



Genesis 43:24-44:17 Reverse parallelism

1A.1) 43:24 And the man brought **THE [BROTHERS] INTO JOSEPH'S HOUSE**, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their donkeys provender;

1A.2) 43:25-34 THEY BOWED DOWN BEFORE HIM TO THE EARTH;

1a) 43:25-26a And they made ready the present against Joseph's coming at noon: for they heard that they should EAT BREAD there. 26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house;

1b) 43:26b And BOWED DOWN BEFORE HIM TO THE EARTH;

1c) 43:27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? IS HE STILL ALIVE?"

central axis) 43:28a THEY ANSWERED, "YOUR SERVANT OUR FATHER IS IN GOOD HEALTH;

2c) 43:28b HE IS STILL ALIVE;"

2b) 43:28c And THEY BOWED DOWN THEIR HEADS, AND MADE OBEISANCE;

2a) 43:29-34 They ATE BREAD together;

1a) 43:29-31a His heart yearned for his brother BENJAMIN;

1a) 43:29a 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?"

central axis) 43:29b And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son;"

2a) 43:30-31 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;

1b) 43:31b Joseph said, "SERVE THE BREAD;"

1c) 43:32a They set him a place by himself, and them by themselves [*i.e.*, THEY SET THEIR PLACES];

central axis) 43:32b AND THE EGYPTIANS WHO ATE WITH HIM BY THEMSELVES; BECAUSE THE EGYPTIANS COULD NOT EAT FOOD WITH THE HEBREWS, FOR THAT IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE EGYPTIANS;

2c) 43:33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marveled at one another [*i.e.*, THEY SAT THEM IN ORDER];

2b) 43:34a Then he took SERVINGS to them from before him;

2a) 43:34b but BENJAMIN's portion was five times as much as theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him;

2A.1&2) 44:1-17 THE BROTHERS CAME TO JOSEPH'S HOUSE/ THEY FELL BEFORE HIM TO THE GROUND;

1a) 44:1-13 The CUP OF DIVINATION planted/ OUR INTEGRITY and PROMISE TO BE SLAVES;

1a.1) 44:1-3 The CUP PLANTED IN BENJAMIN'S SACK;

1a) 44:1a And HE COMMANDED THE STEWARD of his house;

1b) 44:1b 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;
 central axis) 44:2a ALSO PUT MY CUP, THE SILVER CUP, IN THE MOUTH OF THE SACK OF THE YOUNGEST;

2b) 44:2b And HIS GRAIN MONEY;

2a) 44:2c So HE DID ACCORDING TO THE WORD that Joseph had spoken;

1a.2) 44:3 As soon as morning dawned, the brothers DEPARTED THE CITY WITH THEIR DONKEYS;

central axis) 44:4-10 CUP OF DIVINATION/ OUR INTEGRITY and promise TO BE SLAVES;

44:4-6 CUP OF DIVINATION:

1a) 44:4a When they had gone, Joseph said to his steward, “Follow the men and WHEN YOU OVERTAKE THEM;

1b) 44:4b Say, ‘WHY HAVE YOU REPAYED EVIL for good?

central axis) 44:5a IS NOT THIS THE ONE FROM WHICH MY LORD DRINKS AND PRACTICES DIVINATION?

2b) 44:5b YOU HAVE DONE EVIL in so doing;”

2a) 44:6 So HE OVERTOOK THEM, and he spoke to them these same words;

44:7-10 OUR INTEGRITY AND PROMISE TO BE SLAVES:

1a) 44:7-8 Brothers: “FAR BE IT FROM US TO DO SUCH A THING/ how can we steal from your lord’s house;

1b) 44:9 With WHOMEVER OF YOUR SERVANTS IT IS FOUND, let him die, and we also will be my lord’s slaves;”

central axis) 44:10a AND HE SAID, “LET IT BE ACCORDING TO YOUR WORDS;

2b) 44:10b HE WITH WHOM IT IS FOUND shall be my slave;

2a) 44:10c And YOU SHALL BE BLAMELESS; “

2a.1) 44:11-12 He searched and the CUP FOUND IN BENJAMIN’S SACK;

2a.2) 44:13 Then they rent their clothes, and LOADED EVERY MAN HIS DONKEY, AND RETURNED TO THE CITY;

central axis) 44:14 And Judah and his brothers CAME TO JOSEPH’S HOUSE; for he was yet there: and THEY FELL BEFORE HIM ON THE GROUND;

2a) 44:15-17 The CUP OF DIVINATION/ OUR INIQUITY and PROMISE TO BE SLAVES;

1a) 44:15-16a And Joseph said to them, “What deed is this that you have done? Know you not that such a man as I can certainly divine?” 16 And Judah said, “What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? GOD HAS FOUND OUT THE INIQUITY OF YOUR SERVANTS;

1b) 44:16b Here we are, MY LORD’S SLAVES;

1c) 44:16c Both we and HE ALSO WITH WHOM THE CUP WAS FOUND;

central axis) 44:17a BUT HE SAID, “FAR BE IT FROM ME THAT I SHOULD DO SO;”

2c) 44:17b The MAN IN WHOSE HAND THE CUP WAS FOUND;
2b) 44:17c HE SHALL BE MY SLAVE;
2a) 44:17c And as for you, GO UP IN PEACE TO YOUR FATHER.”