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1 ¶ Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

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2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

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3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

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4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

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5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

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6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and he it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

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7 ¶ And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

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8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

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9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

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10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

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11 We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men*, thy servants are no spies.

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12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

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13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is* not.

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14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies:

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15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

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16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

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17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

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18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; *for* I fear God:

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19 If ye *be* true *men*, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

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20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

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21 ¶ And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

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22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

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23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

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24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

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25 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 thus did he unto them.

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26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

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27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth.

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28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

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29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

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30 The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

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31 And we said unto him, We *are* true *men*; we are no spies:

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32 We *be* twelve brethren, sons of our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

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33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye

are true men; leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food* for the famine of your households, and be gone:

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34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but *that ye are true men*: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

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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.

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36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things are against me.

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37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

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38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.