemptive purposes. Joseph's identity being 'made known' to Pharaoh shows divine favor extending to Gentile rulers, prefiguring the gospel's reach to all nations. God orchestrated every detail—from family strife to Pharaoh's knowledge—for covenant fulfillment.

Historical Context

Joseph's revelation occurred in his private chambers to protect his brothers from public Egyptian knowledge of their crime of selling him. Pharaoh's positive response to Joseph's family (Genesis 45:16-20) reflects Joseph's high standing and Egyptian hospitality customs toward guests of important officials.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does Joseph's reconciliation with his brothers picture the greater reconciliation God provides through Christ?
2. What does Pharaoh's welcome of Joseph's family teach us about God's favor extending even to pagan authorities?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐν τῷ δευτέρῳ ἀνεγνωρίσθη Ἰωσήφ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς
And at the second was made known Joseph's to the brethren
G2532 G1722 G3588 G1208 G319 G2501 G3588 G80

αὐτοῦ καὶ φανερὸν ἐγένετο τῷ Φαραὼ τὸ γένος
And known was made unto Pharaoh the kindred
G846 G2532 G5318 G1096 G3588 G5328 G3588 G1085

τοῦ Ἰωσήφ
Joseph's
G3588 G2501

From KJV Study • kjvstudy.org