

"The Apparent Death of a Dream"

From the Series,
"Jacob 180"

Genesis 37:1-11, 31-36
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Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

1. A Place for Renewing Dreams (1-4)

- a. Jacob was reconnecting (1) - "Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan."
- b. Jacob was unwise (2-3) - "2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors."
- c. Jacob was in trouble (4) - "But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him."

2. A Gift of Revelatory Dreams (5-10)

- a. A dream sharper than the dreamer (5-7) - "5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: 7 Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."
- b. A dream that provoked the dreamless (8) - "His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words."

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- c. A dream which refused to hibernate (9) - "Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."
- d. A dream that made its mark (10-11) - "10 But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" 11 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind."

3. A Season of Refused Dreams (31-35)

- a. When the color fades (31-32) - "Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."
- b. When the dream dies (33) - "And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces."
- c. When joy is wrenched away (34) - "Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days."
- d. When hope is buried (35) - "All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him."