

“So they hated him even more...”

Introduction: the story of Joseph is the conclusion to the book of Genesis. It explains many historically important details that drive the spiritual and familial development of the people of Israel. Also, as these narratives conclude Genesis, the reader will find that the main character is the Lord God of Israel, and that he is the same as he was in Genesis 1 - creating, organizing, and structuring out every detail to show that he is sovereign and in control of all of life in this world. Finally, the story of Joseph is a snapshot of the gospel of Jesus Christ; the reader will in the treatment of Joseph and his rise to power many similarities to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Outline:

- I. Joseph is _____ by Israel. (37:1-3)
 - A. Joseph gives Israel a bad _____.
 - B. Israel gives Joseph a _____ coat.
 - C. What does the “son of his old age” mean?
 1. Joseph is the _____ of the promise.
- II. Joseph is _____ by his brothers. (37:4-11)
 - A. “They hated him” is written _____ times.
 - B. Joseph has 2 dreams (2 Witnesses):
 1. Sheaves of grain, meaning a superior _____.
 2. Heavenly bodies, meaning a superior _____.
 - C. Two things the brothers hate:
 1. _____ = authority.
 2. _____ = word of the Lord.
- III. Joseph is _____ to enforce the Father’s rule. (37:12-17)
 - A. Joseph is the _____ of his father.
 - B. Joseph is directed to _____ by a random man.
- IV. Joseph is _____. (37:18-28)
 - A. The brothers are used by _____.
 - B. Reuben is a _____.
 - C. The empty pit and the dinner (37:24-25) will be _____.

D. The slave trade:

1. The non - _____ are thriving.
2. The _____ of Gilead. (Jeremiah 8:22; Jeremiah 46:11)
3. The brothers are _____ from the promise.
 - a) _____ attack on the seed.
 - b) _____ for the seed.

V. Joseph is _____ to Israel. (37:29-36)

- A. A deception is pulled on Jacob with a _____.