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²⁵ Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. ²⁶ And they told him, saying, “Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt.” And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. ²⁸ Then Israel said, “*It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.*”

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⁵ Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶ So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him. ⁷ His sons and his sons’ sons, his daughters and his sons’ daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

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THE ROOTS AND FRUITS OF REAL RECONCILIATION

- Real reconciliation springs _____.

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- Real reconciliation reaches _____.

45 ³ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. ⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

- Real reconciliation seeks _____.

⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

- Real reconciliation impacts _____.

⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

- Real reconciliation perceives _____.

⁸ So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

- Real reconciliation brings _____.

⁹ “Hurry and go up to my father,...., ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry..... ¹³you shall hurry and bring my father down here.”’

- Real reconciliation practices _____.

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- Real reconciliation expresses _____.

¹⁴ Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

- Real reconciliation resists _____.

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- Real reconciliation influences _____.

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- Real reconciliation encourages _____.

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- Real reconciliation inspires _____.

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³ So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. ⁴ I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

- Real reconciliation relates _____.

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- Real reconciliation springs from a desire to forgive.

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- Real reconciliation seeks to terminate sorrow.

⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

- Real reconciliation impacts future generations.

⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

- Real reconciliation perceives God’s work at all times.

⁸ So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

- Real reconciliation brings healing to the whole family.

⁹ “Hurry and go up to my father,...., ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry..... ¹³you shall hurry and bring my father down here.”’

- Real reconciliation practices great generosity.

¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children’s children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you,...

- Real reconciliation expresses affection unreservedly.

¹⁴ Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

- Real reconciliation resists being envious of others.

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- Real reconciliation improves other relationships.

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- Real reconciliation encourages the discouraged.

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GENESIS 40 ¹⁵ For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.”

ROMANS 8 ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren....

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?....

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE FOUR CRAFTSMEN - Judaism’s Messianic Figures

The roles of the Four Craftsmen are as follows:

[Elijah](#) will be the herald of the [eschaton](#).

Messiah ben Joseph will wage war against the evil forces and die in combat with the enemies of God and Israel.

Messiah ben David will reign as a Jewish king [during the period when God will resurrect the dead](#).

The [Righteous Priest](#) has largely not been the subject of Jewish messianic speculation.

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