

January 13
Genesis 37-39

Gen. 37:1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. **2** These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. **3** Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* colours. **4** And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

Gen. 37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. **6** And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: **7** For, behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. **8** And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. **9** And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. **10** And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? **11** And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

Gen. 37:12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. **13** And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here *am I*. **14** And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. **15** And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? **16** And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*. **17** And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. **18** And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. **19** And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. **20** Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. **21** And Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. **22** And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

Gen. 37:23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, *his coat of many* colours that *was* on him; **24** And they

took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it. **25** And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt. **26** And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? **27** Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content. **28** Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. **29** And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. **30** And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not; and I, whither shall I go?

Gen. 37:31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; **32** And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no. **33** And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. **34** And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. **35** And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. **36** And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, *and* captain of the guard.

Gen. 38:1 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah. **2** And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her. **3** And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. **4** And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. **5** And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him. **6** And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name *was* Tamar. **7** And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him. **8** And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. **9** And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. **10** And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also. **11** Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did*. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

Gen. 38:12 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. **13** And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. **14** And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which *is* by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. **15** When Judah saw her, he thought her *to be* an harlot; because she had

covered her face. **16** And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she *was* his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? **17** And he said, I will send *thee* a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge, till thou send *it*? **18** And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that *is* in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. **19** And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. **20** And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. **21** Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where *is* the harlot, that *was* openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this *place*. **22** And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, *that* there was no harlot in this *place*. **23** And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

Gen. 38:24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. **25** When she *was* brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these *are*, *am* I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose *are* these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. **26** And Judah acknowledged *them*, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. **27** And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins *were* in her womb. **28** And it came to pass, when she travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. **29** And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. **30** And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

Gen. 39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. **2** And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. **3** And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. **4** And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand. **5** And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. **6** And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person*, and well favoured.

Gen. 39:7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. **8** But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath

committed all that he hath to my hand; **9** *There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?* **10** And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, *or* to be with her. **11** And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* none of the men of the house there within. **12** And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

Gen. 39:13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, **14** That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: **15** And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. **16** And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. **17** And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: **18** And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

Gen. 39:19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. **20** And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison. **21** But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. **22** And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it*. **23** The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.