

- I) V22 INTRO: By faith Joseph **when he was dying** made mention of the departure of Gen 37 Today we will look at Joseph, the 11th son born to Jacob and Rachel
AS WE BEGIN
- II) **Joseph** is a tremendous man of God and is considered **a type** of Jesus Christ
 - He made **superior** claims
 - He was **rejected** by his brothers
 - He was **hated** without a cause
 - He was the **victim** of a conspiracy
 - He was **betrayed** and **sold**
 - He was later **exalted**
- III) V1-4 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger
 - V2 Joseph was learning how to shepherd sheep, being taught by brothers
 - He was with Dan, Napthali, Gad, and Asher
 - They did something that was improper, and he reported this to his father
- IV) This didn't set well with the brothers
 - As a **17-year-old** young man his father Jacob gave him authority in the family
 - This caused them to hate him
- V) V3-4 His father loved him **the most** and it was obvious to all of them
 - Jacob loved him more because he was **the son of his old age** (91 yrs. old)
 - Another reason was he was also the son of Rachel, Jacob's beloved wife
- VI) This is another example of **sibling rivalry**
 - This was a family trait: Abraham/Isaac, Isaac/Esau, Jacob/Joseph
- VII) Jacob gave to him a coat of many colors (various colored striped cloths)
 - Colors** refers to the length of the sleeves, and was a symbol of authority
 - It was an ornate coat, richly embroidered and worn by those of upper ranks
- VIII) This obvious favoritism provoked envy and jealousy in his brothers
 - His reporting them, as well as Jacob's obvious preference, stirred hatred
- IX) V5-11 Now Joseph had a dream and he told it to his brothers and they hated him
 - During this time, Joseph had two dreams
 - They were a picture of his mother, father, and brothers doing homage to him

- I) First: His brothers' sheaves (grain tied together) all bowed before his sheaf
Second: The sun, moon, and 11 stars all bowed before him
- II) V11 His brothers envied him though his father pondered the meaning of this
The result was a greater envious anger and hatred for Joseph
Pr 27:4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, but who is able to stand before **jealousy**?
- III) V12-14 His brothers had traveled 50 miles north, to the area of Samaria
They were feeding their father's flock and Joseph went to check on their condition
- IV) V15-17 Now a certain man found him and there he was wandering in the field
THIS IS SEEN AS A TYPE
- V) It is a picture of Israel wandering in search of water and pasture, and finding none
Joseph: A type, or picture, of Jesus, sent but rejected
Jn 1:10-11 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- VI) He was unable to find them but was told that they had gone on 20 mi. NW
It was a days journey to Dothan, and there he encountered his brothers
- VII) V18-22 Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them
His brothers hated him so much, they conspired to kill him
His older brother Reuben did not want him harmed
Instead of killing him, he had him thrown into a pit, intending to deliver him
- VIII) V23-28 It came to pass when Joseph had come to his brothers that they stripped
They stripped him of his coat, cast him into a pit, and calmly sat down to eat
Midianites/Ishmaelites (relatives, both descendants of Abraham) came by
Judah convinced his brothers to sell Joseph to them, and they sold him in Egypt
- IX) V28 They sold him for 20 pieces of silver (Stephen spoke of this)
Ac 7:9 The patriarchs, **becoming envious**, sold Joseph into Egypt. **But God was with him**
- X) V29-36 Then Reuben returned to the pit and indeed Joseph was not in the pit
Reuben had left but now returns, goes to the pit, and finds Joseph gone

- I) They took **Joseph's** coat, dipped it in the blood of a goat, and took it to **Jacob**
V33 Jacob recognized it: David's Superman cape
- II) V35 All his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him but he refused
This absolutely broke his heart: I will go down to my grave mourning my son
Joseph was sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard
He was a Saris (Officer) captain of the **guard** (executioners, slaughterers)
- III) Ch 39:1-6 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt
While in the home of Potiphar the Lord blessed Joseph
- IV) V2-6 Potiphar had **absolute trust** in Joseph
Unfortunately: **Potiphar's wife** was the one who could not be trusted
- V) V7-12 Potiphar's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph and said **Lie with me!**
Joseph was a man of honor and he ran when she approached him
- VI) In this he becomes the model of godly rejection of sinful temptation
This invitation was constant and insistent, but he rejected it
1 Co. 6:18 **Flee from sexual immorality.** All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.
- VII) V13-20 And so it was when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand
She was rejected so she created a false report
She accused Joseph before the men of the house, as well as her husband
Potiphar cast Joseph in prison, where **political prisoners** were housed
- VIII) V21-23 **God was with** Joseph and he found favor in the sight of the keeper
Ro 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose
Joseph was assigned responsibility
QUESTION: Is this fair?
- IX) Why was here there? To **refine him** and to **strengthen** his character
Ro 5:3-5 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

- I) Ch 40:1-4 Pharaoh was angry with his butler (Oversight of wine) and the baker
V4 Joseph watched over them
- II) V5-19 Each man had a dream: It had made them sad
V7 Joseph asked: Why do you look so sad today, and they told him why
- III) V8 Joseph asked the dream, but it is God who gave the interpretation (41:16)
Job 33:15-17 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men while they slumber on their beds, then He opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, that He may turn man aside from his deed and conceal pride from a man
- IV) V15 The butler's dream: In three days, you will be set free
V18 The baker's dream: In 3 days, you will die, for you failed to protect Pharaoh
- V) V14 To the Butler: **Remember me** when it is well with you
V23 The chief butler **did not remember** Joseph, **but forgot him**
- VI) Ch 41:1-8 Two years later Pharaoh had two dreams
7 starving cows ate 7 healthy cows: 7 full heads of grain eaten by 7 thin heads
- VII) V9 The Butler remembered Joseph: Joseph interpreted the dream
7 years of plenty, 7 years of famine
- VIII) V33-40 His counsel: Collect 1/5 of the harvest for 7 years and appoint an overseer
V45 Joseph was made 2nd in command to Pharaoh: He was now 30 years old
- IX) He was given a new name: Zaphnath—Paaneah: the god speaks, and he lives
He was also given Asenath as a wife, who may have come to faith in God
- X) Some wonder: was it wrong for him to marry an Egyptian?
First: It was Pharaoh who gave him the wife: he did not seek her out
Second: In giving him Asenah, he was allowing Egyptians to respect Jews
Third: It strengthened Joseph's position of power and authority in Egypt
Finally: This took place before the Law of Moses came into effect
- XI) Through **Asenath** he had two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim (V50-52)
They became to ancestors of two tribes in Israel

- I) Ch 42:1-9 The famine spread all the way to where Joseph's family lived
Jacob sent 10 sons to purchase grain in Egypt
He kept his youngest son Benjamin at home, afraid calamity would befall him
- II) V10-17 And they said to him, no my lord but your servants have come to buy food
V6, 9 Joseph recognized his brothers: They came before him, and bowed
He remembered the dreams he had had
- III) He accused them of being spies, and had them imprisoned for three days
- IV) V18-20 Joseph said to the the third day, Do this and live for I fear God-Elohim
He informed them he feared their God, assuring them no harm would occur
- V) V21-24 Rabbis taught that Simeon was the one responsible for Joseph's slavery
- VI) V25 Before they left Joseph had their money restored to them
They placed it in their sacks: On their journey they found it and were afraid
They reported to Jacob, but he would not hear of letting Benjamin return (V38)
SUMMARIZE
- VII) CH 43 The famine was severe, and they had to return to Egypt to get grain
This time they brought Benjamin with them, and returned to Egypt
Joseph had them come to his home, gave them a supper and returned Simeon
Upon seeing his brother Benjamin, the emotion was too great and he wept alone
- VIII) CH 44 Joseph set a trap: He hid a cup in the luggage of Benjamin when they left
His men pursued, discovered the cup, and returned the brothers to Joseph
This time Joseph insisted that his little brother remain there with him:
V30-34 Judah begged for mercy: Benjamin is the youngest, and dear to my father
- IX) CH 45:1-11 Joseph could no longer restrain himself and disclosed who he was
His brothers were absolutely petrified, believing that he would have them killed
V5 Joseph knew he was sent ahead to save their lives at the expense of his own
V27-28 The brothers went home and confessed their deception to their father
- X) Ch 46:1-5 Jacob was so moved he went Beersheba, where Isaac had built an altar
God met him in a vision (for the 8th time) and set his mind at ease and he leaves
V28-30 Father and son reunion

- I) Ch 50:15-26 After instructing and blessing his sons, Jacob finally dies
The brothers were afraid that Joseph would repay them, but he didn't (V20)
WHICH BRINGS US BACK TO HEB 11:22
- II) By faith Joseph when he was dying made mention of the departure of the children
Joseph had left Canaan at 17, but at 110 gave instructions about his remains
He knew God was going to have him buried in the land promised to Abraham
- III) This was fulfilled through Moses and Joshua
Ex 13:19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."
Josh. 24:32 And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.