

Lesson 23 Genesis 36, 37 & 38

Joseph Sold By His Brothers

1. A. Why do you think God gave the dreams to Joseph?

B. Read Genesis 37. Do you think that Joseph was wise to repeat his dreams to his brothers?

C. Connect this with Matthew 7:6 giving a lesson for us today.

Matthew 7:6

6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs,* or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces

2. Give two or three reasons for the hatred of Joseph’s brothers for him.

3. *Challenge Question:* Remembering some of the events from past chapters, why do you think Jacob would be especially anxious about his sons when they were at Shechem?

4. In what way did Joseph “go the extra mile” to fulfill his father’s wish and to help his brothers? What did he receive for it?

5. Give the names of the two brothers who between them saved Joseph from being murdered by the others.

6. In what way do the closing verses of Gen.37 show that Jacob again reaped what he sowed?

10. *Challenge Question:* A. Tamar was a heathen girl who had opportunities for marriage among her own people. Why do you think she did not simply marry one of her own people?

B. Why do you think Tamar's name is included in the genealogy of Jesus? (Matt.1:1-17)

- 1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.***
- 2 Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.**
- 3 Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,**
- 4 Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon,**
- 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse,**
- 6 Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.**
- 7 Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph.**
- 8 Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah.**
- 9 Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.**
- 10 Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos,* Amos the father of Josiah.**
- 11 Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.**
- 12 After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,**
- 13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,**
- 14 Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud,**
- 15 Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,**
- 16 Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah.**
- 17 Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.**