



The Providential Dreams

LESSON TWO OF FIVE

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TEXT: **Genesis 37-38**

INTRODUCTION: In our last lesson we noticed the potential dynasty Joseph already had with the nation of Israel. His family had a long line of famous people, though dysfunctional in nature. Today, we pick up in Joseph's story when he is a 17 year old boy. His whole family was guilty of being dishonest, adulterous, cheating, lying, having other gods, sexual abuse, incest, etc. The good news is that these men changed, but that's not seen for some time. In the mean time, God is working in Joseph's life. He has started giving him visions and dreams. Open your Bible and let's study together. . . .

DISCUSSION:

I. Joseph, the Favorite Son of Jacob

- A. His Father's History (**Genesis 37:1-2, II Corinthians 5:17**)
- B. His Father's House (**Genesis 37:2, Genesis 35:9-15, Philippians 4:13**)
- C. His Father's Honor (**Genesis 37:3-4, Ephesians 6:1-4**)

II. Joseph, the Favored Servant of God

- A. The First Dream (**Genesis 37:5-8, Genesis 35:11**)
- B. The Second Dream (**Genesis 37:9, Numbers 24:17**)
- C. Jacob's Declaration (**Genesis 37:10-11, Proverbs 14:12**)

III. Joseph, the Forgotten Slave of the Ishmaelites

- A. The Probe of Jacob (**Genesis 37:13-14, Genesis 35, Genesis 13, Genesis 34**)
- B. The Plight of Joseph (**Genesis 37:15-18**)
- C. The Plan of the Brothers (**Genesis 37:19-32**)
- D. The Pain of Jacob (**Genesis 37:33-36**)
- E. The Plunge of Judah (**Genesis 38:1-30**)

CONCLUSION: The story of Joseph will take him from the pit to the palace. Where are you in your spiritual journey? Who are you trusting? Let the Lord give you guidance.

WORD OF THE DAY = "CYCLE"