

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND ~ Genesis 37:1-36

→ Scripture Reading Galatians 6:6-10

INTRODUCTION

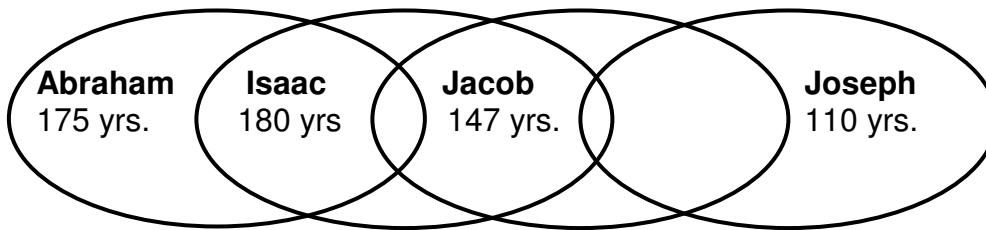
God does not pay weekly... but He PAYS in the end. Dutch Proverb
He who plants thorns... must NEVER expect to gather Roses. Arabic Proverb
What goes around... Comes around
A man Reaps... what he sows Gal. 6:7

GOD GUIDED MOSES TO WRITE THAT WHICH...

- Gives us BACKGROUND Information
- Shows us God's SUPERINTENDING Hand in History
- Teaches us Spiritual TRUTH

JOSEPH - CHOSEN AND HATED ~ Genesis 37:1-4

[1] Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.



[2] This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a BAD REPORT about them. [3] Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. [4] When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

APPLICATION

Ephesians 6:4 (HCS) Fathers, DON'T STIR UP ANGER in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS ASKING TWO QUESTIONS:

- Do you LOVE me?
- Can I have MY OWN way?

JOSEPH - THE DREAMER ~ Genesis 37:5-11

[5] Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. [6] He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: [7] We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." [8] His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said. [9] Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." [10] When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" [11] His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

APPLICATION

Jealous = feeling BITTER & UNHAPPY because of the advantages, possessions, or luck of others

Philippians 4:11-12 (HCS) I don't say this out of need, for **I have learned to be CONTENT in whatever circumstances I am**. [12] I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content - whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.

Philippians 4:13(HCS) I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

JOSEPH THE OVERSEER ~ Genesis 37:12-17

[12] Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, [13] and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. [14] So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, [15] a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" [16] He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" [17] "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan.

→ MAP

JOSEPH THE SLAVE ~ Genesis 37:18-30

[18] But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. [19] "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. [20] "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." [21] When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. [22] "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the desert, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. ... [26] Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? [27] Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. [28] So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt...

The combination of hatred and envy is lethal. It simmers in the heart and waits for the spark that will set off the explosion. Wiersbe

Genesis 42:21 (NIV) ...We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen...

Genesis 42:21 (NLT) ...his terror and anguish and heard his pleadings,...

DECEIT AND DECEPTION ~ Genesis 37:31-36

[31] Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. [32] They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." [33] He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." [34] Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. [35] All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept for him. [36] Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

APPLICATION

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. [8] The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

TAKE AWAY??

Psalms 39:1 (HCS) I said, "I will guard my ways so that I may not sin with my tongue..."