



Gen 41:1-44:17 Miketz Expanded Chiasm

1A) 41:1-56 JOSEPH, ABLE TO DISCERN the dream, is made ruler of the land/ **GOD HAS FOUND OUT JOSEPH'S RIGHTEOUSNESS;**

1a) 41:1-7 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that **Pharaoh dreamed:** and, behold, he stood by the river. **2** And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favored cattle and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow. **3** And, behold, seven other cattle came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other cattle upon the bank of the river. **4** And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed cattle ate up the seven well-favored and fat cattle. So Pharaoh awoke. **5** **And he slept and dreamed the second time:** and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, plump and good. **6** And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. **7** And the seven thin ears devoured the seven plump and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream;

1b) 41:8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all its wise men; and Pharaoh told them his dream; but **there was none that could interpret them** for Pharaoh;

1c) 41:9-10 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: I do remember my faults this day. **10** Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me **into the dungeon** in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker;

1d) 41:11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed **each man according to the interpretation of his dream;**

central axis) 41:12 And there was there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard;

2d) 41:12b-13 And we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to **each man according to his dream he did interpret.** **13** And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; I was restored to my office, and he was hanged;

2c) 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily **out of the dungeon:** and he shaved himself, and changed his clothes, and came in to Pharaoh;

2b) 41:15a And Pharaoh said to Joseph: I have dreamed a dream, and **there is none that can interpret it;**

2a) 41:15b-56 Joseph interprets **Pharaoh's dreams;**

1a.1) 41:15b And I have heard it said of you that **you can understand a dream to interpret it;**

1a.2) 41:16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh **an answer of peace;**

1b) 41:17-21a And Pharaoh said to Joseph: **In my dream,** behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: **18** And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cattle, fat-fleshed and well-favored; and they fed in a meadow: **19** And, behold, seven other cattle came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for ugliness. **20** And the lean and the ill-favored cattle ate up the first seven fat cattle. **21** And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; for they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning;

central axis) 41:21b **So I awoke;**

2b) 41:22-24a And I saw *in my dream*, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good. **23** And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them; **24** and the thin ears devoured the seven good ears.

2a.1) 41:24b And I told this to the magicians; but *there was none that could declare it* to me;

2a.2) 41:25-56 *The answer of peace;*

1A.1) 41:25-27 And Joseph said to Pharaoh: The dream of Pharaoh is one: **GOD HAS SHOWN PHARAOH WHAT HE IS ABOUT TO DO.** **26** The seven good cattle are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. **27** And the seven thin and ill-favored cattle that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind are seven years of famine;

1A.2) 41:28 This is **THE THING WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN TO PHARAOH:** What God is about to do He shows to Pharaoh;

1B) 41:29 Behold, there will come **SEVEN YEARS OF GREAT PLENTY** throughout all the land of Egypt;

2B) 41:30-31 And there shall arise after them **SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE;** and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land. **31** And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous;

2A.1) 41:32 And that the dream was doubled to Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is established by God, and **GOD WILL SHORTLY BRING IT TO PASS;**

2A.2) 41:33-56 **THE THING WHICH JOSEPH SPOKE TO PHARAOH;**

1a.1) 41:33a Now therefore let Pharaoh look out for **a man discreet and wise;**

1a.2) 41:33b And **set him over the land of Egypt;**

1a.3) 41:34-35 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

35 And **let them gather all the food of those good years** that come, **and lay up corn** under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities;

1a.4) 41:36 And that food shall be for store to the land **against the seven years of famine**, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land does not perish through the famine;

central axis) 41:37 **And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants;**

2a.1) 41:38-39 And Pharaoh said to his servants: Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom is the Spirit of God? **39** And Pharaoh said to Joseph: Since God has shown you all this, **there is none so discreet and wise as you are;**

2a.2) 41:40-46 **Joseph set over all the land of Egypt;**

1a) 41:40-45 You shall be over my house, and according to your word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than you. **41** And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. **42** And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. **43** And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow

the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And *Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt;*

central axis) 41:46a And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt;

2a) 41:46b And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt;

2a.3) 41:47-53 Joseph gathered corn during the years of plenty;

1a) 41:47-49 And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, he laid up in the same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number;

1b) 41:50-51 And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bore to him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, he said, has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house;

2b) 41:52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim: For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction;

2a) 41:53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended;

2a.4) 41:54-56 Against the years of famine;

1a) 41:54a And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said;

1b) 41:54b And the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread;

central axis) 41:55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians: Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do;

2b) 41:56a And the famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians;

2a) 41:56b And the famine grew severe in the land of Egypt;

1B.1) 41:57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn; because THE FAMINE WAS so SEVERE IN ALL LANDS;

1B.2) 42:1-5 JACOB SENT HIS SONS TO EGYPT TO BUY CORN, but not Benjamin;

1a) 42:1-3 Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons: Why do you look upon one another? 2 And he said: Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt. Get down there, and buy for us from there; that we may

live, and not die. 3 And **Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy corn** in Egypt;

central axis) 42:4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers; for he said: Lest perhaps mischief befalls him;

2a) 42:5 And **the sons of Israel came to buy corn** among those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan;

1B.3) 42:6A And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land; and **JOSEPH'S BROTHERS CAME**;

1B.4) 42:6B-24 JOSEPH'S INTERCHANGE WITH HIS BROTHERS: they do not recognize him, but he wept with yearning for them;

1a) 42:6b-9a Joseph knew his brothers, but **they did not know him**;

1a) 42:6b And ***bowed down themselves before him*** with their faces to the earth;

1b) 42:7a And **Joseph** saw his brothers, and he ***knew them***, but made himself foreign to them, and spoke roughly to them;

central axis) 42:7b ***And he said to them: From where do you come? And they said: From the land of Canaan to buy food;***

2b) 42:8 And **Joseph knew his brothers**, but they did not know him;

2a) 42:9a And Joseph remembered ***the dreams which he dreamed of them***;

1b) 42:9b-14 We are twelve brothers; one is with our father, and **one is no more**;

1a) 42:9b And said to them: ***You are spies***; to see the nakedness of the land you have come;

1b) 42:10-11 And they said to him: No, my lord, but to buy food have your servants come. **II *We are all one man's sons***; we are true men, your servants are not spies;

central axis) 42:12 ***And he said to them: No, but to see the nakedness of the land you have come;***

2b) 42:13 And they said: Your servants are twelve brothers, ***the sons of one man*** in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more;

2a) 42:14 And Joseph said to them: It is that which I spoke to you, saying: ***You are spies***;

1c) 42:15-16 You **shall be proved when your youngest brother comes here**;

1a) 42:15 Here is how you ***shall be proved: by the life of Pharaoh***;

1b) 42:15c ***You shall not go forth from here***;

1c) 42:15d Unless ***your youngest brother*** come here;

central axis) 42:16a ***Send one of you***;

2c) 42:16b And let him fetch ***your brother***;

2b) 42:16c And ***you shall be kept in prison***;

2a) 42:16c That your words ***may be proved***, whether there is any truth in you; or else ***by the life of Pharaoh***, surely you are spies;

central axis) 42:17-18a **And he put them all together into the dungeon three days. 18** And Joseph said to them on the third day;

2c) 42:18b-20 When you bring your youngest brother to me, your words shall be verified;

1a) 42:18b *This do*;

1b) 42:18c And *live*; for I fear God;

1c) 42:19a If you are *true* men;

central axis) 42:19b-20a *Let one of your brothers be bound in the house of your prison: go, carry corn for the famine of your houses. 20 But bring your youngest brother to me,*

2c) 42:20b So shall your words be *verified*;

2b) 42:20c And *you shall not die*;

2a) 42:20d And *they did so*;

2b) 42:21-22 We are guilty concerning our brother;

1a) 42:21a And they said one to another: *We are truly guilty concerning our brother*;

1b) 42:21b In that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and *we would not hear*;

central axis) 42:21c *Therefore this distress has come upon us,*

2b) 42:22a And Reuben answered them, saying: Did I not speak to you, saying: Do not sin against the child; and *you would not hear*?

2a) 42:22b Therefore, behold, also *his blood is required*;

2a) 42:23-24 And *they did not know that Joseph understood them*; for he spoke to them by an interpreter. 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took Simeon from them, and bound him before their eyes;

1B.5) 42:25-26 Then **JOSEPH COMMANDED** to fill their sacks with corn, and **TO RESTORE EVERY MAN'S MONEY** into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and so he did to them. 26 And **THEY LOADED THEIR DONKEYS** with the corn, **AND DEPARTED** from there;

1B.6) 42:27-28 And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey provender in the inn, he saw his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. 28 And he said to his brothers: My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack; and **THEIR HEARTS FAILED THEM**, and **THEY WERE AFRAID**, saying one to another: What is this that God has done to us?;

CENTRAL AXIS) 42:29-38 JACOB, THE FATHER, AND HIS LOVE FOR BEN-JAMIN;

1a) 42:29a And they came to Jacob their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that **befell them**;

1b) 42:29b-34 Bring your **youngest brother** to me;

1a) 42:29b-31 Saying: 30 The man, who is the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. 31 And we said to him: **We are true men**; we are no spies;

1b) 42:32a We are **twelve brothers**;

central axis) 42:32b **Sons of our father**;

2b) 42:32c **One is not**, and **the youngest is this day with our father** in the land of Canaan;

2a) 42:33-34 How the lord of the country shall know that *we are true men*;

1A) 42:33A And the man, the lord of the country, said to us: Here is how I SHALL KNOW THAT YOU ARE TRUE MEN;

1B) 42:33B Leave ONE OF YOUR BROTHERS here with me;

CENTRAL AXIS) 42:33C AND TAKE FOOD FOR THE FAMINE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLDS, AND BE GONE;

2B) 42:34A And bring YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER to me;

2A) 42:34B Then I SHALL KNOW that you are not spies, but THAT YOU ARE TRUE MEN; so I will deliver to you your brother, and you shall trade in the land;

central axis) 42:35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid;

2b) 42:36-38a My son shall not go down with you;

1a) 42:36a And Jacob their father said to them: You have bereaved of my children: *Joseph is not*, and Simeon is not,

1b) 42:36b And *you will take Benjamin away*; all these things are against me;

1c) 42:37a And Reuben spoke to his father, saying: Slay my two sons, *if I bring him not to you*;

central axis) 42:37b Deliver him into my hand;

2c) 42:37c And *I will bring him to you* again;

2b) 42:38a And he said: *My son shall not go down with you*;

2a) 42:38b For *his brother is dead*, and he is left alone;

2a) 42:38c If mischief befall him by the way in the which you go, then you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave;

2B.1) 43:1 And THE FAMINE WAS SEVERE IN THE LAND;

2B.2) 43:2-15A JACOB SENT HIS SONS TO EGYPT TO BUY CORN, including Benjamin;

1a) 43:2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them: *Go again*, buy us a little food;

1b) 43:3-7 Unless we bring our brother down, we will not see the man's face;

1a) 43:3-5 Unless we *bring our brother down*, we will not see the man's face;

1A) 43:3 And Judah spoke to him, saying: The man did earnestly warn us, saying:

YOU SHALL NOT SEE MY FACE, EXCEPT YOUR BROTHER IS WITH YOU;

1B) 43:4A IF YOU WILL SEND OUR BROTHER with us, WE WILL GO DOWN;

CENTRAL AXIS) 43:4B AND BUY YOU FOOD;

2B) 43:5A But IF YOU WILL NOT SEND HIM, WE WILL NOT GO DOWN;

2A) 43:5B For the man said to us: YOU SHALL NOT SEE MY FACE, EXCEPT YOUR BROTHER IS WITH YOU;

1b) 43:6 And Israel said: Why did you deal so wrongfully with me, as to *tell the man* whether you had another brother?

central axis) 43:7a And they said: The man asked us pointedly of our state, and of our family, saying: Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?

2b) 43:7b And we told him according to the tenor of these words;

2a) 43:7c Could we possibly know that he would say: Bring your brother down?

central axis) 43:8-10 Judah will be surety for Benjamin;

1a) 43:8 And Judah said to Israel his father: Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both we, and you, and also our little ones;

1b) 43:9a I will be surety for him; of my hand shall you require him;

central axis) 43:9b If I bring him not to you, and set him before you;

2b) 43:9c Then let me bear the blame for ever;

2a) 43:10 For if we had not lingered, surely by now we would have returned a second time;

2b) 43:11b And their father Israel said to them: If it must be so;

2a) 43:11b-15 Go again to the man, and may God Almighty give you mercy;

1a.1) 43:11b Now do this: take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds;

1a.2) 43:12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; perhaps it was an oversight;

1a.3) 43:13a Take also your brother;

1a.4) 43:13b And arise, go again to the man;

central axis) 43:14 and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved;

2a.1) 43:15a And the men took that present;

2a.2) 43:15b And they took double money in their hand;

2a.3) 43:15c And Benjamin;

2a.4) 43:15d And rose up;

2B.3) 43:15B And WENT DOWN TO EGYPT, and STOOD BEFORE JOSEPH;

2B.4) 43:16-34 JOSEPH'S INTERCHANGE WITH HIS BROTHERS: they do not recognize him, but he wept with yearning for them;

1a.1) 43:16a And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them;

1a.2) 43:16b-26a The men shall dine with Joseph at noon;

1a) 43:16b He said to the ruler of his house: Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon;

1b) 43:17-18 The man brought them into Joseph's house;

1A) 43:17 And the man did as Joseph ordered; and the man BROUGHT THE MEN INTO JOSEPH'S HOUSE;

CENTRAL AXIS) 43:18A AND THE MEN WERE AFRAID;

2A) 43:18B Because THEY WERE BROUGHT INTO JOSEPH'S HOUSE; and they said:

Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are

we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our donkeys;

1c) 43:19-22a *Our money* was found with us in full weight, and we have brought it again;

1A) 43:19-20 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spoke with him at the door of the house, **20** and said: O sir, we came indeed down at the first time **TO BUY FOOD**;

1B) 43:21A And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, **EVERY MAN'S MONEY**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 43:21B **WAS IN THE MOUTH OF HIS SACK**;

2B) 43:21C **OUR MONEY IN FULL WEIGHT**; and we have brought it again in our hand;

2A) 43:22A And other money have we brought down in our hands **TO BUY FOOD**;

1d) 43:22b We cannot tell *who put our money in our sacks*;

central axis) 43:23a *And he said: Peace be to you, fear not*;

2d) 43:23b *Your God*, and the God of your father, *has given you treasure in your sacks*;

2c) 43:23c I had *your money*;

2b) 43:23d-24a And he brought Simeon out to them. **24** And *the man*

brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys provender;

2a) 43:24b-26b They heard that *they would eat bread there, when Joseph came at noon*;

1A) 43:25A And they made ready **THE PRESENT**;

1B) 43:25B Against **JOSEPH'S COMING** at noon;

CENTRAL AXIS) 43:25C **FOR THEY HEARD THAT THEY SHOULD EAT BREAD THERE**;

2B) 43:26A And when **JOSEPH CAME** home;

2A) 43:26B They brought him **THE PRESENT** which was in their hand into the house;

1b) 43:26c And **bowed themselves** to him to the earth;

central axis) 47:27-28a **And he asked them of their welfare, and said: Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he yet alive? 28 And they answered: Your servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive**;

2b) 43:28b And **they bowed down their heads**, and made obeisance;

2a.1) 43:29-31a And **he** lifted up his eyes, and **saw his brother Benjamin**, his mother's son, and said: Is this your younger brother, of whom you spoke to me? And he said: God be gracious to you, my son. **30** And Joseph made haste, for his heart yearned for his brother, and he sought somewhere to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. **31** And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself;

2a.2) 43:31b-34 And said: Serve the bread. **32** And they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. **33** And they sat before him, the firstborn ac-

according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marveled at one another. **34** And portions were taken to them from before him; but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him [i.e., **they dined with Joseph at noon**];

2B.5) 44:1-3 And **HE COMMANDED** the steward of his house, saying: Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put **EVERY MAN'S MONEY IN HIS SACK'S MOUTH**. **2** And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. **3** As soon as the morning was light, **THE MEN WERE SENT AWAY, they AND THEIR DONKEYS**;

2B.6) 44:4-13 The steward discovered the silver cup with Benjamin / **THEY RENT THEIR CLOTHES WITH GRIEF**;

1a) 44:4a And when **they were gone out of the city**;

1b) 44:4b-6 The accusation: **One of them has stolen Joseph's silver cup**;

1a) 44:4b And not yet far off, Joseph said to his steward: Up, follow after the men; and *when you overtake them*, say to them;

1b) 44:4c *Why have you rewarded evil* for good?

central axis) 44:5A *Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and with which indeed he divines?*

2b) 44:5b *You have done evil* in so doing;

2a) 44:6 And *he overtook them*, and he spoke to them these same words;

1c) 44:7-9 Their answer: **If it is found with us, we will be my lord's slaves**;

1a) 44:7a And they said to him: Why does my lord say these words? [i.e., Why speak *this accusation of theft*];

1b) 44:7b *God forbid that your servants should do according to this thing*;

central axis) 44:8a *Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again to you out of the land of Canaan*;

2b) 44:8b *How then should we steal out of your lord's house* silver or gold?

2a) 44:9 With whomever of your servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's slaves [i.e., *their answer to the accusation*];

central axis) 44:10a And he said: **Now also let it be according to your words**;

2c) 44:10b **He with whom it is found shall be my servant**; and you shall be blameless;

2b) 44:11-12 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. **12** And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and **the cup was found in Benjamin's sack**;

2a) 44:13 Then they rent their clothes, and loaded every man his donkey, and **returned to the city**;

2A) 44:14-17 And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. **15** And Joseph said to them: What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can certainly divine [i.e., **JOSEPH, ABLE TO DISCERN** wisdom]? **16** And Judah said: What shall we say to my lord? What shall we

speaking? Or how shall we clear ourselves? **GOD HAS FOUND OUT THE INIQUITY OF YOUR SERVANTS**; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found. **17** And he said: God forbid that I should do so, but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, go up in peace to your father. {s}