

Bible 101

Lesson 18 - Joseph: From Dreamer to Slave

Genesis 37

Genesis 37:1-4

Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob. Jacob preferred Rachel over Leah and loved Joseph more than his brothers. What kind of atmosphere does favoritism create in a family?

Genesis 37:5-8

1. In Joseph's dream, who do the sheaves represent? What does this teach us about the nature of dreams and visions?
 2. Why did the brothers refuse to listen to Joseph's dream?
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Genesis 37:9-11

1. In Joseph's second dream, who do the sun and moon represent? The stars?
 2. How did Jacob respond to Joseph's dream?
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Genesis 37:12-17

1. What did Joseph say when Jacob told him to go to Shechem?
2. Did Jacob trust Joseph's brothers? Why or why not?

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Genesis 37:18-24

1. Who argued against killing Joseph? What was his hidden agenda?
2. What did they do to Joseph when he arrived?

Genesis 37:25-28

1. Rather than leave Joseph in the pit, what did the brothers do with him? Which brother had the idea?
2. The brothers betraying Joseph and selling him for silver foreshadows what major Bible event?

Genesis 37:29-36

1. How did the brothers convince Jacob that Joseph was dead?
2. Jacob has been deceived in consequential ways twice now, but Jacob himself was guilty of deception. What is Scripture teaching us?