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6. The History of Joseph (37-50)

- i. Birth (30:22-24)
- ii. Favored role (37:1-11)
  - a. Jacob is living in Mamre.
  - b. The story of Joseph shows the hand of God working things together for good (Romans 8:28).
  - c. When the story opens, Joseph is 17 years of age.
  - d. Joseph was Jacob's favorite son.
    - 1) Jacob made no bones about it.
    - 2) The reason he was his favorite son was because he was a son of Rachel.
    - 3) Rachel bore Joseph when Jacob was old.
    - 4) Jacob showed his favoritism by making him a beautiful ornamental robe.
      - i) The brothers were jealous of Joseph.
      - ii) When you show partiality, it has its effects.
  - e. The hatred of Joseph's brother's for Joseph intensifies.
    - 1) Joseph was out in the field with Gad, Asshur, Dan and Naphtali and they do something bad, but we are not told what.
    - 2) Joseph goes and tells his father on them.
    - 3) Joseph is a tattletale and that doesn't endear him to his brothers, but they hate him all the more.
  - f. Joseph was a dreamer.
    - 1) 1st dream
      - i) Joseph and his brothers are out in the field and they are binding sheaves.
      - ii) And he tells his brothers, "Do you know what my sheaf did? It stood upright and all of the other sheaves gathered around and fell at the feet of my sheaf."
      - iii) Joseph couldn't keep this to himself, but had to tell his brothers.
      - iv) His brothers hated him more.
    - 2) 2nd dream
      - i) In this dream, there was the sun, the moon, and eleven stars.
        - a) The sun stands for Jacob.
        - b) The moon stands for Joseph's mother.
        - c) The eleven stars stands for the 11 brothers.