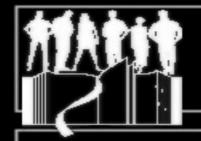
Hope in Heritage

Genesis 37



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Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father. 3 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

Broken things:

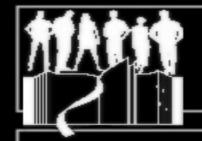
- •Daytime "therapy" shows
- "reality" shows
- •Heroes?
- Bad behavior excuses
- •Blaming anything but ourselves....

History:

- Abraham/Sarah liars about marriage
- •Isaac/Rebekah played favorites
- •Jacob deceiver, stealer of blessings
- Mother dies bearing his brother
- •2 mothers/2 concubines
- •Sister violated, entire town judged

Complications:

- •Fighting between Leah/Rachel
 - •"Bought for berries" you MUST (30:16)
- Concubines being used
 - •Sons given second place... (2)
 - Hatred, no friendly speech (4)



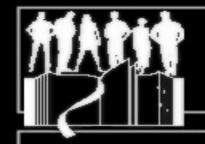
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Enter Joseph

- •17 years old
- Favored (3) and over-protected
- •The coat *kethoneth passim*
 - •Long sleeves & hem not for work
 - •'varicolored' expensive, unique

Chosen by God?

- Joseph brings "bad report"
- •What does God do? Gives dreams!
- •Result "hated even more"
 - •Brothers, father, "your mother" bow?
 - They interpret for him



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.

If the story stopped here...

- •Man's responses or God's plan...
- •Brothers run: Shechem, Dothan
- •God separates Joseph
 - •Safety & Preparation 13 years!
 - •In a pit without water or pity...

Lesson

- Heritage, history, family
- Listen and remember promises!
- Admit your part in the hurts!
- •Be patient in your blessings
- •Be diligent and faithful

