

- 1] God promised the land of Canaan & descendants to Abraham (Gen 12:7) but not for 400yrs (15:13f)
- 2] A's son and Grandson Isaac & Jacob but danger of aggression (cf Gen34) and intermarriage (cf Gen 38)
- 3] God's plan for building His nation - ---- Joseph *NB Jesus in all the Scriptures*
(Lk24:27)

Joseph righteousness (2)

- 1] Joseph – 1st son of favourite wife Rachel (30:15)
- 2] 17 yrs old (2a)
Cf Jacob 17 yrs in Egypt cf Jacob in Egypt (47:28)
7 divine perfect number and 10 complete human
No explicit ill spoken of Joseph in text - Unlike all biblical characters except Jesus? – a TYPE of Jesus!
Cf All Scriptures speak of Him (Lk 24:27)
- 2] Sons of Bilhah and Zilpah (2b)
Nb concubines of Jacob
- 3] Brought bad report (2c)
Eg sheep not tended, many have died, brothers neglect – Canaanites women?

Joseph's family (3, 4)

- 1] Israel (3a)
Nb Name God gave Jacob after the struggle (30:28) NT followers of Jesus called Israel of God (Gal 6:16)
- 2] Loved J more than others – ornamented robe (3b)
God is Sovereign – He chooses to love undeservedly
- 3] 'brothers – jealous ---Hated (4a)
- 4] Unable to speak a kind word (4b)
Le overt = "we hate you"
Acknowledge that the world will hate you because of the love of the Father

Joseph's dreams (5-11)

- Cf chief cupbearer (40:5) chief Baker (40:16) Pharaoh (41:1 etc)*
God sometimes reveals His purpose beforehand so we can look back and see Him at Work
- 1] dream 1
 - 1) told it to his brothers - Listen (5a)
Nb essential so he/they could look back (42:9; 45:7)
Be courageous in sharing the Word of God with others
 - 2) Hated him more (5b, 8b)
 - 3) 'their sheaves bow down to his' (6,7)
 - 4) Understood implication 'will you actually rule us'? (8a)
Cf rule over us? – bow down (42:6b), bow 2x (43:26,28); throw selves at feet (50:18)
 - 2] Dream 2
 - a) Listen – told to brothers and father (9a)

b) sun, moon and 11 stars bow down to me (9b)

c) reaction – brothers = jealous, father rebukes but keeps matter in mind (10,11)

? *mother, Rachel, had died (35:18, 19)*

cf JESUS and Mary - kept the matter in mind (Lk 2:19, 51b)

Expect different responses to the Word of God

Joseph's mission (12 -17)

1] Brothers grazing at Shechem, fathers concerned

Cf the stench from the slaughter of the Shechemites (34:30)

Avoid areas of conflict / previous sin

2] Sent from Hebron (Mamre) (13:18) to see if all is well (14)

Nb where Ab had first settled in Canaan (13:8)

3] Redirected by 'a man' (15-17)

a) what are you looking for

b) 'my brothers' – Who?)

c) I heard them say 'Dothan'

nb Joseph in danger, God redirects?

God directs our paths

Joseph's 'death' (18 -30)

1] Saw from a distance – ½ a mile – 15 mins? (18a)

Nb plotted agreed to kill – no dispute?

Nb mocked Joseph – tested the Word (Ps 105:19)

2] Plotted to kill (18b -20)

Nb we'll see what becomes of his dreams?

cf Plot to kill Jesus (Matthew 12:14; 26:4; 27:1)

3] Reuben averts (21-24)

nb 'disgraced' in eyes of - Jacob slept with stepmother(35:22)

Nb Threw into a cistern which happened to be empty>

Speak up boldly for what is right

JESUS He came to his own and his own did not receive him (Jn 1:11)

Trust in the Lord that he has all your needs covered

4] As they sat down to their meal .. (25)

nb ignored his pleas (42:21)

Ishmaelites - 2nd cousins – Abraham servants Hagar's son = Ishmael (16:1-3,15)

spices including myrrh (cf Matt 2:11; Mar 5:23; John 19:39)

God's timing is perfect of all things

5] Judah (brothers) selfish (26-28) -

a) we gain? ... he is our brother! (26)

b) sold for 20 pieces of silver (27, 28)

cf 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:15)

Don't let selfish motives / profit prevail

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION He may use our sin to fulfil his purposes

6] Reuben (29, 30)

a) Joseph not there – tore his clothes

b) boy isn't there - where can I go

nb unable to take part in deception of father?

Joseph's mourning (31 – 36)

1] Misled father into believing ferocious animal had killed him (31-33)

nb deceived – temptation brought sin (James 1:14-15)

Encouraging / allowing untruth is bearing false witness

2] Jacob mourned and wouldn't be comforted (34, 35)

nb refusing to be comforted (Jer 31:15; Matt 2:18)

unforeseen consequences of sin

Cf this deception is worse than the last (Matt 27:64c)

** reckon on the consequences of your actions**

3] M (term used interchangeably with Ishmaelites) Sold Joseph

a) what was the mark up on 20 pieces of silver?

b) to Potiphar, captain of guard of Pharaoh (nb v senior official!)