

Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt

43 Now the famine was severe in the land. **2** And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little food." **3** But Judah said to him, "The man 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? Do you have 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** And Judah said to Israel his father, "Send the boy 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 a pledge of his safety. From my hand you shall require 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 a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. **12** Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. **13** Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. **14** May God Almighty[a] grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went 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 told him and brought the men to Joseph's house. **18** And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys." **19** So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, **20** and 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 there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, **22** and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." **23** He replied, "Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them. **24** And when the man 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 prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground. **27** And 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 prostrated themselves. **29** And he lifted up his eyes 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** Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there. **31** Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, "Serve the food." **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 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 looked at one another in amazement. **34** Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry^[b] with him.

Joseph Tests His Brothers

44 Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, **2** and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. **4** They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?^[c] **5** Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.'"

6 When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. **7** They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! **8** Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? **9** Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants." **10** He said, "Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent." **11** Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. **12** And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. **13** Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

14 When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. **15** Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?" **16** And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found." **17** But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18 Then Judah went up to him and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against 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, and 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, 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 not see my face again.'

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. If our youngest brother goes with us, then 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 happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.'

30 "Now therefore, as soon as 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** as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. **32** For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' **33** Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, 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 evil that would find my father."

Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. **2** And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. **3** And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

4 So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. **5** And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. **6** For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. **7** And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. **8** So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. **9** Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. **10** You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. **11** There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' **12** And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. **13** You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." **14** Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. **15** And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

16 When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. **17** And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, **18** and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.' **19** And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. **20** Have no concern for d your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey. **22** To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels^[e] of silver and five changes of clothes. **23** To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain,

bread, and provision for his father on the journey. **24** Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

25 So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. **26** And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. **27** But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. **28** And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Footnotes

- a. [Genesis 43:14](#) Hebrew *El Shaddai*
- b. [Genesis 43:34](#) Hebrew *and became intoxicated*
- c. [Genesis 44:4](#) Septuagint (compare Vulgate) adds *Why have you stolen my silver cup?*
- d. [Genesis 45:20](#) Hebrew *Let your eye not pity*
- e. [Genesis 45:22](#) A *shekel* was about 2/5 ounce or 11 grams

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Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

23 The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, **24** saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.' **25** Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. **26** So too the second and third, down to the seventh. **27** After them all, the woman died. **28** In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

29 But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. **30** For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. **31** And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: **32** 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." **33** And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

The Great Commandment

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" **37** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Whose Son Is the Christ?

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, **42** saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." **43** He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" **46** And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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