

- ii) In this dream, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph.
 - iii) Joseph tells his brothers about this dream also and if they hated him before, they really hated him now.
 - iv) Joseph also tells his dad and his dad puts it in the back of his mind.
- iii. Adventures with the brethren (37:12-35)
- a. One day, Joseph's brothers were out taking care of the sheep in Shechem.
 - b. Jacob wanted Joseph to go to Shechem to see how his brothers are making out and to bring a report back to Jacob.
 - c. Joseph goes to Shechem, but doesn't find them there and learns they have gone to Dothan.
 - d. Joseph goes to Dothan and he is wearing this beautiful coat.
 - e. His brother's see him and plot to kill him.
 - 1) They say, "There comes that dreamer. What we'll do is take Joseph. We'll kill him and we'll throw him into a cistern and then we'll say he was devoured by a wild animal."
 - 2) They say, "If we do that, then there is no way that these dreams he had are going to come true. We'll see what happens to those dreams when we take care of Joseph."
 - f. When Joseph comes, they take his coat and put him in a cistern, but don't kill him.
 - 1) They did that at the suggestion of Reuben.
 - 2) Reuben didn't want them to kill Joseph, so he said, "Put him in cistern instead of killing him."
 - 3) Reuben said that because he was going to help him escape later and take him back to his father.
 - g. Reuben is away from the other brothers and a caravan comes from Gilead.
 - 1) This is a caravan of Ishmaelites.
 - 2) Judah says, "Look. Joseph is our own flesh and blood. And we really don't want to kill him. We are not going to get anything out of him if we just kill him. Let's sell him and at least that we can get some money."
 - 3) When the caravan comes by, they sell him for 20 shekels of silver.