

Ten Brothers Go to Market; Nine Return Home (Gen 42)

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INTRODUCTION

The impact of drought on Israel and on Egypt

(42:1–5) Upon running out of grain, Jacob sent his sons, except Benjamin, to buy grain in Egypt

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(42:3–4) Jacob did not send Benjamin along with his other sons to Egypt

(42:5) Jacob's sons joined others who went to Egypt because of the famine

(42:6–20) Joseph knew his brothers, accused them as spies, imprisoned them as spies, and held Simeon to ensure that they would return with Benjamin to vindicate themselves

(42:6–9) Joseph accused his brothers as spies

(42:10–13) The brothers' defense was their family plight, including their desperation during the famine

(42:14–17) Joseph imprisoned his brothers, requiring them to bring Benjamin to vindicate themselves

(42:18–20) Joseph held Simeon, but let the other brothers return home

(42:21–26) Conferring with one another he brothers acknowledged their guilt toward Joseph, but Joseph understood what they said

(42:21–22) The brothers acknowledged that they had wronged Joseph

(42:23–24a) Joseph understood them, so he was driven (secretly) to tears

(42:24b–26) Joseph took Simeon away bound, sent them away with grain, but secretly returned their money to them

**(42:27–38) The brothers later discovered the money and Jacob refused to send Simeon
(42:27–28) When they camped for the night, one brother found money in his sack and they all feared that God was now disciplining them**

(42:29–34) They told Jacob that the Egyptian arrested them as spies, kept Simeon, demanded that they bring Benjamin, and then he would give them food for land

(42:35) They opened their sacks and became fearful, when they saw that all of their money had been returned

(42:36–38) Jacob blamed them for losing Joseph and Simeon, so he would not send Benjamin with them

SUMMARY