

Joseph Comes Forth P2

Genesis 37--18-- 36

¹⁸ And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

- How deep their resentment has grown enough to ignore the Dream and to kill the messenger their brother.
- Remember their report, this attitude was evident enough prior for Joseph to tell his Father his brethren have a serious problem with sin.
- Is this not as Jesus who came to his brethren with a God given message from the Father and because their "deeds were evil" they sought to kill the messenger.

¹⁹ And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

- Amazing, the Dream has exceeded the coat of many colors that was given to him by his Father.
- Why? The Coat did not mean a change their inheritance or submission but they perceived the Dream did due to the revelation of them bowing to him.
- Not even a phrase that in anyway denote kinship or fraternal connection. ' 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.

- Evil always conspires to censor and if possible be eliminate the dream. "Jerusalem Jerusalem, Thou killest the prophets"
- Therefore, therefore what? Because of his Dreams that invoked him to hate him more!

²¹ And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

- The eldest brother says lets not kill him but make him as good as dead an apparent compromise he believed his brothers would accept.
- He could not bring himself to kill him but nor would he accept him, sounds like church folks? They won't say he does not exist but won't accept him and his dream.
- In the order of Authority it was the elder who had the authority but it had to be a plan they would not overrule.

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.

- Reuben assessed the situation and realized the only way this could ever turn out right he would have to act as if he were in agreement that he had to go but conscience compelled him to plan to rescue him and return him to the Father.

²³ And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colors that was on him;

- They didn't want it but gladly stripped him of it due to the glaring point of contention it generated.
- The Old Testament, filled with types and shadows of living realities to come, includes Joseph's coat of many colors as a type. The coat of many colors represents various things, but to sum them all up it stands for the divine favor of God in this final hour. Down through the ages, man has walked with the partial favor of the Lord, but the coat of many colors symbolizes all the favor of God, all His divine grace, power and love, all the gifts and fruits of the Spirit—the whole thing. Jesus came to Earth, bringing the spiritual Coat of Many Colors which had been foreshadowed by the type, Joseph's coat. The healing for soul, mind and body that Christ gave to the people is ours today, our Coat of Many Colors. Colors for every nation and culture.

²⁴ And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

- The first stop he is not with the Father nor his brethren but alone.
- There is "spiritual reason for this" no water in the mind of Joseph, certainly after my dream.
- Nothing can refresh or revive his tormented soul of the harsh, brutal treatment at the hands of his brethren.
- When family seemingly turns against you it is the most difficult prevail. Jesus in the garden, Remember that the time is coming, nay, has already come, for you all to be dispersed each to his own home and to leave me alone. And yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me."

²⁵ And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelite came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

- Egypt will play a significant role in the maturation of a nation that will take generations because the seed had developed an evil disposition.
- "After doing away and stripping their brother they sat down and ate" that's demented!
- Egypt will stand for one thing in the hearts of most Jews and the significant role God would have them play note who takes them their "Ishmaelite and what would that tell you? What women?"

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, what profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

- Not much praise here but it does help a little.

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.

- We will later read of the anguish upon Joseph's face and his plea for his brothers not to do such a thing.
- Not 30 pieces but close enough to draw from the example of the one who didn't have to split his money up but obviously had the same heart of his relatives. "Judas betray the son of man with a kiss? Better for you not to have been born" Gods got 9 nations with the heart of Judas and yet he calls them to be his example?

29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

- "A man at his very best is still vanity".
- Good intentions don't always translate to productive results

- "Truth forever on the scalpel"

³⁰ And he returned unto his brethren, and said, the child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

- It is a very goof chance that they never even told Ruben about the deal thus not having to split up the bounty.
- Ruben is bearing the responsibility knowing the response he will receive from his Father.

³¹ And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

- Ruben would rather choose to lie than to have to explain his role and his brothers in the loss of Joseph.
- They dipped the coat in blood a precursor to the one who will be put to death by his brethren as a sacrificial offering for our sins. Prior Isaac played that role as a Christological example and their it was a ram in the bush that took his place as a offering.

³² And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father; and said, this have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

- There could have been other ways to deceive but with what better than the very thing they despised and hopefully would kill his thought in his mind.

- This crew is evil, to bring the coat and then watch the pain of their Father is despicable and heartless.

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.

- Jesus pulled of immortality and majesty (coat of many colors) became mortal and endured the suffering and pain. They stripped him of his garment "the Robe" and went to the pain and suffering of the cross.

³⁴ And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

- While his sons watched and said nothing.
- Does this depict the time during Jesus passion when the Father looked away from him for the first time of their existence?
- If we weary God with our words certainly he was grieved over the necessity of the brutal death of his son.

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.

- ALL OF HIS SON'S ???

- Could it have been the same with God that like Jacob until he rose from the dead he " refused to be comforted"

³⁶ And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

- Sold As a slave to the chief executioner.