

- s. The meeting
 - 1) The steward overtakes them and says, "Now I need to ask you something. How could you return evil for the good that was done to you. How could you take Joseph's silver cup?"
 - 2) They say, "But we haven't done that. We gave silver back."
 - 3) The brothers are so sure they don't have the bags that they say, "If anyone has the silver cup he will die and the rest of us will be your slaves."
 - 4) The steward says, "No its not going to be done that way. Justice is going to be done. The one who has the cup will be Joseph's slave and the rest of you will go free."
 - 5) They start with the bag belong to the oldest and work their way down.
 - 6) They find the silver cup in Benjamin's bag.
- t. They return to Joseph:
 - 1) They say, "The Lord is punishing us for our sin. We have no way to prove our innocence. We will all be your slaves, including Benjamin."
 - 2) But Joseph says that Benjamin will be his slave and the rest of them will go free.
 - 3) Judah says, "No please don't do that. If you do this, it will bring our father down to the grave. I promised our father that if anything happened to Benjamin, I would take the blame. Let Benjamin go and you can have me as your slave."
- xi. The unveiling (45:1-28)
 - a. At that point Joseph orders all of his attendants out of the room and he is alone with his brother.
 - b. It is there that he reveals his true identity to them.
 - c. He says, "I am you brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt. Do not be distressed because it was to save lives that God sent me. God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance."
 - 1) If they had remained up in Mamre, they would have died in the famine.
 - 2) But the Lord sent Joseph into Egypt in order to save Jacob and his family.
 - 3) 45:4-8