

JOSEPH AS A STRANGER Gen 42-45 (#6)

*THE 2nd TRIP'S 2nd MEETING WITH JOSEPH
(Gen 44:18-14-33) Dec 15,2024 am*

THE TESTS BY JOSEPH FOR HIS BROTHERS –Gen 43-44

THE DETAILS OF THE LUNCH TEST - 43:33-34

THE DESIGN OF THE CUP TEST - Gen 44

THE ACCUSATION (Gen 44:1- 8) And Joseph 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?

THE REACTION (Gen 44:9-12)

(44:9) "With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen."

Gen 44:11-12*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: "*

THE TACTICAL USE OF THE CUP

Gen 44:5 the cup was used "to divine."

Gen 44:15 Joseph claimed the ability to divine: ***To Divine = to discover, discern information that was not available by normal means.***

Gen 44:12b the cup was found in Benjamin's sack -

Gen 44:13 "they rent their clothes"

Gen 44:14-17 -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.

**The sentence was passed – slavery for Benjamin
dismissal to Canaan for the 10 brothers**

THE GOSPEL IN THE TEST - Gen 44:18-33

JUDAH'S PLEA (Gen 44:18-33)

JUDAH OFFERED HIMSELF AS A
SUBSTITUTE

1 Pet 3:18 - For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God,

JUDAH OFFERED TO PROVIDE LIFE TO ONE
WHO WAS CONDEMNED

John 3:36 - He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

JUDAH OFFERED TO PROVIDE FREEDOM
FOR ONE CONDEMNED TO SLAVERY

Heb 2:14-15 "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

BENJAMIN'S PLIGHT - In Benjamin we see:

GOD'S LOVE FOR SINNERS

GUILT OF SINNERS

THE PERIL OF SINNERS

SLAVERY

SEPARATION

SORROW