



Redeemer Christian Church

A Matter of History



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- Abraham
 - Issac
 - Jacob (Israel)
 - 12 Patriarchs

JACOBS FAMILY DISINTEGRATES

- Genesis 37:1-3
 - Now Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.² These are the records of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

GENESIS 37:3-4

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic. ⁴ His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

GENESIS 37:5-8

Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.⁶ He said to them, “Please listen to this dream which I have had;⁷ for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect;

DEFINITION

Sheaves: a bundle of stalks of grain that have been bound together.

GENESIS 37:5-8

and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.”⁸ Then his brothers said to him, “Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

JOSEPH WAS SUPER POPULAR...

Joseph's dream caused the already brewing hatred that Joseph's brothers had to reach a fever pitch. The favoritism that Jacob showed to Joseph, compounded by this dream, served to increase the tensions between Jacob's sons.

GENESIS 37:9-11

Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

GENESIS 37:9-11

¹⁰ He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”

¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

GENESIS 37:18–24

When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.
¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer!

GENESIS 37:18–24

²⁰ Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we will say, ‘A wild beast devoured him.’ Then let us see what will become of his dreams!” ²¹ But Reuben heard this and rescued him out of their hands and said, “Let us not take his life.”

GENESIS 37:18–24

²² Reuben further said to them, “Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

GENESIS 37:18–24

²³ So it came about, when Joseph reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

GENESIS 37:25–28

Then they sat down to eat a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh, on their way to bring them down to Egypt.

GENESIS 37:25–28

²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? ²⁷ Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

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ACTS 7:1-8

The high priest said, “Are these things so?”² And he said, “Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,³ and said to him, ‘LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.’

ACTS 7:1-8

⁴ Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. From there, after his father died, God had him move to this country in which you are now living.

ACTS 7:1-8

⁵ But He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground, and yet, even when he had no child, He promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS DESCENDANTS AFTER HIM.

ACTS 7:1-8

⁶ But God spoke to this effect, that his DESCENDANTS WOULD BE ALIENS IN A FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

ACTS 7:1-8

7 'AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY WILL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE,' said God, 'AND AFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'

ACTS 7:1-8

⁸ And He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

GENESIS 39:1-6

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

GENESIS 39:1-6

³ Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

GENESIS 39:1-6

⁵ It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field.

GENESIS 39:1-6

⁶ So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate.

PSALM 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

ACTS 7:9-10

“The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. Yet God was with him,¹⁰ and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.

GENESIS 39:6-9

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance.⁷ It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."

GENESIS 39:6-9

⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge.

GENESIS 39:6-9

⁹ There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

GENESIS 39:17

Then she spoke to him with these words, “The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; 18 and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

GENESIS 39:19–23

Now when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, “This is what your slave did to me,” his anger burned.²⁰ So Joseph’s master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

GENESIS 39:19–23

²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

²² The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible for it.

GENESIS 39:19–23

²³ The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.