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(20) And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

(21) And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

(22) But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

(23) Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

Chapter 41

(1) And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

(2) And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

(3) And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

(4) And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

(5) And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

(6) And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

(20) And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

(21) And he restored the chief butler to his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

(22) But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

(23) Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Chapter 41

(1) And it came to pass at the end of two full years {2289 A.H./C-1753 B.C.},^{a*} that Pharaoh dreamed: and, indeed, he stood by the river.

(2) And, there came up out of the river seven well favored and fat of flesh cattle; and they fed in a meadow.

(3) And, then seven other cattle came up after them out of the river, ill favored and lean of flesh; and stood by the *other* cattle upon the bank of the river.

(4) And the ill favored and lean of flesh cattle ate up the seven well favored and fat cattle. So Pharaoh awoke.

(5) And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, firm and good.

(6) And, then seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

41:1a - 30th year of Joseph's life – Jacob [Israel] is 121

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(7) And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.

(8) And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

(9) Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

(10) Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

(11) And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

(12) And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

(13) And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

(14) Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

(7) And the seven thin ears devoured the seven firm and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, *it was* a dream.

(8) And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

(9) Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

(10) Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in prison in the captain of the guard's house, *both* me and the chief baker:

(11) And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

(12) And *there was* there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

(13) And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored to my office, and him he hanged.

(14) Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved *himself*, and changed his clothing, and came in to Pharaoh.

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(15) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

(16) And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

(17) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

(18) And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

(19) And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

(20) And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

(21) And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

(22) And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

(23) And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

(24) And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me.

(15) And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no one who can interpret it: and I have heard it said of you, *that* you can understand a dream to interpret it.

(16) And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

(17) And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, I stood upon the bank of the river:

(18) And, there came up out of the river seven cattle, fat of flesh and well favored; and they fed in a meadow:

(19) And, after that, seven other cattle came up after them, poor and very ill favored and lean of flesh, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

(20) And the lean and the ill favored cattle ate up the first seven fat cattle:

(21) And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

(22) And I saw in my {second} dream, and seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

(23) And, afterward seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind, sprung up them:

(24) And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told *this* to the magicians; but *there was* no one who could declare *it* to me.

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(25) And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.

(26) The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

(27) And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

(28) This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

(29) Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

(30) And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

(31) And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it *shall be* very grievous.

(32) And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

(33) Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

(25) And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dreams of Pharaoh *are* one: God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do.

(26) The seven good cattle *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

(27) And the seven thin and ill favored cattle that came up after them *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

(28) This *is* the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do he is showing to Pharaoh.

(29) There are coming seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

(30) And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

(31) And the plenty shall not be known in the land because of that famine following; because it *shall be* very grievous.

(32) And because the dream was doubled to Pharaoh twice; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

(33) Now therefore let Pharaoh search out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

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(34) Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

(35) And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

(36) And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

(37) And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

(38) And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

(39) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*:

(40) Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

(41) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

(42) And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

(34) Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part {20%}^b of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

(35) And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

(36) And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land not perish through the famine.

(37) And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

(38) And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

(39) And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as you *are*:

(40) You shall be over my house, and according to your word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than you.

(41) And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.

(42) And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in clothing of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

41:34b – fifth part – 20 percent

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(43) And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

(44) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

(45) And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

(46) And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

(47) And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

(48) And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

(49) And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

(50) And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

(43) And he caused him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

(44) And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

(45) And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah {revealer of secret things};^c and he gave him Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On for a wife . And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

(46) And Joseph *was* thirty years {2289 A.H./C-1753 B.C.}^{d*} old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

(47) And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

(48) And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which *was* around every city, he laid up in the same.

(49) And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he quit counting; because *it was* without number.

(50) And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bore to him.

41:45c - Zaphnath-paaneah - {צִפְנַת פַּעֲנָח} - "revealer of secret things"

41:46d - 30th year of Joseph's life – Jacob [Israel] is 121

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(51) And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

(52) And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

(53) And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

(54) And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

(55) And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

(56) And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

(57) And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

Chapter 42

(1) Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

(2) And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

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(51) And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh {causing to forget}:^e Because God, *he said*, has caused me to forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

(52) And the name of the second he called Ephraim {double fruit}:^f Because God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

(53) And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end.

(54) And the seven years of famine began to come {2297A.H./C-1745 B.C.},^{g*} just as Joseph had said: and the famine was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

(55) And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do.

(56) And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine grew greatly in the land of Egypt.

(57) And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy *corn*; because the famine was so great in all lands.

Chapter 42

(1) Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look at one another?

(2) And he said, Look, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: go down there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die.

41:51e - Manasseh - {מנשה} "causing to forget"

41:52f - Ephraim - {אפרים} "double fruit"

41:54g - 37th year of Joseph's life – Jacob [Israel] is 128

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(3) And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

(4) But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

(5) And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

(6) And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and he it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

(7) And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

(8) And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

(9) And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye *are* come.

(10) And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food *are* thy servants come.

(11) We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men*, thy servants are no spies.

(12) And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye *are* come.

(3) And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy corn in Egypt.

(4) But Benjamin,^a Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers; because he said, just in case mischief should befall him.

(5) And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those who came: because the famine was in the land of Canaan.

(6) And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and it was* he who sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brothers came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

(7) And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself strange to them, and spoke roughly to them; and he said to them, Where have you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

(8) And Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him.

(9) And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed about them, and said to them, You *are* spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.

(10) And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

(11) We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men*, your servants are no spies.

(12) And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land.

42:4a – Benjamin is 6 years younger than Joseph who is now 38 and Rachel's only other son
- see Gen. 35:18 - See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(13) And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

(14) And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies:

(15) Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

(16) Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

(17) And he put them all together into ward three days.

(18) And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God:

(19) If ye *be* true *men*, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

(20) But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

(21) And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

(13) And they said, Your servants *are* twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, indeed, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* no more.

(14) And Joseph said to them, That *is it* that I spoke to you, saying, You *are* spies:

(15) This is how you shall be proven: By the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here, except your youngest brother comes here.

(16) Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and you shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proven, whether *there is any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you *are* spies.

(17) And he put them all together into prison three days.

(18) And Joseph said to them the third day, Do this, and live; *because* I fear God:

(19) If you *are* true *men*, let one of your brothers be bound in the house of your prison: go, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

(20) But bring your youngest brother to me; so shall your words be verified, and you shall not die. And they did so.

(21) And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother {Joseph}, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he begged us, and we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us.

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(22) And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

(23) And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

(24) And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

(25) Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

(26) And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

(27) And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

(28) And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

(29) And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

(22) And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and you would not listen? therefore, look, also his blood is required.

(23) And they did not know that Joseph understood *them*; because he spoke to them through an interpreter.

(24) And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon,^b and bound him before their eyes.

(25) Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and so he did to them.

(26) And they loaded up their donkeys with the corn, and departed from there.

(27) And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey feed in the inn, he saw his money; because, indeed, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

(28) And he said to his brothers, My money is restored; and, look, *it is* even in my sack: and their hearts failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God has done to us?

(29) And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them; saying,

42:24b - Simeon - Simeon is Jacob's next to oldest son [Gen. 29:33] who was born to Leah [Reuben was the oldest - Gen. 29:32] - Note: Simeon's wife had already died. See note on Gen. 46:26

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(30) The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

(31) And we said unto him, *We are true men*; we are no spies:

(32) *We be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

(33) And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are true men*; leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone:

(34) And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that ye are true men*: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

(35) And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

(36) And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things are against me.

(37) And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

(38) And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother *is* dead, and he *is* left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

(30) The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

(31) And we said to him, *We are true men*; we are no spies:

(32) *We are* twelve brothers, sons of our father; one *is* no more, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

(33) And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, This is how I shall know that you *are true men*; leave one of your brothers *here* with me, and take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone:

(34) And bring your youngest brother to me: then I shall know that you *are* not spies, but *that you are true men*: so will I deliver to you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

(35) And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, indeed, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

(36) And Jacob their father said to them, Me you have bereaved *of my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and you would take Benjamin *away*: all these things are against me.

(37) And Reuben {Jacob's oldest son} spoke to his father, saying, Kill my two sons, if I do not bring him to you: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again.

(38) And he said, My son shall not go down with you; because his brother *is* dead, and he *is* left alone: if mischief befalls him by the way in the which you go, then you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

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(1) And the famine *was* sore in the land.
(2) And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.
(3) And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.
(4) If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:
(5) But if thou wilt not send *him*, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you.
(6) And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?
(7) And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?
(8) And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also our little ones.
(9) I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

Chapter 43

(1) And the famine *was* severe in the land.
(2) And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food.
(3) And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man did solemnly warn us, saying, You shall not see my face, except 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: because the man said to us, You shall not see my face, except your brother *is* with you.
(6) And Israel said, Why have you dealt *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man whether you had another brother?
(7) And they said, The man asked us specifically of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father yet alive? Do you have *another* brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?
(8) And Judah^a said to Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, *and* also our little ones.
(9) I will be responsible for him; of my hand shall you require him: if I do not bring him to you, and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever:

43:8a - Judah - Leah's fourth son [Gen. 29:35] - he is the one who came up with the idea to sell Joseph as a slave - Gen. 37:26-27

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(10) For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

(11) And their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

(12) And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight:

(13) Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

(14) And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of *my children*, I am bereaved.

(15) And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

(16) And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with me at noon.

(17) And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

(10) Since we have lingered, surely by now we could have returned this second time.

(11) And their father Israel said to them, If *it must be* so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

(12) And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; perhaps it *was* an oversight:

(13) Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man:

(14) And God Almighty^b give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of *my children*, I am bereaved.

(15) And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

(16) And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and kill {meat}, and make ready; because *these* men shall dine with me at noon.

(17) And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

43:14b - God Almighty - Gen. 17:1; 35:11

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(18) And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

(19) And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

(20) And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

(21) And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

(22) And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

(23) And he said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

(24) And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

(25) And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

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(18) And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time we are brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our donkeys.

(19) And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they talked with him at the door of the house,

(20) And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

(21) And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, indeed, *every* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

(22) And other money we have brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

(23) And he said, Be at peace, do not be afraid: your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out to them.

(24) And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed.

(25) And they made ready the present for when Joseph came at noon: because they heard that they would eat bread there.

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(26) And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

(27) And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?

(28) And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

(29) And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

(30) And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

(31) And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

(32) And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

(33) And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

(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.

(26) And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

(27) And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? *Is* he yet alive?

(28) And they answered, Your servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* still alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance {bowed in respect}.

(29) And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son,^c and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious to you, my son.

(30) And Joseph made haste; because his heart yearned for his brother: and he sought *a place* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there.

(31) And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set bread out.

(32) And they set {bread} for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians could not eat bread with the Hebrews; because that *is* an abomination to the Egyptians.

(33) And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marveled at one another.

(34) And he took *and sent* messes of food to them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

43:29c - Joseph and Benjamin were Rachel's only children

[Joseph was Rachel's first born - Gen. 30:24]

[Benjamin was Rachel's last born - Gen. 35:18]

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Chapter 44

(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's mouth.

(2) And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's 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, they and their asses.

(4) *And* when they were gone 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 servants should do according to this thing:

(8) Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: 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.

Chapter 44

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(3) As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their donkeys.

(4) *And* when they had gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said to his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good?

(5) *Is* not this {*cup*} from which my lord drinks, and in which indeed he divines? You have done evil in so doing.

(6) And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words.

(7) And they said to him, Why does my lord say these words? God forbid that your servants should do according to this thing:

(8) Look, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of your lord's house silver or gold?

(9) With whomever of your servants it is found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

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(10) And he said, Now also *let it be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye 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) And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

(15) And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?

(16) And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

(17) And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

(18) Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.

(19) My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

(10) And he said, Now also *let it be* according to your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and you shall be blameless.

(11) Then every man speedily took down his sack to the ground, and each one opened 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 tore their clothes, and every man loaded up his donkey, and returned to the city.

(14) And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house; because he *was* still there: and they fell before him on the ground.

(15) And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can certainly divine?

(16) And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the sin of your servants: look, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

(17) And he said, God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, return in peace to your father.

(18) Then Judah came near to him, and said, Oh my lord, let your servant, I urge {ask} you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant: because you *are* even as Pharaoh.

(19) My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother?

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(20) And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

(21) And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

(22) And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.

(23) And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

(24) And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

(25) And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.

(26) And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us.

(27) And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two *sons*:

(28) And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

(29) And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

(30) Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

(20) And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.

(21) And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him.

(22) And we said to my lord, The lad^a cannot leave his father: because *if* he should leave his father, *his father* would die.

(23) And you said to your servants, Except your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.

(24) And it came to pass when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

(25) And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.

(26) And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down: because we may not see the man's face, unless our youngest brother *is* with us.

(27) And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two *sons*:^b

(28) And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since:

(29) And if you take this also from me, and mischief befalls him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

(30) Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad *is* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

44:22a – Benjamin is referred to as a lad but he is only six years younger than Joseph so he is 33 years old and has 10 sons {Gen. 46:21}

44:27b – Rachel whom Jacob loved the most bore him two sons – Joseph [Gen. 30:24] and Benjamin [Gen. 35:18]