

A SECOND TRIP TO EGYPT
(Genesis 43:1-34)

- I. A CHALLENGE of Their FAITH (Gen. 43:1-14)
 - A. Israel's INITIAL instructions (43:1-5)
 - 1. He told his sons to RETURN to buy MORE FOOD
 - 2. They REFUSED to go without BENJAMIN
 - B. Israel's COMPLAINT (43:6-10)
 - 1. He felt MISTREATED because they'd told "the man" TOO MUCH
 - 2. They explained they'd only answered SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
 - 3. Judah volunteered to take PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for Benjamin's SAFE RETURN
 - C. Israel's MODIFIED instructions (43:11-14)
 - 1. He AGREED to allow Benjamin to GO
 - a. Prepared a GIFT for "the man"
 - b. Sent DOUBLE MONEY for the grain
 - 2. He indicates a REKINDLING of his FAITH
 - a. Asks for God's PROTECTION for their MISSION
 - b. Accepts God's SOVEREIGNTY over his CHILDREN
- II. A TEST of Their CHARACTER (Gen. 43:15-34)
 - A. The brothers' CONFUSION by their RECEPTION (45:15-25)

1. They took their GIFT, their MONEY, and their BROTHER to Zaphenath-paneah (JOSEPH)
 2. They were taken to Zaphenath-paneah/Joseph's HOME
 - a. They assumed this was VERY BAD NEWS
 - b. It was an opportunity for Joseph to OBSERVE their BEHAVIOR
 3. SIMEON was RESTORED to them
 4. They were treated as HONORED GUESTS
 5. They PREPARED their GIFT for Zaphenath-paneah/Joseph
- B. The brothers' HOPE that all might be WELL (43:26-34)
1. They PRESENTED their gift to Zaphenath-paneah/Joseph
 2. He asked about their FATHER'S WELLBEING
 3. He IDENTIFIED Benjamin and was OVERCOME by EMOTION
 4. He SEATED them in BIRTH ORDER
 5. He gave Benjamin SPECIAL HONOR
- C. The PURPOSE of the MEAL
1. To reveal any RESENTMENT or JEALOUSY among them
 2. To PROVOKE them to FULL REPENTANCE
 3. To PREPARE them for RESTORATION