The Patriarchs—Week 18
Joseph—the Fourth (?) Patriarch, Part 3

I. Joseph’s brothers go to Egypt
   A. Joseph’s brothers bow before him (the prophecy is fulfilled) but they do not recognize him
   B. Joseph accuses them of being spies
   C. Sends them back, with grain and their money returned, but kept Simeon as guarantee
   D. Joseph’s brothers return to Egypt, with Benjamin
   E. Joseph makes a feast with them, then sends them on their way, but again returns the money
       but plants a silver cup in Benjamin’s bag
   F. Joseph finally reveals himself to his brothers
   G. Joseph invites them to bring Jacob and the rest to come live in Egypt, and the Pharaoh approves

II. Jacob is told but at first can’t believe it
   A. God gives Israel a dream to go down to Egypt
   B. Joseph and Jacob reunited—they settle in Goshen
   C. Jacob blesses Pharaoh
   D. Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh—and puts the younger before the older
   E. Jacob blesses his sons

III. Jacob dies, and Joseph dies

IV. Hierarchy and Patriarchy—closing observations
   A. Use and abuse of authority—all authority (except God) is capable of abuse
   B. The State is NOT a proper substitute for the family

V. The Patriarchal Family—“When the Church Was a Family” by Joseph H. Hellerman
   A. The “individualistic society” vs the “strong group” society
   B. The Father as the authority figure
      1. The proper use of authority
         a. To provide and protect
   C. The attack on masculinity—“Men on Strike: Why Men are Boycotting Marriage, Fatherhood, and the American Dream—and Why It Matters” by Helen Smith
   C. The definition of masculinity (from Emerson Eggerich’s “Love and Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs”)
      1. desire to work and achieve, which he calls: Conquest
      2. desire to protect and provide: Hierarchy
      3. desire to serve and to lead: Authority
      4. desire to analyze and counsel: Insight
      5. desire for shoulder-to-shoulder friendship: Relationship
   D. Equality and authority