

Joseph and His Brothers

42:1 to 45:28

In **Chapter 37** the children of **Isra'el** are seen delivering **Joseph** into the hands of the **Gentiles**, and nothing more is heard of **them** until we come to **Chapter 42**. **Canaan**, along with the world, was struck with a famine. **Jacob and his sons** were in danger of dying. This drove **them** out of **their** land, and drove **them** down to **Egypt** - a symbol of the world. This was prophecy in action, a prophecy that would be fulfilled two thousand years later when **Yeshua Messiah** would also be delivered into the hands of the **Gentiles**.

As **Yosef** tested **his brothers**, **he** was looking for two things before **he** revealed **himself** to them. First, **he** wanted to see if **they** had changed. The last time **he** saw them, **they** had thrown **him** into a pit and then sold **him** into slavery. Then, as the final proof of **their** changed hearts, **Joseph** needed to see how **they** treated **his** younger brother **Benjamin**. Would **they** be just as jealous of **Benjamin** as **they** had been of **him**? Could **he** trust **them**?