

## **“A TIME FOR TESTING”**

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH SERIES [#06]

### **GENESIS 42**

INTRODUCTION —

#### **A. A CHALLENGING REUNION**

1. FAMINE & FEAR — JACOB SENDS, BUT NOT BEN
2. DREAMS COME TRUE — BROS. BOWING TO JOSEPH IRONY
3. JOSEPH 'INCOGNITO' — PLAN FOR THEIR GOOD...

#### **B. A TIME FOR TESTING**

1. PRUDENT NEED FOR INFORMATION... NOT REVENGE
2. PLAN TO PROVOKE THEIR REPENTANCE (JOE WEEPS)
3. SEVEN SEPARATE TESTS (~VODDIE BAUCHAM JR)
  - (1) IS BENJAMIN ALIVE?
  - (2) WILL SOMEONE VOLUNTEER TO GET BENJAMIN?
  - (3) WILL SOMEONE VOLUNTEER TO STAY? [REAL TEST]
  - (4) WILL SOMEONE COME FOR SIMEON?
  - (5) HOW WILL THEY RESPOND TO RETURNED MONEY?
  - (6) ...HOW THEY EARNED JACOB'S TRUST?
  - (7) ...HAVE THEY EARNED BENJAMIN'S TRUST?

#### **C. A CLOSER LOOK AT GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

1. PROVIDENCE ALWAYS WORK, EVEN AS MEN MAKE OWN CHOICES
2. GOD ACTS TO BRING ABOUT REPENTANCE (NEVER EASY)
3. OUR FEARS & FEELINGS OFTEN OUT OF LINE -WE INCR. BURDENS

**CLOSING WORD — FRUIT OF REPENTANCE?**

 **AMEN** 