

Genesis 42:1—44:17

- ^{42,1} And after seeing that a grain-sale is in Anxious-Security (Egypt), Follower (Jacob) said to his sons,
“Why are you procrastinating? ² Look, I have heard that grain is in Anxious-Security. You must go-down there and purchase for us a little food so we might live and not die!”
- ³ And the ten brothers of Increase went-down to purchase grain from Anxious-Security. ⁴ But he did not send-out Son-of-My-Right-Hand (Benjamin), the brother of Increase, with his brothers, for he said,
“So-no malady might come-down on him.”
- ⁵ And the sons of Wrestles-the-Creator (Israel) came to buy with those coming, for the famine was in the earth of Oppressed (Canaan). ⁶ And Increase (Joseph) was ruler of the earth. This-one sold to every people of the earth. And after coming, the brothers of Increase became-like-dogs before him upon the face of the earth. ⁷ And after seeing, Increase recognized his brothers. He was alienating himself from them and spoke harshly to them and said to them,
“From-where have you come?”
- And they said,
“From the earth of Oppressed (Canaan) to buy foods.”
- ⁸ And Increase recognized his brothers, but they themselves did not recognize him. ⁹ And Increase remembered the dreams which he himself saw and he said to them,
“You are spies! You have come to study the tracks of the region!”
- ¹⁰ And they said,
“No, lord! Your dependents, we came here to purchase foods! ¹¹ We are all sons of one human. We are peaceful! Your dependents are not spies!”
- ¹² And he said to them,
“No, but you came to see the tracks of the earth!”
- ¹³ And they said,
“Your dependents are twelve brothers in the earth of Oppressed. And look, the younger is with our father today and the other is not possessing-life.”
- ¹⁴ And Increase said to them,
“This is what I have said to you, saying that you are spies! ¹⁵ In this you will be shown, by the health of Great-House you might never come-out from-here if your younger brother might not come here! ¹⁶ You must send-out one from you and you must get your brother. And you yourselves must be led-away until your words are shown, if you are being true or not. And if not, by the health of Great-House, then you are certainly spies!”
- ¹⁷ And he placed them under guard for three days. ¹⁸ And he said to them on the third day,
“This you must do and you will live, for I am fearing the Creator. ¹⁹ If you are peaceful, then one brother of yours must be held-back under guard. And you yourselves must proceed and must lead-away what you bought of the grain-giving. ²⁰ And your younger brother you must lead to me and your words will be trusted. But if not, then you will die!”
- And they did like-this. ²¹ And each said to his brother,
“Yes, for we are in violence concerning our brother because we overlooked the oppression of his soul when he was begging us and we did not listen to him. Because of this, this oppression came upon us!”
- ²² And answering, Seen (Reuben) said to them,
“Did I not speak to you, saying you must not do-unrighteousness to the little-dependent?! And you did not listen to me! And look, his blood is seeking-out!”
- ²³ And they themselves did not perceive that Increase is listening to them, for the interpreter was between them. ²⁴ And after turning-away from them, Increase wept. And again he came to them and spoke to them. And he took Heard (Simeon) from them and bound him before them. ²⁵ And Increase commanded to fill-up their receptacles with grain and to give-back the silver of each into his sack and to give to them a grain-provision for the way. And it happened for them like-this. ²⁶ And after placing the grain upon their donkeys, they went-away from-there. ²⁷ And after loosing his pouch to give feed to his donkeys where they rested, one saw the bundle of his silver and it was above the mouth of the pouch. ²⁸ And he said to his brothers,
“The silver was given-back to me and look, this is in my pouch!”
- And their hearts stood-outside and they were troubled, saying to each-other,
“What is this the Creator did to us?!”
- ²⁹ And they came to Follower their father in the earth of Oppressed and they reported to him all-things having gone-down with them, saying,
³⁰ “The human, the lord of the earth, had spoken to us harshly and put us under guard as those spying the earth! ³¹ But we said to him, ‘We are peaceful! We are not spies! ³² We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. The one is not possessing-life and the smaller is with our father today in the earth of Oppressed.’ ³³ And the human, the lord of the earth, said to us, ‘In this I will know that you are peaceful. You must release one brother here with me. And after taking the bought grain-giving for your house, you must go-away. ³⁴ And you must lead to me your younger brother, then I will know that you are not spies but that you are peaceful. And your brother I will give-back to you and you must trade the earth.’”
- ³⁵ And it happened when they emptied-out their sacks and the bundle of silver of each was in their sack. And they saw the bundles of their silver, they and their father, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And Follower their father said to them,
“You made me childless! Increase (Joseph) is not! Heard (Simeon) is not! And you will take Son-of-My-Right-Hand (Benjamin)! All these things happened to me!”
- ³⁷ And Seen (Reuben) said to his father, saying,
“You must kill my two sons if I might not lead him to you. You must give him into my hand and I myself will bring him up to you.”
- ³⁸ And he said,
“My son will not go-down with you! Because his brother died and he alone has been left-behind. And it will go-down for him to be maladed on the way, whichever you might journey, and you will lead-down my old-age with sadness into Hades!”
- ^{43,1} And the famine strengthened upon the earth. ² And it happened when they had finished eating the grain which they carried from Anxious-Security and their father said to them,
“Again, after journeying, you must purchase for us a little food.”
- ³ And Pledge-Allegiance (Judah) said to him, saying,
“With a testimony, the human has testified to us, saying, ‘You will not see my face if your younger brother might not be with you.’ ⁴ Therefore, if you are sending-out our brother with us, then we will go-down and we will buy for you food. ⁵ But if you are not sending-out our brother with us, then we will not journey. For the human said to us, saying, ‘You will not see my face if your younger brother might not be with you.’”
- ⁶ And Wrestles-the-Creator (Israel) said,
“Why did you do-harm to me, announcing to the human if there is a brother for you?!”
- ⁷ And they said,
“After asking, the human asked us about our generation, saying if still our father is living, if a brother is for us. And we reported to him according to this ask. We had not perceived if he will say to us, ‘You must bring your brother!’”
- ⁸ And Pledge-Allegiance said to Wrestles-the-Creator his father,

“You must send-out the little-dependent with me. And after standing-up, we will journey so we might live and not die, even us and you and our containers! ⁹ And I myself am receiving him. From my hand you must seek him. If I might not lead him to you and stand him before you, then, having done-violence, I will be before you all the days. ¹⁰ For if we had not delayed, then already we would have returned twice!”

¹¹ And Wrestles-the-Creator their father said to them,

“If it is like-this, then you must do this. You must take from the fruits of the earth in your receptacles and you must bring to the human gifts of resin and honey and incense and drippings and terebinths and nuts. ¹² And you must take twice the silver in your hands. And the silver returned in your pouches, you must return with you, for-perhaps it is ignorance. ¹³ And you must take your brother and, after standing-up, you must go-down to the human. ¹⁴ And may my Creator give to you generosity before the human. And you must send-out your brother, the one, and Son-of-My-Right-Hand (Benjamin). For I, as I have been childless, I have been childless!

¹⁵ And after taking these gifts and the double silver, the men took them in their hands as-well-as Son-of-My-Right-Hand. And after standing-up, they went-down into Anxious-Security and stood before Increase. ¹⁶ And Increase saw them and Son-of-My-Right-Hand his brother born from the same-mother and he said to the one over his house,

“You must lead the humans into the house and kill sacrifices and prepare, for with me the humans will eat bread with the men at midday.”

¹⁷ And the human did as Increase said and led the humans into the house of Increase. ¹⁸ And after seeing that they were led into the house of Increase, the humans said, “Because of the returned silver in our pouches at the beginning, we ourselves are being led-into to extort us and put-upon us to take us for dependents as-well-as our donkeys!”

¹⁹ And after coming to the human, the one over the house of Increase, they spoke with him in the gate of the house, ²⁰ saying,

“We are begging, lord! We came-down at the beginning to purchase foods! ²¹ And it happened when we came to rest and we opened our pouches and this-here is the silver of each in his pouch, our silver in full-standing we return now in our hands! ²² And different silver we carried with ourselves to buy foods. We do not perceive who threw the silver into our pouches.”

²³ And he said to them,

“Mercy to you. You must not fear. Your Creator and the Creator of your fathers gave you treasures in your pouches. And your silver, being thought-well-of, I am receiving-in-full.”

And he led-out to them Heard (Simeon). ²⁴ And he carried water to wash their feet and gave feed to their donkeys. ²⁵ And they prepared the gifts until Increase came at midday, for they heard that he is about to lunch there. ²⁶ And Increase entered into the house and they carried to him the gifts which they were having in their hands into the house and they became-like-dogs before him upon the face, upon the earth. ²⁷ And he asked them,

“How are you having? Is your father being healthy, the old man you spoke of? Is he still living?”

²⁸ And they said,

“He is being healthy. Your dependent, our father is still living.”

And he said,

“That human is blessed by the Creator.”

And after bending, they became-like-dogs before him. ²⁹ And after looking-up with the eyes, Increase saw Son-of-My-Right-Hand his brother from the same-mother and he said,

“This-one is your younger brother whom you said you would lead to me. May the Creator show-mercy to you, child.”

³⁰ And Increase was troubled, for his inner-parts were being twisted-together over his brother and he was seeking to weep. And after entering into the inner-room, he wept there. ³¹ And after washing the face, after coming-out, he was controlled-within and said,

“You must place-alongside the breads.”

³² And they placed-alongside for him alone and for them by themselves and for those from Anxious-Security dining with him by themselves. For those from Anxious-Security are not able to eat with the people of Passing-Through (Hebrews) breads, for it is detestable to those from Anxious-Security. ³³ And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his old-age and the younger according to his youth. And the humans were standing-outside themselves, each to his brother. ³⁴ And they took portions from him to them. And the portion of Son-of-My-Right-Hand was increased compared to the portions of all five-times-more than those. And they drank and became drunk with him.

^{44.1} And Increase commanded the one being over his house, saying,

“You must fill the pouches of the humans with foods, as-much-as they might be able to take. And you must throw-in the silver of each at the mouth of the pouch. ² And my silver goblet you must throw-in into the pouch of the younger and the value of his grain.”

And it happened according to the word of Increase, just-as he said. ³ The morning shined-through and the humans were sent-out, they and their donkeys. ⁴ And after coming-out of the city, they were not being-away far and Increase said to the one over his house,

“After standing-up, you must hunt after the humans. And you will take them down and say to them, ‘Why did you give-back ugliness in-exchange-for beauty?! ⁵ Why did you steal my silver goblet?! Is this not the one with which my lord is drinking? And he himself with divination is practicing-divination through it! You have completed ugliness with the things you have done!’”

⁶ And after finding them, he spoke to them according to these words. ⁷ And they said to him,

“Why is the lord speaking according to these words?! May it never happen for your dependents to do according to this word! ⁸ If the silver which we found in our pouches we returned to you from from the earth of Oppressed, then why would we ever steal from the house of your lord, silver or gold?! ⁹ With whomever the goblet might be found among your dependents, then he must die! And we ourselves will become dependents of your lord!”

¹⁰ And he said,

“Even now as you are saying, like-this it will be! The human with whomever the goblet might be found, he himself will be my dependent, but you yourselves will be clean.”

¹¹ And they sped and they each took-down his pouch upon the earth and they each opened his pouch. ¹² And he was searching, beginning from the older until he came upon the younger, and he found the goblet in the pouch of Son-of-My-Right-Hand. ¹³ And they tore-through their clothes and each placed his pouch upon on his donkey and they returned into the city. ¹⁴ And Pledge-Allegiance (Judah) entered as-well-as his brothers to Increase, still being there, and they fell before him upon the earth. ¹⁵ And Increase said to them,

“What is this practice that you did?! Did you not perceive that I am the sort of human with divination, practicing-divination?!”

¹⁶ And Pledge-Allegiance said,

“How will we speak-against the lord? Or what might we say? Or how might we be made-righteous? For the Creator found your dependents unrighteous. Look, we will be house-servants of our lord, even us as-well-as the one with which the goblet was found.”

¹⁷ And Increase said,

“May it never happen for me to do this word! The human with whom the goblet was found, he himself will be my dependent. And you yourselves must go-up with salvation to your father.”