

Outline for Genesis 42-46

Genesis 42 - Providential Pressure Sets The Stage For Family Reconciliation And Messianic Blessing

I. (:1-5) Providential Pressure Drives Jacob's Sons To Egypt For Self-Preservation

- A. (:1-2) Egypt is the Only Option to Obtain Grain
- B. (:3) Jacob's Ten Brothers Dispatched to Egypt
- C. (:4) Benjamin Retained at Home
- D. (:5) Sons of Israel Arrive in Egypt with Other Nations to Buy Grain

II. (:6-20) Providential Pressure Turns The Tables On Joseph's Brothers

- A. (:6) Fulfillment of Joseph's Dream – His Brothers Come and Bow Down
- B. (:7-12) False Charge of Spying Levied Against His Brothers (Parallel to how they had treated Joseph)
- C. (:13-16) Formulating the Litmus Test of Their Honesty
- D. (:17-20) Fine Tuning the Test

III. (:21-28) Providential Pressure Stirs The Guilty Consciences Of Joseph's Brothers

- A. (:21-23) Confession of Guilt
- B. (:24) Compassion of Joseph
- C. (:25-26) Charge of Joseph
- D. (:27-28) Cry of Despair

IV. (:29-38) Providential Pressure Forces Jacob To Put Benjamin In Jeopardy

- A. (:29-34) Sad Report of the Demand to Send Benjamin to Egypt
- B. (:35) Surprising Revelation that Increases the Sense of Danger
- C. (:36) Stinging Rebuke from a Desperate Father Who is Facing Additional Loss
- D. (:37-38) Stubborn Reluctance to Release Benjamin to Journey to Egypt

Genesis 43 - God's Merciful Love And Provision Far Surpass Our Fears And Anxious Expectations – Preparation For Conviction And Repentance

I. (:1-15) Mission Of Desperation

- A. (:1-2) Providential Pressure Forces the Family's Hand
- B. (:3-7) Primary Problem – Show-stopper must be addressed
- C. (:8-10) Persuasive Points Argued by Judah
- D. (:11-15) Practical Preparation Instructed by Israel

II. (:16-24) Fear Of Retribution

- A. (:16-17) Planned Celebration
- B. (:18) Anxious Speculation
- C. (:19-22) Defensive Explanation
- D. (:23-24) Comforting Reassurance

III. (:25-34) Renewal Of Interaction

- A. (:25-26) Interaction Reflects Respectful Submission
- B. (:27-30) Interaction Stirs Hidden Emotions
- C. (:31-34) Interaction Centers Around Communal Feast

Genesis 44 -Family Reconciliation Requires Transforming Repentance

I. (:1-12) Capture Of Benjamin In Joseph's Trap Sets Up The Ultimate Test

- A. (:1-2) Setting the Trap
- B. (:3-6) Springing the Trap
- C. (:7-12) Searching the Sacks

II. (:13-17) Confession Of Judah And The Brothers Before Joseph Demonstrates Family Solidarity

- A. (:13-14) Returning to Joseph to Confess Their Crime
- B. (:15-17) Receiving Joseph's Judgment Upon Their Confession

III. (:18-34) Counterproposal Of Judah To Be Enslaved As A Substitute For Benjamin Proves Their Unselfish Love

- A. (:18) Respectful Approach
- B. (:19-21) Unique Beloved Status of Benjamin
- C. (:22-24) Unconditional Demand of Joseph
- D. (:25-29) Unacceptable Dilemma Facing Jacob
- E. (:30-32) Unfortunate Consequences of Returning Home Without Benjamin
- F. (:33-34) Ultimate Request to Serve as a Substitute for Benjamin

Genesis 45 - Providential Reconciliation Blessed By God With Abundant Provision And Inward Transformation

I. (:1-15) Emotional Reconciliation Between Joseph And His Brothers

- A. (:1-3) Revealing Himself to His Brothers with a Heart of Love and Forgiveness
- B. (:4-8) Reassuring His Brothers that He Harbors No Bitterness Because of His Confidence in God's Sovereignty
- C. (:9-13) Reporting Back to Jacob the Grace of God Who Abundantly Provides
- D. (:14-15) Restoring Family Affections with Genuine Emotion and Intimacy

II. (:16-24) Abundant Provision — Pharaoh's Blessing And Charge To Joseph

- A. (:16-20) Blessing Ordered
- B. (:21-24) Charge Obeyed

III. (:25-28) Transforming Revival In The Heart Of Jacob

- A. (:25) Return of Joseph's Brothers to Jacob to Bring the Good News
- B. (:26-27) Revival of Jacob's Heart – Transformation From Despair to Hope