

- h. Reuben comes back and finds that Joseph is no longer in the pit and he grieves over that and goes to his brothers.
 - 1) He says, "How am I going to explain this to our father?"
 - 2) In order to cover up what they did, they killed a goat and dipped in the blood and the goat and took it back to Jacob.
 - 3) When Jacob saw the blood, he reached the conclusion that they wanted him to reach and said, "My son has been devoured by animals."
 - 4) And Jacob grieves.
- i. Now you have a remarkable thing.
 - 1) Jacob is grieving and the sons try to comfort him.
 - 2) The ones who are responsible for this whole thing are trying to comfort him.
 - 3) They can't comfort him though.
- j. Joseph is doing what he is supposed to do (i. e. doing what his father says) and now he has been thrown into a cistern and sold into slavery.
 - 1) He could have said, "Every thing is going against me. The Lord is against me. Why is he allowing this to happen?"
 - 2) But the Lord has a purpose in it, but Joseph didn't know it at the time.
 - 3) God is behind every single thing that happens to Joseph.
 - 4) While the brothers intended this to harm Joseph, God intended it for good.
- iv. In Potiphar's house (37:36-39:20)
 - a. The caravan goes all the way down into Egypt.
 - b. When they get to Egypt, they sell him to Potiphar.
 - 1) The Lord greatly blessed Joseph in Potiphar's house so that whatever he did, he was successful.
 - 2) Potiphar was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.
 - 3) It didn't ^{take} ~~take~~ Potiphar long to recognize that he was a successful man and so he elevated Joseph to be head over Potiphar's house.
 - c. Potiphar's wife had a crush on Joseph, but he remained true to the Lord.
 - 1) Joseph was a well-built person and handsome.
 - 2) He was 17 when he was sold and he was still probably a teenager.
 - 3) Potiphar's wife wanted to sleep with him.
 - 4) But Joseph wouldn't do it and said, "I am not going to betray the trust that my master has put in me and I am not going to violate the law of God."