Hope for the Sons of Israel: Seeing How God Reconciles Feuding Families

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Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when brothers
dwell together in unity.

The Story of Salvation is found in the Psalms of Ascent

Genesis 37–50 follows the same pattern

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(B) Jacob Mourns the "Death" of Joseph (37:12–36)

(C) Judah and Tamar (38:1–30)

(D) Joseph's Enslavement in Egypt (39:1–23)

(E) Joseph, Savior of Egypt (40:1–41:57)

(F) Journeys of Brothers to Egypt (42:1–43:34)

(G) Joseph Tests the Brothers (44:1–34)

(G') Joseph Reveals His identity (45:1–28)

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(D') Joseph's Enslavement of the Egyptians (47:13–31)

(C') Jacob Favors Joseph and Judah (48:1–49:28)

(B') Joseph Mourns the Death of Jacob (49:29–50:14)

(A') Joseph the Provider (50:15–26)

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4. Joseph’s dreams invite a response—fury or faith?