

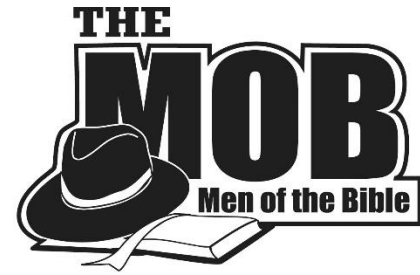
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

WELCOME TO THE MOB!



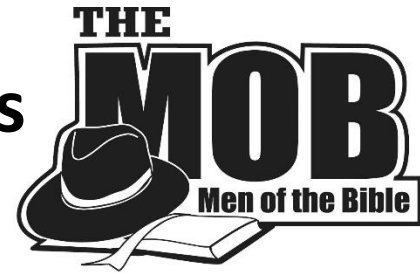
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! Website: www.ibcmob.net
- No MOB meeting next Tuesday, April 16, 2019 (Spring Break)
- Easter Pageant: "Let The Grave Be Opened!"
April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 **Get tickets online (\$5.00 each)**
- Assist Pregnancy Center – Walk / Run / Ride Fundraiser
Saturday, May 11, 8:30 – 11:00 AM
Fairfax Community Church, 11451 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA
- Please PRAY for MOB 2019 – 2020: What should we study?
- Please rise for a hymn of praise & invocation



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Verse 1 of 3

What a fellowship, what a joy divine

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine

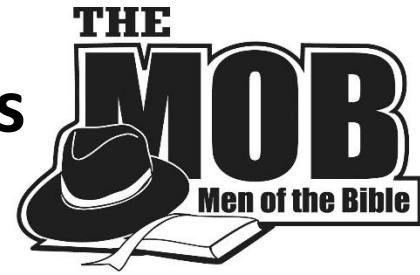
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.



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Verse 2 of 3

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day

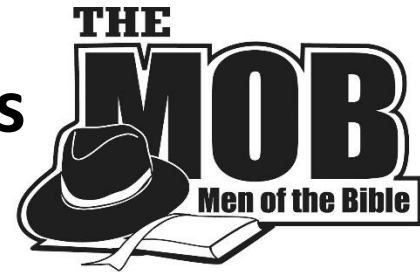
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What have I to dread, what have I to fear

Leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

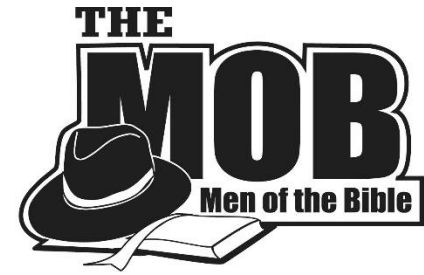
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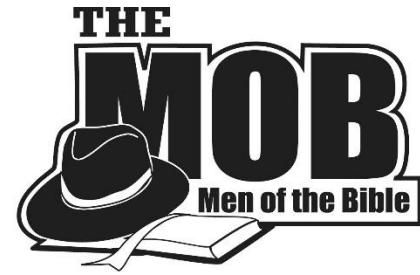
Memory Verse



Psalm 37:23-24



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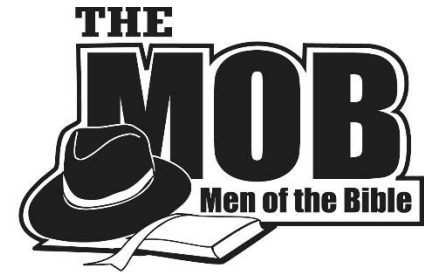
Psalm 37:23-24 (ESV)

The steps of a good man are established by the Lord,
when he delights in his way;
though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the Lord upholds his hand.

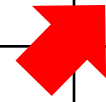
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Genesis Overview

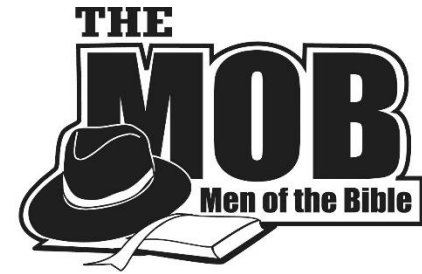


Focus	Four Events				Four People			
Reference	1:1 – 2:25	3:1 – 5:32	6:1 – 9:29	10:1 – 11:9	11:10 – 25:18	25:19 – 26:35	27:1 – 36:43	37:1 – 50:26
Division	Creation	Fall	Flood	Nations	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Topic	The Human Race				The Chosen Race (Hebrews)			
	Primeval History / Historical				Patriarchal History / Biographical			
Location	Fertile Crescent (Eden – Haran)				Canaan (Haran – Canaan)			
Time	cir. 2,000 years (cir. 4004 – 2090 B.C.)				193 years (2090 – 1897 B.C.)			





Genesis Divisions



בְּרֵאשִׁית (*bereshith*) = **Beginnings** (of many things)

Greek = Genesis = Origin, Source, Generation, Beginning

תּוֹלְדוֹת (*toledoth*) = “These are the generations of...” or “This is the history of...” or “account of...” **10 sections:**

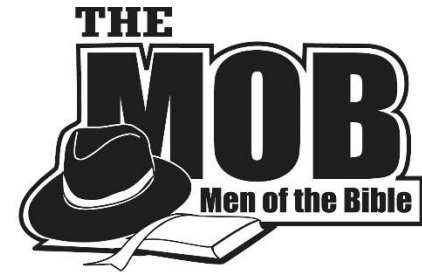
Prologue ([Genesis 1:1 – 2:3](#))

1. The generations of **heaven and earth** ([Genesis 2:4 – 4:26](#))
2. The generations of **Adam** ([Genesis 5:1 – 6:8](#))
3. The generations of **Noah** ([Genesis 6:9 – 9:29](#))
4. The generations of the **sons of Noah** ([Genesis 10:1 – 11:9](#))
5. The generations of **Shem** ([Genesis 11:10 – 26](#))
6. The generations of **Terah** ([Genesis 11:27 – 25:11](#))
7. The generations of **Ishmael** ([Genesis 25:12 – 18](#))
8. The generations of **Isaac** ([Genesis 25:19 – 35:29](#))
9. The generations of **Esau** ([Genesis 36:1 – 37:1](#))
10. The generations of **Jacob** ([Genesis 37:2 – 50:26](#))





Our Study of Genesis



Last Meeting:

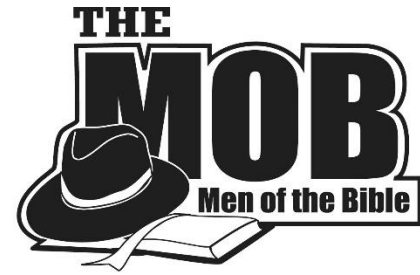
- [Genesis 35:1 – 36:43](#) God Blesses Jacob (Israel) at Bethel, Rachel & Isaac Die, The Generations of Esau
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 10, pages 137 - 139

This Meeting:

- [Genesis 37:1-36](#) Generations of Jacob and Joseph's Family Sins Against Him
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 11, pages 143 - 147



Genesis 37



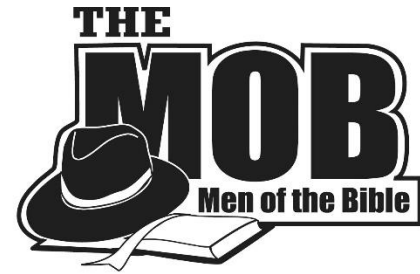
37 Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. ² These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" ¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.



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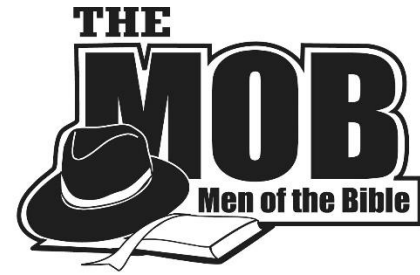


¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵ And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴ And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.



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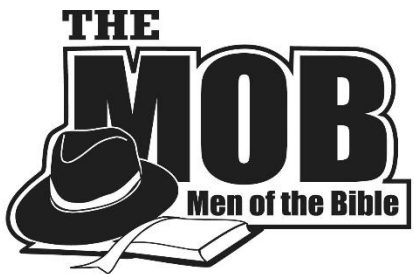


²⁵ Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰ and returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, “This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not.” ³³ And he identified it and said, “It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning.” Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶ Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.



Geography

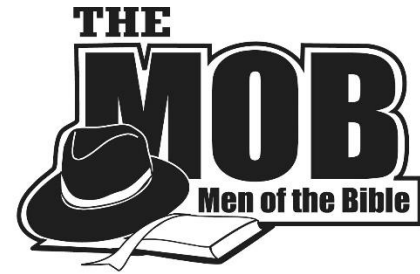


Joseph Betrayed into Egypt





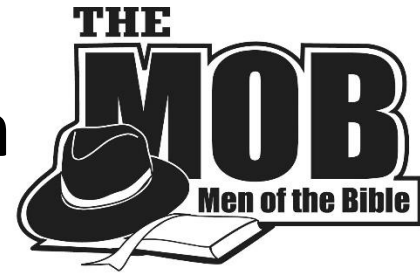
Overview



- **Favoritism**
 - A family tradition
- **Naiveté**
 - Either Joseph is old enough to know better or too young to travel alone
- **Dreams**
 - Which would prove true (but seriously... have some situational awareness)
- **Hate / Jealousy**
 - No excuse, but one could see this coming a long way out
- **Journey**
 - See naiveté above
- **Wandering**
 - Hebron to Shechem to Dothan
- **Plotting**
 - They see Joseph coming a long way out
- **Selling**
 - Temptation + Opportunity ≈ Sin?
- **Cover-up**
 - Years and years of lying to Jacob
- **Slavery**
 - Joseph is sold to Potiphar in Egypt



Observation & Interpretation



Dreams

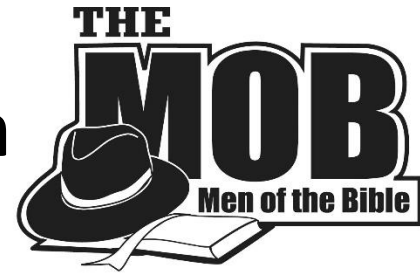
- Joseph had two dreams obviously given to him by God:
 - 11 sheaves bow down to him (v. 7)
 - 11 stars, plus the sun and the moon, bow down to him (v. 9)
- For all his naiveté, Joseph is still being set aside by God

"This is the first dream in the Bible in which God does not speak (cf. 20:3; 28:12-15; 31:11, 24). It forms a transition in the dominant means of God's revelation from theophany in Genesis 1 – 11, to dreams and visions in Genesis 12—35, and now to providence in Genesis 36 – 50.

These three stages resemble the three parts of the TaNaK (i.e., the OT): In the Torah ('Law'), God speaks to Moses via theophany; in the Nebiim ('Prophets'), he speaks in dreams and visions; and in the Ketubim ('Writings'), he works mostly through providence." (Waltke)



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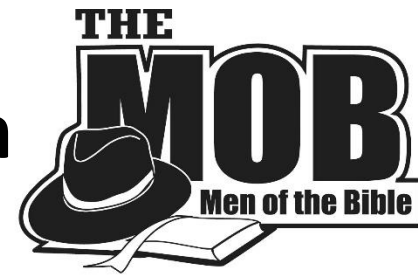
The Sins of Joseph's Brothers

- The sins build up throughout this passage
 - Hate due to the favoritism (v. 4)
 - Hate after the first dream (v. 8)
 - Jealousy after the second dream (v. 11)
 - Conspiring (v. 18)
 - Discussing murder (v. 19)
 - Selling him into slavery (v.28)
 - Conspiring and lying about the robe (vv. 31-32)
- Joseph's brothers will still be the heads of the tribes of Israel, but they forsake any elements of leadership – this is truly the end of the patriarchs

But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” (Genesis 50:19-21)



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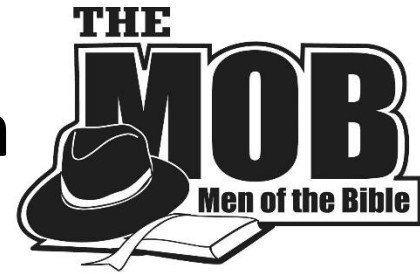
Joseph's Wandering (and what happened...)

- Jacob sent Joseph from Hebron to Shechem
 - About 50 miles, several days walk
- Joseph can't find his brothers
- "A man found him wandering in the fields"
 - Certainly sent by God to Joseph, maybe an angel, maybe a Christophany
- The man tells Joseph that the brothers have moved on to Dothan
 - About 13 miles further north, a long day's walk
- Although God did not appear in Joseph's dreams, Moses lets us know that God is involved in Joseph's story





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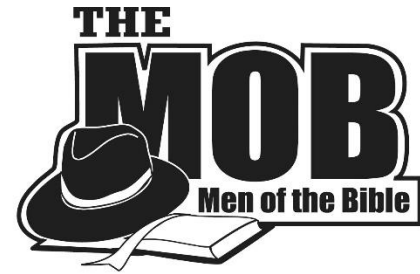


God's Divine Providence

- Joseph's story is often cited as an example of Providence – so what does it mean?
- **Grudem:** God is continually involved with all created things in such a way that:
 - He keeps them existing and maintaining the properties with which he created them;
 - He cooperates with created things in every action, directing their distinctive properties to cause them to act as they do; and
 - He directs them to fulfill His purposes.
- **Got Questions:** The governance of God by which He, with wisdom and love, cares for and directs all things in the universe. God is sovereign over:
 - The universe as a whole ([Psalm 103:19](#))
 - The physical world ([Matthew 5:45](#))
 - The affairs of nations ([Psalm 66:7](#))
 - Human destiny ([Galatians 1:15](#))
 - Human successes and failures ([Luke 1:52](#))
 - The protection of His people ([Psalm 4:8](#))



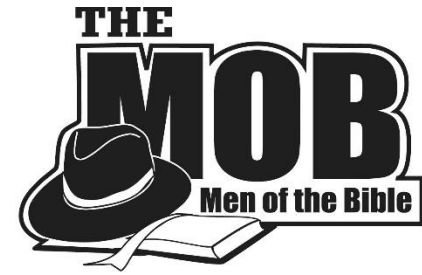
Discussion & Application



1. Are you surprised at how Jacob favored Joseph? Why or why not?
2. What lessons were you taught by your father about relationships between siblings AND/OR what lessons do you teach your children about relationships between siblings, as seen in this passage?
3. Why do you think Joseph's dreams:
 - a) Did not include God directly speak to him AND/OR
 - b) Did Include clues – but no direct revelation – about Jacob's family's future?
4. It's been said that Joseph is a "type" of Christ – a biblical / literary precursor to the story of Jesus. What aspects of Chapter 37 (only) show similarities and differences between Joseph and Jesus?
5. What elements of God's providence do you see in this chapter?
6. What elements of God's providence do you see elsewhere in Genesis?
7. What elements of God's providence do you see elsewhere in the Bible?
8. How does God's providence impact us today?



Next Meeting



Review:

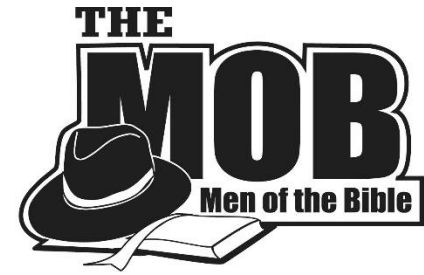
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Read:

- [Genesis 38:1-30](#) Joseph's Family (Judah & Tamar) sins with Canaanites
- *Encountering Genesis*, Chapter 11, pages 147 - 150



Closing



- Questions
- Benediction