

## JOSEPH COMES FORTH

### **Genesis 37 King James Version (KJV)**

**37 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.**

- The place predetermined by God to be the land of promise and the land they will eventually leave to go dwell in Egypt. Why God did not insist on staying is a mystery. It is apparent that process plays more a part of our lives than we give credit for.

**<sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.**

- Joseph is seventeen and appears shares in the chores of his brethren but not in the ways of his brethren.
- Joseph feeling responsible for the well being of his brethren, not caring about their opinion and favor "Snitched" on his brethren that their behavior may be corrected.

**<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.**

- The fact he had an issue of loving one child more than the other should have been dealt with internally not expressed outwardly.
- His love for his children was negated in the eyes of the other children by the distribution of a coat "worn daily" proclaiming distinction.
- Our heavenly Father in order to gain rebellious children with an evil report bestows his love upon us and favor that others may be envious not jealous.
- He has clothed us in a new garment that others may receive the revelation of its amiability and the knowledge in comparison theirs is filthy.

**<sup>4</sup> And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.**

- His brethren saw the love that his father had for him
- Favoritism is wrong but there is a degree of truth to be noticed.
- They could have said "our works are eviler perhaps we should change our ways" They had a evil report- Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil John 3:19
- Thus they choose to hate rather than repent of their evil report- When men refuse to repent they will hate you also. 1 John 3:13

**<sup>5</sup> And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.**

- I didn't dream prophetically till I got saved.
- Dreams are a promise to them that walk with God and pursue him.
- Dreams are subject to interpretation and some are literal
- Dreams are to condition our mind to believe God for his plan and future (Daniel)
- Not every dream is God inspired, we have the ability to create thus imagine. God's dreams have its own means of distinction.

**<sup>6</sup> And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:**

**<sup>7</sup> For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.**

- It's not always wise to share with people who do not favor you but this was providential
- This Dream would also break the protocol of inheritance
- Also the "Younger shall serve the Elder cultural rule"

**<sup>8</sup> And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? Or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.**

- Not every dream shared is received well..." Jesus shared future events and they sought to throw him off a cliff"
- While feeling great expectations and believing his brethren would be excited for him, it was just the opposite.

**<sup>9</sup> And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.<sup>10</sup> And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?**

- Jacob is over the top and at the end of the story it is clear Jacob was always held in high esteem and his assertion did not change his position and patriarch of the family.

**<sup>11</sup> And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.**

- Envy is far worse than jealousy because envy denotes that you desire to change place not duplicate. Thus elimination or murder of the individual is conscionable.

**<sup>12</sup> And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.**

- There's the place where Abraham built his first altar and received the word from God this would be that promised land
- This is the place where you shall grow and feed your flock and become a great nation.
- This is where God promised to be with them and cause them to be renown in the world.

**<sup>13</sup> And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, here am I.**

**<sup>14</sup> And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.**

- I am sending Joseph from the place of binding friendship "Hebron" to the place "Shechem "The Ever Pleasant Place" To search for his brethren.
- They are not standing their they will be in can Dothan - The Law - Their report, their unwillingness to stand in binding friendship and feed in the ever pleasant place , this people be processed and come under the law temporarily till they can get to grace and truth.

**<sup>15</sup> And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, what seekest thou?**

- Joseph will not see his father again till he is about thirty. This certain man is the catalyst for the reason for he sends him into a predicament that will sending Joseph to for fill his dream.
- My father sent me to look for my brethren. -- As the father has sent me so send I you- Are you ready to help them. No you have to be processed and when finished you will be in the position to help them and save many alive!

**<sup>16</sup> And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.**

- They are not where they should be- when ever you are not in your place you can't have the advantages and favor God has intended for you. Dinah went to shechem but she went unchaperoned and for wrong reasons. His brethren were now feeding from the "curse of the law" Dothan and as the Pharisees ' Will seek to kill him"

**<sup>17</sup> And the man said, they are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan**

**Like Jesus he will come unto his own but his own will receive him not.**