

Genesis 31-50

Lesson 4: Genesis 36-37

July 26, 2017

1. Read Genesis 36-37
2. What was the name of the land where Jacob dwelt, 37:1? _____
3. Meeting Joseph
 - a. How old was Joseph as this story begins, 37:2? _____
 - b. What lesson(s) might there be for us today in Joseph's age? _____

4. Joseph's relationship with his family
 - a. What did Joseph do that likely did not endear him to his brothers, 37:2? _____

 - b. What mistake of his parents does Jacob repeat, 37:3? _____

 - c. What impact did Jacob's relationship with Joseph have on his relationship with his brothers, 37:4? _____

 - d. How did Joseph's dreams affect his relationship with his brothers, 37:8,11? _____

5. Joseph's dreams
 - a. Describe each dream:
 - 1) 37:7 - _____

 - 2) 37:9 - _____

 - b. What did Joseph's family understand the dreams to mean, 37:8,10? _____

 - c. How did Jacob react to Joseph's dreams, 37:11? _____

6. Joseph sold into slavery
 - a. What was the purpose of Joseph's trip to meet his brothers, 37:14? _____

 - b. What was the brothers' original plan for Joseph, 37:18-19? _____

 - c. Who tried to convince them not to kill Joseph, 37:21-22? _____

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- d. What motivated the brothers to sell Joseph into slavery instead of kill him, 37:26-27? _____
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- e. Did the brothers actually say Joseph was dead, 37:31-32? Explain. _____
- f. Jacob's reaction
- 1) How did Jacob react, 37:34? _____
 - 2) Would Jacob have felt any worse or experienced any more emotion if Joseph had actually been dead? _____