INTRODUCTION

(44:1–6) Joseph told his steward to incriminate his brothers & to apprehend them
  (44:1–2) Joseph told his steward to return his brothers’ money and to put his silver cup into Benjamin’ sack

(44:3–6) Joseph told his steward to apprehend his brothers for stealing his silver cup

(44:7–13) The brothers gave evidence of honesty & put a curse on any thief among them, but the silver cup was in Benjamin’s sack, so they returned to the city
  (44:7–8) The brothers said that their return of money (mistakenly refunded) proves their innocence

(44:9–11) The brothers offered for any thief among them to die

(44:12–13) The steward found the cup in Benjamin’s sack, so they returned to the city

(44:14–30) The brothers acknowledged that God had disclosed their iniquity
  (44:14) Judah and his brothers prostrated themselves before Joseph

(43:15) Joseph reminded the brothers that he practiced divination

Joseph does not go into detail and his brothers did not inquire. He meant one thing, but they would have interpreted his words in a different sense.

(43:16) Judah said that God disclosed their iniquity, so they were all Joseph’s slaves

(43:17) Joseph said only Benjamin would be his slave; they were to go home
(44:18–34) Judah interceded for Benjamin by recalling earlier conversations with Joseph about Jacob and Benjamin and told how distraught Jacob was over Benjamin going
(44:18–23) Judah interceded for Benjamin by recalling how Joseph had inquired about their youngest brother and their elderly father

(44:24–26) Judah told about telling Jacob that they could not buy food if Benjamin came

(44:27–29) Judah reiterated Jacob’s distress about Benjamin going to Egypt

(44:30–34) Judah said that losing Benjamin would devastate Jacob, so he (as surety for Benjamin) offered himself as a slave to Joseph

(45:1–8) Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, attributing to God his arrival in Egypt and the promotion he had received
(45:1–3) Joseph sent the Egyptians out, wept, and revealed himself to his brothers, which caused his brothers to panic

(45:4–5a) Joseph repeated that he was their brother whom they had sold into slavery, but they were not to be angry with themselves

(45:5b–7) [The reason they were not to be angry with themselves is because] God sent him to Egypt for a great deliverance of them

(45:8) He clarified that God sent him to Egypt (not them), so that he could be Pharaoh’s administrator
(45:9–15) Joseph told his brothers to hurry to bring Jacob to Egypt (so they would have plenty during the famine) and they embraced
   (45:9) He told them to hurry to tell Jacob of Joseph’s God-given position

(45:10–11) Joseph said that they would have plenty during the following five years of famine

(45:12–13) Joseph acknowledged that they recognized him, so they need to hurry to bring Jacob to Egypt

(45:14–15) Joseph embraced Benjamin and his other brothers and they caught up with each other

SUMMARY