



Genesis 42-43

Joseph Meets His Brothers

Notice how Joseph treats his brothers.
Why does he treat them the way he does?

They would not have been guilty of sin
if I had not spoken to them
they no longer have any excuse for their sin.

John 15:22

Manasseh

God has made me **forget**
my trouble

In Jesus

God **forgets** our sin and
trouble

Ephraim

God has made me **fruitful**
in the land of my suffering

In Jesus

We bear **fruit** in the midst
of suffering

Famine - Year One

42:2 “Why are you just sitting here?
Go buy some FOOD!”

42:7-9 Joseph recognized them ...
but to them he is a *foreigner* ...
and Joseph remembered the dreams

42:9 “ You are Spies!”

NO!!



42:12 “ You are Spies!!”

“We are 12 brothers ...
one is with our father
the other is gone!”

42:14 “ You are Spies!!”

TEST: Bring your brother here.

After Three Days in Jail ...

42:18-20 “I fear God ... If you are honest men (*as you say you are*), let *one* of your brothers stay here in prison, while *the rest of you* go and take grain back for your starving households.

TEST: “Bring your youngest brother to me, *so that*
1) your words may be verified and
2) that you may not die.” (*I don't have you killed*)

42:21 “... we are being punished because of our brother.
We saw how distressed he was
when he pleaded with us for his life,
but we would not listen ...”

37:24 ... they threw him into the cistern ...

37:25 **they sat down to eat their meal ...**

Joseph Understood ...

42:23-24 He wept ...

Then he bound Simeon and put him back in jail.

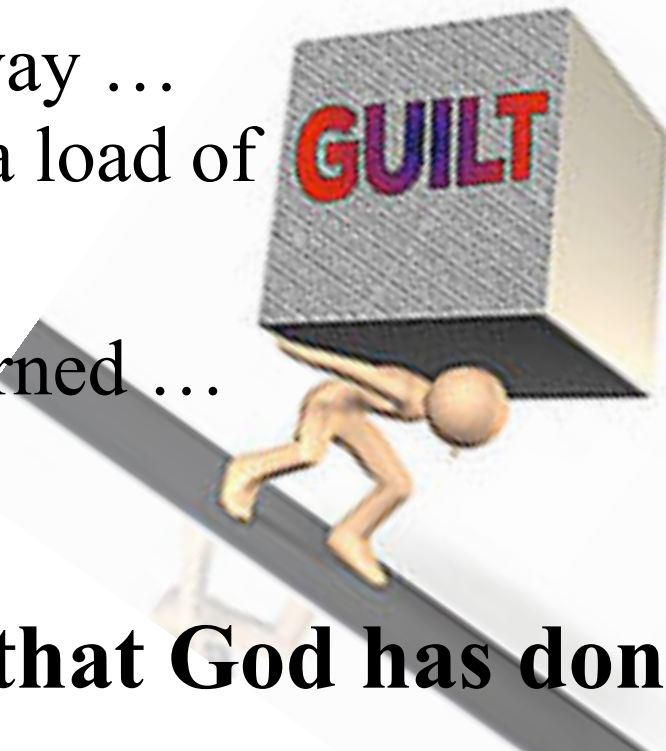
42:25-27 He sent them on their way ...

With a load of grain ... And a load of

42:28 “My money has been returned ...

Here it is in my sack!”

“What is this that God has done to us?”



Famine ... Year Two

7 Skinny Cows Eat-Up 7 Fat Cows
7 Thin Ears Eat-Up 7 Full Ears

Five Years To Go ...

43:1 The famine was still severe in the land

Gen. 43:8-9 Judah said “Send the boy along with me,
so that we and you and our children may live and not die.

I myself will guarantee his safety ...

you can hold me responsible for him

If I do not bring him back, I will bear the blame ...

43:18 They were **frightened** ...

They thought, *“We were brought here because of the silver that was put back into our sacks the first time. He wants to attack us and seize us as slaves and take our donkeys.”*

43:22-23 “We have also brought more silver with us to buy food. We don’t know who put our silver in our sacks.”

“It’s all right,” the steward said.

“Don’t be afraid. Your God has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your silver. *(I got paid.)*”



43:28 “Your servant our
father is still alive and well.”
**And they bowed low
to pay him honor.**

43:29-34

Grace and Generosity
But not *real* trust. Not yet ...



Genesis 44-45

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

What does Joseph's Final Test
of his brothers reveal?