

“YOU AND THAT DREAM”

(Genesis 37)

I. THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND CONTEXTUAL SETTING FOR THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

II. JOSEPH: CHOSEN BY GOD (Genesis 37:1-11)

A. The Contextual Setting (37:1-4)

B. Joseph had two DREAMS (37:5-11)

1. Joseph related to his brothers his first dream where he apparently would eventually _____ them.

* How did his brothers react?

* What was the probable source of Joseph’s dreams?

2. Joseph had a second dream which was more celestial in nature, where the sun, moon and _____ bowed down to him.

* Did his family understand the meaning?

C. Joseph’s OBEDIENCE to his father (37:12-17)

1. Jacob sent his _____ Joseph to Shechem to see if everything was all right with his other sons so that he could give him a report.
2. Joseph faithfully walked the _____ miles from Hebron to Shechem, only to find that his brothers had taken the herds another _____ miles to Dotham.

D. The wicked SCHEMES of Jacob's sons (37:18-27)

1. With the exception of the eldest son Rueben, all of the others had _____ to _____ their own brother.
2. Providentially as the Lord would have it, Rueben's cooler head prevailed when he convinced his brothers to _____ Joseph into the _____ rather than murder him.

* Rueben had a conscience, and so what did he plan on doing later? (v. 22b)

3. The _____ of Joseph's brothers was revealed when they stripped him of his new coat, threw him into a pit with no _____ or _____, and then they sat down to eat a meal.

* What was it like for young Joseph while in the deep pit? (Gen. 42:21)

* How can we observe the providence of Yahweh in all of this? (v. 25)

E. Joseph SOLD by his very own brothers into SLAVERY (37:26-36)

1. Judah devised a plan whereby they could finally _____ Joseph without murdering him, and also make some _____ in the process.

* While they didn't actually murder their brother physically, what had they done in their hearts many times?

2. Rather than _____ their sin to their father, they chose to _____ it, and by the course of their sinful actions they gave their father a _____ heart.

* What can you learn from this chapter?