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Now and to the end of his first book, Moses writes about the History of Joseph in Egypt. In this chapter, Joseph, having entertained his brothers, dismissed them; but here we have them brought back in a greater fright than any they had been in yet. Observe, what method he took, both to humble them further, and to test their affection for his brother Benjamin, by which he would be able to judge the sincerity of their repentance for what they had done against himself, of which he was desirous to be satisfied before he manifest his reconciliation to them. This he contrived to do by bringing Benjamin into distress – Matthew Henry.

The brothers are again tested

¹ And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the sacks pf the men with food, as much as they can carry, and put the money of each man in the mouth of his sack.

² And my cup, the silver cup, put in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for grain. So he did according to the word that Joseph spoke.

³ As soon as the morning dawned, then the men were sent away, they and their asses.

⁴ And when they were gone from the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said to the steward of his house, Get up, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you repaid evil for good?

⁵ Is not this one which my lord drinks from, and with it he indeed divines? you have done wrong in so doing.

⁶ So he overtook them, and he spoke to them these words.

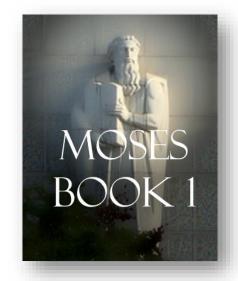
⁷ And they said to him, Why does my lord say these words?

Far be it that your servants should do such a thing:

⁸ Behold, the money which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we returned to you from the land of Canaan: they why would we steal from the house of your lord silver or gold?

⁹ With whomever it is found of your servants, let him die,

and we also will be slaves of my lord.





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¹⁰ And he said, Now also according to your words let it be: and he with whom it is found will be my slave; and you will be blameless.

¹¹ Then speedily, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack.

¹² So he searched, and began with the oldest, and finished with the youngest: and the cup was found in the sack of Benjamin.

¹³ Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his ass, and returned to the city.

¹⁴ So Judah and his brothers came into the house of Joseph; for he was still there: and they fell before him on the ground.

¹⁵ And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Did you not know that such a man as I can surely divine?

¹⁶ And Judah said, What will we say to my lord? what can we say? or how will we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants: behold, we are slaves of my lord, both we and he also with whom the cup was found.



¹⁷ And he said, Far be it that I should do this: but the man in whose hand the cup was found, he will be my slave; and as for you, go up in peace to your father.

¹⁸ Then Judah approached him, and said, Oh my lord, please let your servant speak a word in the ear of my lord, and do not let your anger burn against your servant: for you are even like Pharaoh.

¹⁹ My lord asked his servants, saying, Do you have a father, or a brother?

 20 And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a young one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.

²¹ And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him.

 22 And we said to my lord, The boy cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, then he would die.

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- ²³ But you said to your servants, If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will see my face no more.
- ²⁴ And it happened when we went up to your servant, my father, we told him the words of my lord.
- ²⁵ And our father said, Return, and buy us a little food.
- ²⁶ And we said, We cannot go down: unless our youngest brother is with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the face of the man, except our youngest brother is with us.
- ²⁷ And your servant my father said to us, You know that two sons my wife bore me:
- ²⁸ and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since:
- ²⁹ but if you also take this one from me, and harm befalls him, you will bring down my gray hair in sorrow to the grave.
- ³⁰ And therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us; since his life is tied together with the life of the boy;
- ³¹ it will come to pass, when he sees that the boy is not with us, that he will die: and your servants will bring down the gray hair of your servant our father in sorrow to the grave.
- ³² For your servant guaranteed the boy to my father, saying, If I do not bring him back to vou, then I will bear the blame before my father forever.
- ³³ Now therefore, please let remain your servant instead of the boy as a slave to my lord; and let the boy go up with his brothers.
- ³⁴ For how will I go up to my father, if the boy is not with me? lest I see the evil that would come upon my father.

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