

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Joseph's Calling"
Genesis 36-37:11
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Notice: 4 so they hated him (Joseph)

5 they hated him even more.

8 So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Genesis 37:11 His brothers were jealous (Envious) of him,

Envy – Latin *"To stare down into"* *"Ill will towards a person because of superiority"*

We start a new section in our studies in Genesis.

Genesis 12-35 Presents 3 Main Characters:

1. Abraham Genesis 12-25

2. Isaac Genesis 25-27

3. Jacob Genesis 28-35

Genesis 37-50 Joseph 1/3 of Genesis records great details about Joseph.

Brief Look At Genesis 36 A chapter of many names: **81**

Genesis 25:23; 27:39-40

"Esau" and **"Edom,"** the avowed enemies of the Jews, are mentioned **200 times** in the Bible. **"Jacob"** and **"Israel"** are mentioned **2000 times**

Genesis 36:1-8 Esau's Personal History:

Mentions the pagan wives (Polygamy to a whole new level)

Verse 4 Eliphaz – son of Esau, became the father of the **Amalek** – the **Amalekites** who were Israel's enemies (**Exodus 17:8-16**)

Genesis 36:9-14 Grandsons, Tribes, Tribal Chiefs, And Kings:

Genesis 36:15-19 The Chiefs Of The Sons Of Esau:

Genesis 36:20-30 The Inhabitants Of The Land:

Genesis 36:31-39 The Kings Of Edom:

Verse 38 Baal-hanan – a false god of Canaan.

Genesis 36:40-43 The Chiefs Of Edom:

Lessons from Esau:

1. Esau Despised His Birthright

2. Indulgence Of Esau's Sensual Nature

3. Esau Was Godless And Failed To Pass On Spiritual Truth To His Descendants

Thought Of Our Passage: "Human Sin and Divine Revelation Combined To Produce Hatred And Rejection That Ultimately Created A Way Of Salvation Through Joseph."

1. Verses 1-2 Joseph's Faithfulness:

2. Verses 3-4 Fathers Love:

3. Verses 5-11 Lords Choice:

1. Verses 1-2 Joseph's Faithfulness:

Genesis 37:1 Now Jacob lived in the land

Context - Jacob has returned to the promised land and is dwelling there. After 10 years of living his way, Jacob had a revival and was made right with God.

where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

Jacob was dwelling in Hebron (Fellowship) when his father Isaac has died.

**Genesis 37:2 These are the records of the generations of Jacob.
(10th time in Genesis)**

Genesis's way of letting us know that we are entering into a new section

Joseph, when seventeen years of age,

We are now introduced to **Joseph**

was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, Joseph is a faithful servant as a teen to work the family business, which was sheep and goats.

bad report

The term **report is** used in the rest of Scripture in a negative sense of "*untrue report,*" with the added adjective **bad** (evil) **and** "*evil report of their deeds.*"
*Joseph said the essential truth, but possibly added a bit.
Joseph is a sinner, not sinless!*

Leviticus 5:1

(Joseph Was Not Like Them!) Romans 12:2; John 7:7

A young man with courage, spiritual convictions, integrity moral judgments, and godliness. (Not sinless, perfect, Saint – true believer)

Why Is Joseph So Important?

He typifies Jesus Christ: Arthur Pink Traces 101 Parallels.

Note that Joseph was never once quoted in the NT. (Spoken about, referred to)

He comes to his brothers, and they reject him:

He forgives them and blesses them. **John 1:11**

He takes a gentile wife from Egypt:

Jesus is to marry His bride, the church, made up of gentile people.

He was the savior of his people even though they did not recognize him:
Genesis 45:7-8

2. Verses 3-4 Fathers Love:

Genesis 37:3

Father's Love: Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons,
It was Isaac who loved Esau more than Jacob; it was Rebecca who loved Jacob more.

because he was the son of his old age;

Jacob, who had 10 other sons besides Joseph and Benjamin, was able to enjoy him more. Younger from Rachel.

and he made him a varicolored tunic.

Literally "A coat with long sleeves to the wrists and to the ankles, or a tunic. It was different colors." **Robe of a priest, heir**

Ruben sin with his father's concubine Genesis 35:22 passed to Joseph.

Genesis 37:4 father loved him more than all his brothers;
It is not hard for children to pick-up who is the favorite.

and so they hated him

Here is the envy. **James 3:16; 1 John 3:12**

and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

1 Samuel 18:12; Matthew 12:34-35

The Theme of Joseph can be summed up in the well-known passage:
Romans 8:28

3. Verses 5-11 Lords Choice:

Genesis 37:5

The Lord's Choice: Then Joseph had a dream,

Dreams have always arrested people's attention.
Joseph has dreams and also has the gift of interpreting the dreams.

they hated him even more.

We see the hatred building in his brothers, and hatred will always lead to a showdown.

Verses 6-8 Joseph's Harvest Dream:

Genesis 37:6-7 Agricultural over Egypt Joseph would be.

Genesis 37:8 are you really going to rule over us?"

This dream was so clear

So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Galatians 4:16

Verses 9-10 Joseph's Celestial Dream:

Genesis 37:9 the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." This refers to Jacob, his wife (Leah replaced Rachel), and his brothers bowing down to him. **(Revelation 12:1)**

Genesis 37:10 and his father rebuked him

Jesus Christ At the age of twelve, **Luke 2:48-50**

Genesis 37:11 Ungodly Response:

His brothers were jealous of him, or envied him.

Envy – "Ill will towards a person because of superiority."

Proverbs 14:30

People in high positions become people to attack. Moses was a man under attack. Exodus 12:1-4 The Rebellion of Korah. Numbers 16:1-5,31-34

Spiritual Response: but his father kept the saying in mind.

Joseph would become Prime minister, Second in Egypt. **Mary** pondered **Luke 2:19,51**

What was the root cause of this envy?

It was resistance to God's decree and hatred towards God.

Genesis 50:20, Promotion comes from God.

Psalms 75:6-7

Application:

1. God Will Choose A Faithful, Righteous Person For A Position Of Leadership, But The Person May Encounter Jealous Hatred From Others.
2. Accept What God Is Doing In Your Life. John The Baptist Was Tempted But Was Right By Saying, **"He must increase, but I must decrease."** Joseph's Brothers Anger Was Over Seeing God's Blessings On Joseph's Life.
3. Human Sin and Divine Revelation Combined To Produce Hatred And Rejection That Ultimately Created A Way Of Salvation Through Joseph.