

42. 1. When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you keep looking at one another?"
2. "I have heard", he said, "that there is grain in Egypt; go down and get grain for us there, that we may live and not die."
3. So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. 4. But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him.
5. Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.
6. Now Joseph was governor over the land

it was he who sold to all the people of the land
and Joseph came and bowed themselves before
him with their faces to the ground. 7. When
Joseph saw his brothers, he recognised
them, but he treated them like strangers
and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you
come from?" he said. They said "From
the land of Canaan, to buy food."

8. Although Joseph had recognized his brothers,
they did not recognize him.

9. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he
had dreamed about them. He said to them,
"You are spies; you have to come to see the
nakedness of the land!"

10. They said to him, "No, my lord; your servants
have come to buy food.

11. We are all sons of one man; we are honest
men; your servants have never been spies."

12. But he said to them, "No, you have to come
to see the nakedness of the land!"

13. They said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more."
14. But Joseph said to them, "It is just as I have said to you; you are spies!"
15. Here is how you shall be tested; as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here!
16. Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.
17. And he put them all together in prison for three days.
18. On the third day Joseph said to them, "Do this and you will live, for I fear God.

19. If you are honest men, let one of your brothers stay here where you are imprisoned. The rest of you shall go and carry grain for the famine of your households,
20. and bring your youngest brother to me. Thus your words will be verified, and you shall not die." And they agreed to do so.
21. They said to one another, "Alas, we are paying the penalty for what we did to our brother; we saw his anguish when he pleaded with us, but we would not listen. That is why this anguish has come upon us."
22. Then Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to wrong the boy? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood."
23. They did not know that Joseph understood them, since he spoke with them through an interpreter.
24. He turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. And he picked out Simeon and had him bound before their eyes.

- 25 Joseph then gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to return every man's money to his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. This was done for them.
- 26 They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed.
- 27 When one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his money at the top of the sack.
- 28 He said to his brothers, "My money has been put back; here it is in my sack!" At this they lost heart and turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"
- 29 When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that happened to them, saying,



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30 "The man the Lord of the land

spoke frankly to us - and charged us
with spying on the land -

31 But we said to him, 'We are honest men, we are not
spies.

32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our Father in the Land
of Canaan.'

33 Then the man, the lord of land, said to us, 'By this I
shall know that you are honest men: leave one
of your brothers with me, take grain for the famine of
your households, and go your way.

34 Bring your youngest brother to me, and I shall know
that you are not spies but honest men. Then I will
release your brother to you and you may trade in
the land.'

35 As they were emptying their sacks, there in one's sack
was his bag of money. When they and their father saw
their bundles of money, they were dismayed.

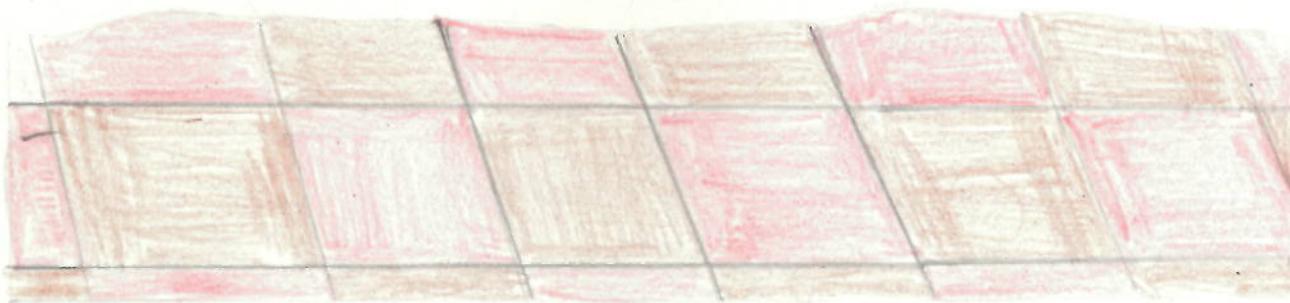
36 And their father Jacob said to them, "I am the
one you have bereaved of children: Joseph is no more,

and now you would take Benjamin. All this has happened to me!"

- 37 Then Reuben said to his father, "You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you."
- 38 But he said, "My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should come to him on this journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

CHAPTER 43.

- 1 Now the famine was severe in the land.
- 2 And when they had eaten up the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little more food."
- 3 But Judah said to him, "The man



- cont. solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'
- 4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food;
- 5 but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.'
- 6 Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?"
- 7 They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, 'Bring your

brother down'?"

8 Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the boy with me, and let us be on our way, so that we may live and not die — you and me and also our little ones.

9. I myself will be surety for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.

10. If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice."

11. Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry them down as a present to the man — a little balm and a little honey, gum, resin, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12. Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the top of your sack; perhaps it was an oversight.

13. Take your brother also, and be on your way again
14 to the man; may God Al-mighty grant you mercy before
the man, so that he may send back your other brother
and Benjamin. As for me, if I am bereaved for my
children, I am bereaved."
15. So the men took the present, and they took double the
money with them, as well as Benjamin. Then they went
on their way down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.
16. When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the
Steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house,
and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men
are to dine with me at noon."
17. The man did as Joseph said, and brought the men
to Joseph's house.
18. Now the men were afraid because they were brought
to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of
the money, replaced in our sacks the first time, that
we have been brought in, so that he may have an
opportunity to fall upon us, to make slaves of us and .

our donkeys."

19. So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the entrance to the house.
20. They said, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food;
21. and when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and was each one's money in the top of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it back with us.
22. Moreover we have brought down with us additional money to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks."
23. He replied, "Rest assured, do not be afraid; your God and the God of your father must have put treasure in your sacks for you; I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.
24. When the steward had brought the men into Joseph's house, and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder

25. they made the present ready Joseph's coming at noon, for they had heard that they would dine there.
26. When Joseph came home, they brought him the present that they had carried into the house, and bowed to the ground before him.
27. He inquired about their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive."
28. They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and did obeisance.
29. Then he looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!"
30. With that, Joseph hurried out, because he was overcome with affection for his brother, and he was about to weep. So he went into a private and wept there.
31. Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, "Serve the meal."

32. They served him by himself and them by themselves and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews for that is ~~is~~ an abomination to the Egyptian.
33. When they were seated before him the first born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his years the men looked at one another in amazement.
34. And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him

1. And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every



- man's money in his sack; mouth
- 2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack, mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.
 - 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, and their asses.
 - 4 And when they were going out of the city, and not yet far off Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?
 - 5 Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.
 - 6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.
 - 7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servant should do according to thine thing:

8. Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Ca'nāan; how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?
9. With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.
10. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words; he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and he shall be blameless.
11. Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.
12. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.
13. Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 Judah & his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him.

15 Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?"

16 And Judah said, "What can we say to my Lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my Lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found."

17 But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18. Then Judah stepped up to him and said,

"O my Lord, let your servant please speak a word in my Lord's ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are like Pharaoh himself."

19. My lord asked his servants, saying 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20. And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead; he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.'

21. Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, so that I may set my eyes on him.'

22. We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

23. Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.'

24. When we went back to your servant my father we told him the words of my lord.

25. And when our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food.'

26. We said, 'We cannot go down.'

- 26 Only if our youngest brother goes with us, we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'
- 27 Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons;
- 28 one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since,
- 29 If you take this one also from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my gray hair in sorrow to Sheol.'
- 30 Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life,
- 31 when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die; and your servants will bring down the gray

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32 For your servant became surety for
the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do
not bring him back to you, then I
will bear the blame in the sight of
my father all my life.'

33 Now therefore, please let your servant
remain as a slave to my lord in
place of the boy; and let the boy
go back with his brothers.

34 For how can I go back to my father
if the boy is not with me? I fear
to see the suffering that would
come upon my father."

