

Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 42-45

I. Joseph Feeds His Family – 42-44

1. Jacob sends his sons to buy grain – 42:1-5
The famine was also in the land of Israel
Jacob heard grain was available in Egypt
He sent 10 sons – all but Benjamin
2. Joseph's brothers bow before him – 6-8
He knows them but they do not recognize him
3. Joseph asks about their family – 9-13
In defense against charge of spying
4. He insists they bring Benjamin – 14-24
Recognize wrong they did to Joseph – 21-22
Simeon imprisoned to assure their return - 24
5. They go home with grain & money – 25-28
They are concerned about God's discipline
6. Report to their father, Jacob – 29-38
Simeon is in prison
Benjamin must go next time
Jacob refuses to allow Benjamin to go
7. Raging famine forces return – 43:1-14
Judah pledges to keep Benjamin safe – 2-10
Jacob finally agrees to let Benjamin go – 11-14
8. Joseph hosts a feast for brothers – 15-34
Seeing Benjamin touches Joseph's heart – 16
His brothers try to give back the money – 17-23
Simeon is released to join them – 23
Joseph questions them about family – 24-29
He is overcome with his emotions – 30-31
Brothers marvel, seated them by age – 32-33
Gave Benjamin more than the others – 34
9. They're sent home with grain – 44:1-3
He returns their money to them again – 1
His silver cup is put in Benjamin's sack – 2
10. Sends steward to retrieve his cup – 4-6
This is his plan to get Benjamin back
11. Brothers deny any wrong doing – 7-9
Agree to become Joseph's slaves if it's true
12. Cup found in Benjamin's sack – 10-13
They return to the city in mourning
13. Judah pleads for his brother Benjamin – 14-32
Judah offers to serve Joseph – 14-16
Joseph only wants Benjamin to stay – 17
Judah pleads with Joseph for mercy – 18-32
He rehearses the whole story to Joseph
He speaks of his father's love for Benjamin
Tells Joseph their father will die without Benjamin
14. Judah offers himself as a slave – 33, 34
He cannot go home without Benjamin

II. Reconciliation – Gen. 45

1. Joseph reveals himself to brothers – 1-8
He wept before them – 1-3
Explains God's purpose in what happened – 4-8
2. Joseph invites them to Egypt – 9-13
Bring family and we will provide for them
3. Joseph & brothers are reconciled – 14-15
4. Pharaoh invites them to Egypt – 16-24
Wagons are sent to transport the family
5. Brothers report to their father – 25-28
Joseph is alive, he wants us to come to Egypt