



Week Seven  
Jacob / Joseph



— PASTOR'S —  
**BIBLE STUDY**



# Review

## You will Recall up to this point

- ▶ In the beginning God created: day one, two, three, four, five, and six. On the seventh day God rested.
- ▶ Then we had a recapitulation. We turned around and dropped down into day six of the first creation story and observed the creation of humanity from the garden perspective.
- ▶ At the end of Chapter Two everything was perfect. The first people, Adam and Eve, are in love with one another and God. The Lord God (YHWH Elohim) is intimate with them and walks with them in the cool of the afternoon in the garden. They are perfect in every way. All of creation was good, perfect and complete. Exactly as God had it envisioned.
- ▶ Sin enters the world in Chapter 3



# Review

- ▶ Sin moves rather quickly in the story and we see the consequences of sin in Chapter 4, 5, 6. By Chapter 6 verse 5 we read *"The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time."*
- ▶ Sin permeates chapters 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. The primeval chapters of Genesis. At the end of Chapter 11 even though God has:
  - ▶ brought the flood and washed the board clean
  - ▶ giving humanity a second chance.
  - ▶ Noah gets off the Ark, plants a build a vineyard. Gets drunk and before we know it were at the Tower of Babel and were right back at the beginning with Sin
- ▶ We learn when left to our own devices we are incapable of resolving the conflict of sin



# Review

- ▶ So, what does God do?
  - ▶ God introduces the plan of Salvation in Genesis Chapter 12 verses 2 and 3. He lifts up Abram of Ur of the Chaldean and his wife Sarai.
  - ▶ Makes a covenant with Abram (Abraham):

“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.



# Review

- ▶ God makes good on His covenant:
  - ▶ Abraham has a son through Sarah – Isaac
  - ▶ Isaac has Jacob,
  - ▶ Jacob and his wives and two of their servant girls have 12 sons.
  - ▶ The 12 sons will become the founders of the 12 tribes of Israel



# Review

- ▶ But there were other things happening in the story:
  - ▶ Sarah was barren and could have no children
    - ▶ God intervenes and Sarah has Isaac at 90 years old
  - ▶ Rebecca is barren
    - ▶ God intervenes and she gives birth to Esau and Jacob
  - ▶ When Jacob marries he wanted Rachel but got Leah
    - ▶ Elementally he would marry Rachael but she would be barren
      - ▶ God would intervene and she would have her first son Joseph and then her second Benjamin.  
Dyeing in childbirth
- ▶ So, we have a Theme of God intervening for barren women enabling them to have children



# Review

- ▶ Jacob will have two wives and two concubines
  - ▶ 12 sons and 1 daughter
  - ▶ His favored wife Rachel will have will have two sons
  - ▶ Joseph who he loved more than Benjamin
- ▶ God is using a complex dysfunctional family to bring the plan of salvation into the world



# Review

- ▶ We also have problems within these families
  - ▶ Abraham and Sarah
    - ▶ Abraham takes a servant girl Hagar and has Ishmael
      - ▶ Isaac's line will be founder of the Jewish people
      - ▶ Ishmael will be the founder of the Arab people
      - ▶ There is animosity between the two brothers
      - ▶ And the parents loving one more than the other – Abraham/Ishmael and Sarah/Isaac
  - ▶ Isaac and Rebecca
    - ▶ Twin boys – Esau and Jacob
    - ▶ Parents loving one more than the other - Isaac/Esau and Rebecca/Jacob





# Where we left off

Jacob and his wives and concubines have 11 sons and Joseph is favorite son from his beloved with Rachel

## Genesis 37 NIV

### **Joseph's Dreams**

**37** Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line.


Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel (*Jacob transitioning to Israel*) loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate<sup>[a]</sup> robe for him. <sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

<sup>5</sup> Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: <sup>7</sup> We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”

The meaning of the Hebrew for this word is uncertain; also in verses 23 and 32

Coat of many colors



<sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

<sup>9</sup> Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

<sup>10</sup> When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?” <sup>11</sup> His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

## Joseph Sold by His Brothers

**12** Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, **13** and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied.


**14** So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, **15** a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

## Joseph's Route to Egypt

- Route of Joseph  
Gen. 37:12–17, 28
- Route of the Ishmaelite Traders  
Gen. 37:25–28



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<sup>16</sup> He replied, “I’m looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?”

<sup>17</sup> “They have moved on from here,” the man answered. “I heard them say, ‘Let’s go to Dothan.’”

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

<sup>19</sup> “Here comes that dreamer!” they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> “Come now, let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”





**21** When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. **22** “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

**23** So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—  
**24** and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.




**25** As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

**26** Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? **27** Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

**28** So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels<sup>[b]</sup> of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.


Paratactical  
Monarchial  
Polytheist  
Slaveholding



**29** When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. **30** He went back to his brothers and said, “The boy isn’t there! Where can I turn now?”

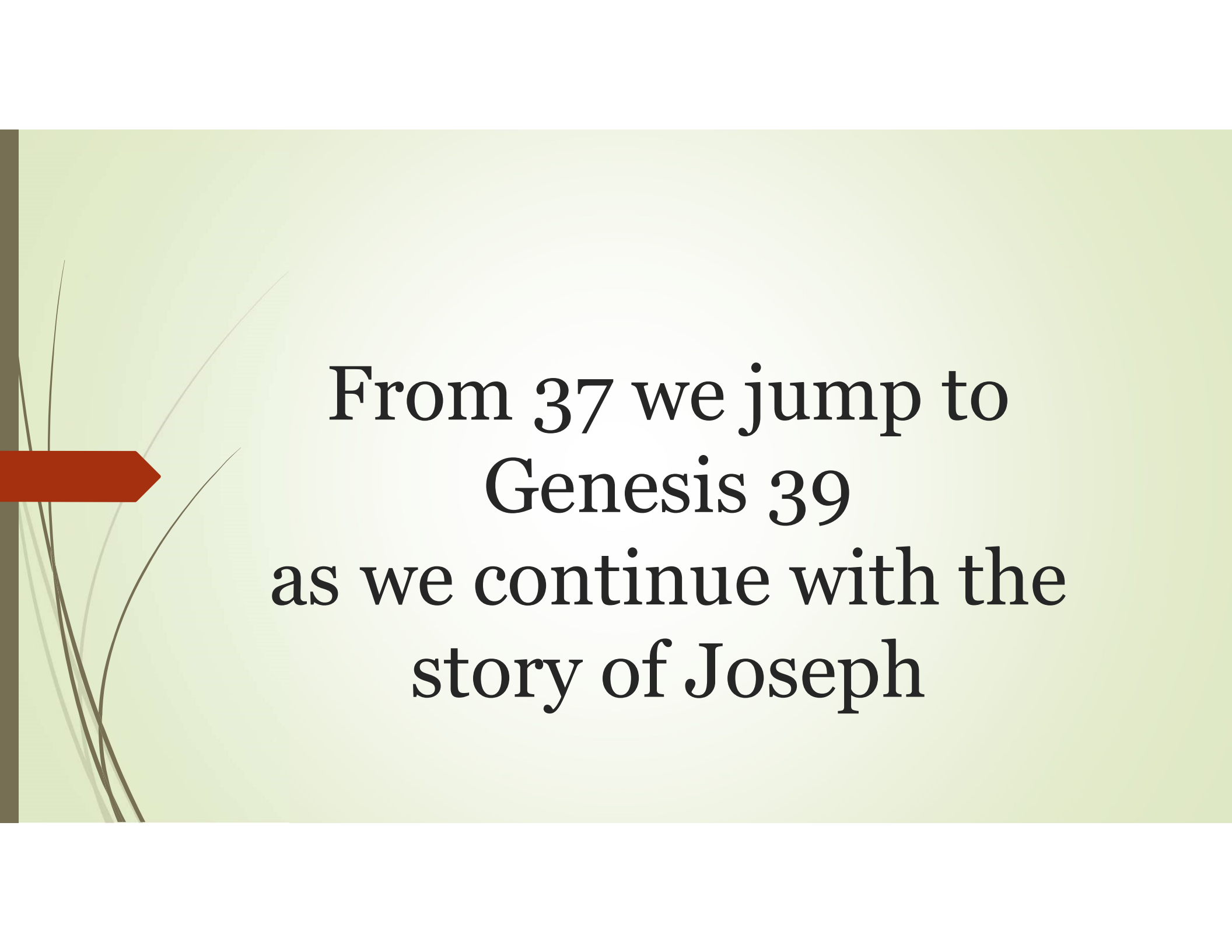
**31** Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. **32** They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.”

**33** He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.”



**34** Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. **35** All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. “No,” he said, “I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave.” So his father wept for him.

**36** Meanwhile, the Midianites<sup>[c]</sup> sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials, the captain of the guard.



From 37 we jump to  
Genesis 39  
as we continue with the  
story of Joseph

Genesis 39 NIV


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## **Joseph and Potiphar's Wife**

**39** Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt.


Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

**2** The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. **3** When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, **4** Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.




<sup>5</sup> From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. <sup>6</sup> So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, <sup>7</sup> and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"



<sup>8</sup> But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. <sup>9</sup> No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?” <sup>10</sup> And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.


<sup>11</sup> One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. <sup>12</sup> She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.



<sup>13</sup> When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, <sup>14</sup> she called her household servants. “Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. <sup>15</sup> When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”

<sup>16</sup> She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. <sup>17</sup> Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. <sup>18</sup> But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.”





**19** When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger. **20** Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.

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But while Joseph was there in the prison, **21** the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. **22** So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **23** The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

## Genesis 40 NIV

### **The Cupbearer and the Baker**


**40** Some time later, the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, <sup>3</sup> and put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the same prison where Joseph was confined. <sup>4</sup> The captain of the guard assigned them to Joseph, and he attended them.



After they had been in custody for some time, <sup>5</sup> each of the two men—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were being held in prison—had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own.


<sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them the next morning, he saw that they were dejected. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh’s officials who were in custody with him in his master’s house, “Why do you look so sad today?”

<sup>8</sup> “We both had dreams,” they answered, “but there is no one to interpret them.”




Then Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.”

<sup>9</sup> So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream. He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, <sup>10</sup> and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. <sup>11</sup> Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup and put the cup in his hand.”




<sup>12</sup> “This is what it means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days. <sup>13</sup> Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer. <sup>14</sup> But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. <sup>15</sup> I was forcibly carried off from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing to deserve being put in a dungeon.”



**16** When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread.<sup>[a]</sup> **17** In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.”

**18** “This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. **19** Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh.”



**20** Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: **21** He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand— **22** but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.

**23** The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.


## Genesis 41 NIV

### **Pharaoh's Dreams**


**41** When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, <sup>2</sup> when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. <sup>3</sup> After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. <sup>4</sup> And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.








<sup>5</sup> He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. <sup>6</sup> After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. <sup>7</sup> The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream. <sup>8</sup> In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.



<sup>9</sup> Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. <sup>10</sup> Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. <sup>11</sup> Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. <sup>12</sup> Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. <sup>13</sup> And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled.”



**14** So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.


**15** Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”

**16** “I cannot do it,” Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.”

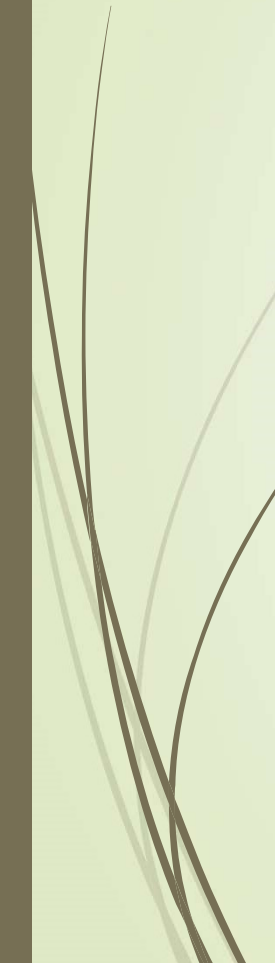





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<sup>17</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile, <sup>18</sup> when out of the river there came up seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. <sup>19</sup> After them, seven other cows came up—scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first. <sup>21</sup> But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.



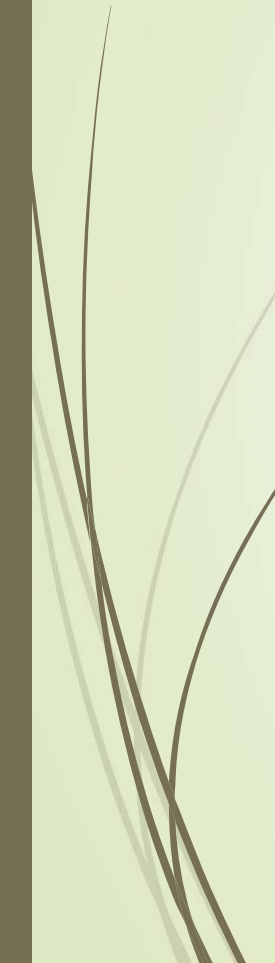


**22** “In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. **23** After them, seven other heads sprouted—withered and thin and scorched by the east wind. **24** The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads. I told this to the magicians, but none of them could explain it to me.”


**25** Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. **26** The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. **27** The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven **years of famine.**




<sup>28</sup> “It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup> Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land. <sup>31</sup> The abundance in the land will not be remembered, because the famine that follows it will be so severe. <sup>32</sup> The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.








**33** “And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. **34** Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. **35** They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. **36** This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.”



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37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God[a]?”

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you.”


## Joseph in Charge of Egypt

**41** So Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” **42** Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. **43** He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command,<sup>[b]</sup> and people shouted before him, “Make way<sup>[c]</sup>!” Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

**44** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt.” **45** Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On,<sup>[d]</sup> to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.


Will remain in service until his death at 110 years old

**46** Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh’s presence and traveled throughout Egypt. **47** During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. **48** Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities.




In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. <sup>49</sup> Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

<sup>50</sup> Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. <sup>51</sup> Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh<sup>[e]</sup> and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” <sup>52</sup> The second son he named Ephraim<sup>[f]</sup> and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”



<sup>53</sup> The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, <sup>54</sup> and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. <sup>55</sup> When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph and do what he tells you.”

<sup>56</sup> When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. <sup>57</sup> And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere.



# Genesis 38

## Introduction of a Parallel Narrative



# Jacob was distraught with the loss of Joseph

At this time a nuclear family stayed together, why would Judah leave?



## Genesis 38

### **Judah and Tamar**


**38** At that time, Judah left his brothers and went down to stay with a man of Adullam named Hirah. <sup>2</sup> There Judah met the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and made love to her; <sup>3</sup> she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, who was named Er. <sup>4</sup> She conceived again and gave birth to a son and named him Onan. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to still another son and named him Shelah. It was at Kezib that she gave birth to him.

***Three to five years have passed***

<sup>6</sup> Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. <sup>7</sup> But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death.

***For Er to have a wife another 10+ years have passed***


<sup>8</sup> Then Judah said to Onan, **“Sleep with your brother's wife and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to raise up offspring for your brother.”** <sup>9</sup> But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brother's wife, he spilled his semen on the ground to keep from providing offspring for his brother. <sup>10</sup> What he did was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death also.



<sup>11</sup> Judah then said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, “**Live as a widow in your father’s household until my son Shelah grows up.**” For he thought, “He may die too, just like his brothers.” So Tamar went to live in her father’s household.


***Tamar would remain a member of Judah’s household through her marriage to ER – But by being sent back to her father’s family she is shamed***

<sup>12</sup> After a long time Judah’s wife, the daughter of Shua, died. When Judah had recovered from his grief, he went up to Timnah, to the men who were shearing his sheep, and his friend Hirah the Adullamite went with him.



<sup>13</sup> When Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to shear his sheep,” <sup>14</sup> she took off her widow’s clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise herself, and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown up, she had not been given to him as his wife.

<sup>15</sup> When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. <sup>16</sup> Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.”



“And what will you give me to sleep with you?” she asked.

<sup>17</sup> “I’ll send you a young goat from my flock,” he said. “Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?” she asked.


<sup>18</sup> He said, “What pledge should I give you?”

“Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand,” she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. <sup>19</sup> After she left, she took off her veil and put on her widow’s clothes again.

**20** Meanwhile Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her. **21** He asked the men who lived there, “Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?”

“There hasn’t been any shrine prostitute here,” they said.


**22** So he went back to Judah and said, “I didn’t find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, ‘There hasn’t been any shrine prostitute here.’”



**23** Then Judah said, “Let her keep what she has, or we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did send her this young goat, but you didn’t find her.”

**24** About three months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.”


Judah said, “Bring her out and have her burned to death!”



**25** As she was being brought out, she sent a message to her father-in-law. “I am pregnant by the man who owns these,” she said. And she added, “See if you recognize whose seal and cord and staff these are.”

**26** Judah recognized them and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I wouldn’t give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not sleep with her again.





<sup>27</sup> When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>28</sup> As she was giving birth, one of them put out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his wrist and said, “This one came out first.” <sup>29</sup> But when he drew back his hand, his brother came out, and she said, “So this is how you have broken out!” And he was named Perez.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>30</sup> Then his brother, who had the scarlet thread on his wrist, came out. And he was named Zerah.<sup>[b]</sup>

**Story takes about 20 years,  
parallel to the main story and important to God's plan**



# Conclusion

- ▶ 20 years have gone by in the life of Joseph and his brothers
- ▶ For Joseph things could not be better
  - ▶ He is second in command to the Pharaoh
  - ▶ Managed the food production source
  - ▶ At the end of today's story he is responsible for the sale and distribution of the grain stored in the warehouses. The wholesalers will come to him
- ▶ Jacob is a very powerful man and head of his very powerful clan
  - ▶ He will send his sons to Egypt to buy grain