

Chapter 43

1Now the famine was severe in the land. 2And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food." 3But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.' " 4"If you 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.' " 6And Israel said, "Why did you deal so wrongfully with me as to tell the man whether you had still another brother?" 7But they said, "The man asked us pointedly about ourselves and our family, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' And we told him according to these words. Could we possibly have known that he would say, 'Bring your brother down'?"

8Then Judah 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 myself will be surety for him; 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"For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned this second time." 11And their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man—a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. 12"Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. 13"Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man. 14"And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"

15So the men took that present and Benjamin, and they took double money in their hand, and arose and went down to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph. 16When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Take these men to my home, and slaughter an animal and make ready; for these men will dine with me at noon." 17Then the man did as Joseph ordered, and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. 18Now the men were afraid because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, "It is because of the money, which was returned in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may make a case against us and fall upon us, to take us as slaves with our donkeys." 19When they drew near to the steward of Joseph's house, they

talked with him at the door of the house, 20and said, "O sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food; 21"but it happened, when we came to the encampment, that we opened our sacks, and there, each man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight; so we have brought it back in our hand. 22"And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." 23But he said, "Peace be with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them. 24So the man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys feed. 25Then they made the present ready for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they would eat bread there.

26And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down before him to the earth. 27Then he asked them about their well-being, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" 28And they answered, "Your servant our father is in good health; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads down and prostrated themselves. 29Then he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." 30Now his heart yearned for his brother; so Joseph made haste and sought somewhere to weep. And he went into his chamber and wept there. 31Then he washed his face and came out; and he restrained himself, and said, "Serve the bread." 32So they set him a place by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. 33And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth; and the men looked in astonishment at one another. 34Then he took servings to them from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

Psalm 77:15 You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, **The sons of Jacob and Joseph.**

Psalm 78:67-68 Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph, And **did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,**
68But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

Psalm 80:1-2 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between
the cherubim, shine forth! 2Before **Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,** Stir up Your strength, And
come and save us!

1 Chronicles 5:1-2 Now the sons of **Reuben the firstborn of Israel**—he was indeed the firstborn, but
because he defiled his father's bed, **his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph,** the son of Israel,
so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; 2yet **Judah** prevailed over his brothers, and
from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's—

Exodus 1:1-8 Now these are **the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt;** each man and
his household came with Jacob: 2Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; 3Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin;
4Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 5All those who were descendants of Jacob were **seventy persons** (for
Joseph was in Egypt already). 6And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. 7But the
children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the
land was filled with them.

8Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

Deuteronomy 33:13-17

13And of **Joseph** he said:

"Blessed of the Lord is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying
beneath,
14 With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months,
15 With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills,
16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.
Let the blessing come **'on the head of Joseph,**
And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.'
17 His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his horns like the horns of the wild ox;
Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth;
They are the ten thousands of **Ephraim,**
And they are the thousands of **Manasseh.**"

Exodus 13:19 And Moses took **the bones of Joseph** with him, for he had placed the children of Israel
under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with
you."

Joshua 24:32 **The bones of Joseph,** which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they
buried at Shechem, in the plot of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of
Shechem for one hundred pieces of silver, and which had become an inheritance of the children of
Joseph.

Hebrews 11:21-22 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and
worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. 22By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the
departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning **his bones.**

John 4:5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near **the plot of ground** that Jacob
gave to his son Joseph.