

## **The Silver Cup in Benjamin's Sack and Joseph Revealed (Gen 44:1–45:15)**

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### **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**