



THE STUDY OF

# GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



**God Is At Work,**

**Even When We Can't See It.**

**Genesis 37**



# Genesis 34-36

1. Moral Collapse & Leadership Silence
2. Violence done “in God’s name.”
3. Family fractured by favoritism
4. Closing of Chapters/Restoration of Jacob
5. Comparisons of Esau & Jacobs families.  
Worldly success vs humble repentance/  
obedience

# v.1— God Speaks

1. God initiates

2. “Arise... go up to Bethel”

3. Return, not restart

Rev. 2:4–5 — Return to your first love

Eph. 5:14 — “Arise from the dead”

## v.2-4 — idolatry

1. Put away foreign gods
2. Purify yourselves
3. Change your garments
4. God speaks, Jacob finally leads- the real issue: **idolatry**. Revival doesn't begin with emotion; it begins with repentance and removal.

## v.6-7 — City at the Gate

1. Bethel was the place of vision and vow (Gen 28). Now it becomes the place of obedience and worship.
2. El-Bethel — not just “House of God,” but “God of the House.”

## **v.8— Revival Doesn't Cancel Grief**

Three “burials” — not only people, but the old life...?

God is restoring Jacob,  
but He's also closing chapters.





## **v.1 - Strangers but Blessed**

The family of Abraham is waiting on the promises of God for a homeland.

(Gen 12:1, 15:18, 17:8, 28:4, 35:12)

While they waited: God guided,  
provided, and protected.



## v.2-4 - Joseph - A Special Boy!

- Firstborn son of Rachel, but the 11th in birth order.
- Loved by his father and given preferential treatment.
- Tunic symbolized “management material.” Not manual labor.

## v.5-8 Very Unpopular Dream pt 1

- Dreams were taken seriously in ancient Eastern societies; they carried weight.
- Joseph lacked awareness of whom he told and how his brothers felt about him.
- The dream fueled bitterness that was already present in Joseph's brothers.



## v.9-11 Very Unpopular Dream pt 2

- Joseph lacked awareness again, and told his brothers and his father his dream.
- The 2nd dream continued to fuel bitterness that was rapidly growing out of control in Joseph's brothers' hearts.

## **v.12-17 From Hebron to Shechem & Beyond**

-God is the silent Actor in the text. He is orchestrating His will in the background.

-God is with Joseph from Hebron to Shechem and beyond. In the pit, He is there. In the prison, He is there. God is at work!



# **v.18-36 Hatred & God's Protection**

**Sin leads to:**

Guilt, shame, regret, lies, brokenness, loss, lasting consequences.

**-God's Working Leads to:**

Life, saving, redemption, restoration, wholeness, reconciliation, freedom.





## Takeaways -

1. In what ways is God calling you to trust and rest in Him?
2. What areas of life are you struggling with and need to “put off”?
3. How can you move forward in your walk with Christ this week?





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