

The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37, 39-50)

- I. Chapter 37
 - a. Joseph established as Jacob's (Israel's) favorite.
 - b. Joseph dreams of sheaves and stars bowing down to him.
 - c. Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt.
- II. Chapter 39
 - a. Joseph is made personal attendant to his master.
 - b. Master's wife falsely accuses him of attempted rape.
 - c. Joseph is jailed, but made steward of the jail.
- III. Chapter 40
 - a. Joseph interprets the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker.
 - b. Baker, as Joseph predicted, is impaled; cupbearer is restored to office.
 - c. Cupbearer forgets about Joseph.
- IV. Chapter 41
 - a. Pharaoh has dreams that no one can interpret.
 - b. Cupbearer remembers Joseph who correctly interprets dreams.
 - c. Joseph is made vizier of Egypt and stores up grain to prepare for seven years of famine.
- V. Chapter 42
 - a. Joseph's brothers journey to Egypt for grain as famine has gripped Canaan.
 - b. Joseph recognizes them; they don't recognize him.
 - c. Joseph sets up a test. Demands they return with Benjamin. Jacob refuses.
- VI. Chapter 43
 - a. Famine grows worse, Jacob and sons are starving; they must return to Egypt with Benjamin. Judah pledges surety for Benjamin.
 - b. Joseph invites his brothers to eat with him; they are bewildered, but comply though they fear being made slaves. Enjoy great feast.
- VII. Chapter 44
 - a. Joseph sends them on their way with provisions, money, and hidden cup. The test gets underway.
 - b. Cup is found in Benjamin's bag. Brothers defend him. Judah offers to take Benjamin's place as Joseph's slave.
- VIII. Chapter 45
 - a. The brothers pass the test! Joseph reveals himself.
 - b. Joseph and Pharaoh invite Jacob and family to settle in Egypt.
- IX. Chapter 46—Israel moves to Egypt
- X. Chapter 47—Joseph makes lots of money for Pharaoh
- XI. Chapter 48
 - a. Jacob is dying
 - b. Jacob claims Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, as his own. Predicts second born, Ephraim, will eclipse Manasseh in power.
- XII. Chapters 49 and 50—Jacob dies; Joseph dies.

Genealogy of Israel—The Twelve Tribes

Abraham and Sarah—Isaac

Isaac and Rebekah— Esau (Edom) and Jacob

Jacob (Israel) marries two sisters: Leah and Rachel

Leah—**Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun** (also daughter, Dinah)

(Rachel is barren and gives her maidservant Bilhah to Jacob in hopes of her having children in Rachel's name. Leah is jealous and also gives her maidservant, Zilpah to Jacob to bear children for her.)

Rachel through Bilhah—**Dan, Naphtali**

Leah through Zilpah—**Gad, Asher**

Rachel—**Joseph, Benjamin** (Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin)

Joseph marries an Egyptian, Asenath, and has two children—Manasseh and Ephraim. Jacob later claims them as his own, so when the land of Israel is divided and portions assigned to the twelve tribes, the tribe of Levi gets no land (they are the priests), and Joseph's tribe gets two portions through his sons.