

Genesis 37:1-36 **Joseph's Dreams**

Introduction:

Those experts who study dreams tell us that our dreams are short story segments in our brains that last for a mere few seconds and yet it appears from our perspective that it is a long period of time. Dreams tell us a story about our lives; we often cannot put all the pieces together.

Although our dreams are not inspired as it was with the patriarchs and prophets of old. The Holy Spirit communicated messages through dreams sometimes to wicked rulers but then could not interpret them.

Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dreams to the exact detail – (Gen. 41:8-26; 42:9) Nebuchadnezzar was troubled about his dreams and many of his so called magicians and sorcerers tried to interpret his dream to no avail. Only Daniel had the extraordinary gift to interpret the King's dreams. (Dan. 1:17; 2:1, 2; 5:12)

- I. **Gifts of Dreams – v. 1-11**
 - A. **Root of Bitterness – v.2**
 - 1. Joseph a truth teller
 - 2. Joseph's brothers filled with envy and jealousy – Heb. 12:15; Prov. 14:30; Jam. 3:16
 - B. **Jacob's favorite son – v. 3; John 15:18,19;**
 - 1. A multicolored tunic - II Sam. 13:18
 - C. **Joseph's First Dream v.5-7; Heb. 1:1-2**
 - 1. They hated him and his dreams – Matt. 10:34-42
 - 2. They ridiculed his dreams – v. 8,9; Luke 1:33; Luke 19:11-27
 - D. **Joseph's Second Dream – v.9**
 - 1. Even Jacob's father rebukes Joseph – v. 10, 11
 - 2. Mary, Jesus's mother – Turn To: Luke 2:46-52

- II. **A Type of Christ – v. 12-36**
 - A. **Joseph's Obedience – Matt. 1:21; John 1:11**
 - 1. Great resentment – v.18; Luke 15:4
 - B. **Conspire Against Joseph**
 - 1. Joseph down in the pit – v. 22-25; Amos 6:6
 - 2. Sold into Slavery – v.28; Lev. 27:5; John 13:2; 18:2-5
 - C. **Tunic of Blood**
 - D. **Utter Hypocrisy**

Conclusion:

- 1. ***God controlled even the wicked acts of men for the good of the believer and His church. The gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Matt. 16:18***
- 2. ***What appears to be crooked and unjust will ultimately work out for the good of God's people. Rom. 8:28; Psalm 139:1-6***