

Genesis 43:1—45:28



JOSEPH'S BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT (SECOND VISIT)

The Acquiescence of Jacob, 43:1-14



- “Now the famine was severe in the land,” v. 1.
- “The man”
- Jacob’s inaction
- Judah’s pledge
- Jacob’s fear (“If I am bereaved, I am bereaved”) is human based. Providentially, Benjamin would be in the best place to receive protection from the famine and his brothers!

The Brothers Return with Benjamin, 43:15-34



- The narrative is a combination of emotive drama and comic relief.

Joseph Further Tests His Brothers, 44:1-17



- The placing of Benjamin in jeopardy
- Judah's confession, v. 16

Judah's Plea, 44:18-34



- The irony of Judah's statement, "We have not seen him [Joseph, the brother "who is not"] until now," v. 28
- Judah accepts responsibility and begs he be substituted for Benjamin, v 33.
- The reason for the request, v. 34.

Joseph Reveals His Identity, 45:1-15



- Shock & Dismay
- Joseph's Understanding of Divine Providence, v. 5.

Pharaoh's Order; the Joy of Jacob, 45:16-28



- Pharaoh's command, vv. 19-20
- Jacob's reaction and bereavement turned to joy, vv. 27-28