

# Joseph – Favored Son To Rejected Brother

*Genesis 37*



# Introduction

## Theme of the Bible:

God is redeeming a people by His Son, for His Son to His own glory

## Theme of Genesis:

Beginnings



# Introduction- Genesis Outline

- Primitive history (1-11)
  - Creation (1,2)
  - The Fall (3-5)
  - The flood (6-9)
  - The Dispersion (10-11)
- Patriarchal history (12-50) – 4 great men
  - Abraham (12-25)
  - Issac (21-35)
  - Jacob (25:21 -50)
  - Joseph (30:22 -50)





# Introduction – Genesis 37

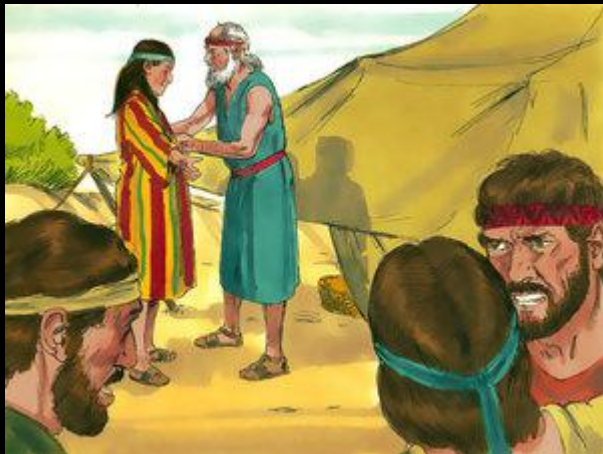
- *“As this chapter begins the story of Joseph, who, is in every subsequent chapter, but one to the end of this book, makes the greatest figure. He was Jacob's eldest son, by his beloved wife Rachel born, as many eminent men were, of a mother who was barren. His story is so remarkably divided between his humiliation and his exaltation that we cannot avoid seeing something of Christ in it, who was first humbled and then exalted and in many instances so as to answer the type of Joseph. It shows a lot of Christians who must through many a trial, enter into the kingdom” – Matthew Henry*



# 1) Joseph: The Beloved Son Sent by the Father (:1-4)

## Joseph

- Loved by the father (3)
- Brought a bad report to his father (2)
- Hated by the brothers for pointing out their sin (4)
- Brothers couldn't speak to Joseph on friendly terms (4)



## Christ

- Loved by the father (Matt 3:17)
- Pointed out the sins of Jewish leaders (Matt 23)
- Hated by the Jewish leaders for pointing out their sin (Matt 22)
- Jewish leaders couldn't speak to Christ on friendly terms (Matt 22:15-18)



## 2) Josephs Dreams: Rule and Reign (:5-11)

### Joseph

- Joseph's dreams reveal his reign and rule (5-11)
- Brothers and family will bow to Joseph (9-11)
- Joseph's dreams revealed exaltation, but humiliation precedes it (9-11)
- Joseph's brothers hated him (5)
- Joseph's brother were Jealous of him (11)
- Jacob kept these promises in his heart about Joseph's rule and reign (11)



### Christ

- Gods Word reveals Christ reign and rule
- Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord (Phil 2:10)
- Christ humbled himself even to the point of death on the cross but is now exalted to the right hand of God (Phil 2:5)
- Jewish leaders hated Christ (Matt 26:63)
- Jewish leaders were jealous of Christ (Matt 26)
- Mary kept these promises in her heart about Christ rule and reign (Luke 2:19)



### 3) Joseph: Obedient to the father (:12-17)

#### Joseph

- Joseph obeys his fathers command to go (12-17)
- Joseph says I will go (13)

#### Christ

- Jesus is sent by the Father
- Jesus is faithful to go on the Fathers mission





## 4) Betrayed by his Own (18-28)

### Joseph

- Joseph comes to his own and they didn't receive him
- Joseph's brothers plot to kill him from a distance (18,20)
- Joseph's brothers do not want him to reign over them (19)
- Joseph in the Pit (23-24)
  - Stripped him of his coat
  - Cries out from the Pit (Gen 42:21)
- Joseph's brothers sit down to eat (25)
- Judah betrays his brother Joseph (26)
- Joseph sold for Silver (28)

### Christ

- Jesus comes to His own and His own don't receive him (John 1:10)
- Jewish leaders plot to kill Christ (John 5:18)
- Jewish leaders do not want Him to reign over them (Luke 19:14)
- Jesus on the Cross
  - Stripped him of his garments (All gospels – Matt 27:35)
  - Cries out from the cross (Matt 27:46)
- Jewish leaders eat the Passover (John 19:14)
- Judas betrays Jesus (Luke 22)
- Judas sold Christ for silver (Matt 26:15)



## 5) Lies and deception (:5-11)

### Joseph

- Joseph's brothers make up a story
- The lies and deception brings pain and suffering that is unconsolable

### Christ

- Jewish leaders make up story about Christ resurrection
- The lies and deception brings pain and suffering that is unconsolable for all eternity



## 6) Gods Sovereignty displayed (:36)

### Joseph

- Joseph's exaltation story begins as he is sold into Pharaoh's house
- Joseph eventually raises to great power
- Gods plan was predetermined (Gen 15:13)

### Christ

- Jesus exaltation story begins at the resurrection
- Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (1 Pet 3:22)
- Gods predetermined plan revealed in Christs death and resurrection (Acts 2:22)



## Applications

- 1) God is sovereign over all the events of our lives, the good the bad and the ugly. He is working out his plan in accordance with his will for our good and His glory.
- 2) The life of Joseph reflects the life of Christ -Foreshadowing what will happen with Christ and his life, death and resurrection.
- 3) Don't allow sin in your life or hatred of others to consume you. Repent and turn from your ways – otherwise you end up like the brothers in this story.
- 4) Jesus is our Lord, He is King of Kings. Serve the one true God with all your heart mind and strength.
- 5) Remember the suffering in this life is nothing to be compared to the eternal glory with our Lord and savior.
- 6) All those opposed to Christ today are like the Jewish leaders and Josephs brothers saying “we will not have him reign over us.” – You are at enmity with God. Repent of your sins, turn to Christ.