

THE GREATEST TEST OF ALL
(Genesis 44-45:15)

Review:

I. THE FINAL TEST FOR THE BROTHERS (Genesis 44)

1. Joseph's final test was to have his steward _____ all of the brothers' _____ to their bags for a second time, and to _____ Benjamin so as to _____ him of _____ his silver cup (44:1-6)
 - Why would Joseph first _____ Benjamin in front of his brothers (43:34), and then intentionally _____ him (44:1)?

 2. When Joseph's steward overtook them, the brothers had a _____ concerning any _____ they might have done. (44:7-11)

 3. But when the cup was _____ in Benjamin's bag, all of the brothers _____ their _____, and all of them _____ to Egypt to _____ on his behalf (44:12-15)
 - How does the brother's reaction reveal a genuine change in their hearts?
- * What is the practice of "*divination*"? (vv. 5, 15)
- We know that years later, under the Mosaic law, "*divination*" was absolutely _____ by the law of God! (Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-11)
4. Judah, the ringleader in the sale of Joseph to the Midianite traders, now demonstrated true _____ by offering himself as a _____ in place of his brother Benjamin. (44:16-34)

 5. As Joseph listened, he learned that his father had not _____ (as he now favored his youngest son), however, it was clear his brothers _____, they now _____ their father and Benjamin! What an amazing change of heart!

- How did Judah’s actions picture the Lord Jesus? (vv. 32-33)

II. THE “MIGHTY EGYPTIAN” REVEALS HIS TRUE IDENTITY TO HIS BROTHERS (Genesis 45:1-15)

1. After hearing Judah’s words, which led up to this moment, Joseph could not _____ restrain himself, and he finally revealed his _____ to his brothers, by saying... “ **I am _____!**...” (45:1-4)
 2. The result of hearing what they thought they heard was _____ & complete _____ before Joseph! They were shell-_____ to say the least!
 3. The one they had revered & kept their respectful _____ from, now said “ _____”! Then he repeated himself and said ... “*I am _____, whom _____ into Egypt*”!
 4. Lest they fear, Joseph quickly directs them to the _____ for what had happened,... “*do not be angry with yourselves for what you did,... for _____ sent me here to _____ you from certain _____*”!
 5. When they finally realized all that had happened, Joseph wanted his brothers to quickly go & _____ a message to their father to bring the whole _____ to Egypt and he would graciously _____ for all their _____. (45:9-13)
 6. After so many years of _____ and heartache, Joseph was finally _____ with his brothers and able to _____ them his true feelings. (45:14-15)
- What did Joseph’s behavior towards his brothers demonstrate about his character?
 - How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?