

Joseph Betrayed by His Brothers

Study 14: Genesis 29-30, 37 & 39

1. Again read **Genesis 15:5-16**. What does the LORD tell Abraham will be the difficult situation his future family will experience before they take possession of the Promised Land?
2. Read **Genesis 29:1-35** and **Genesis 30:1-24**. Who is Joseph? Who is Joseph's father? What is the *new name* the LORD gave Joseph's father? Who is Joseph's mother?
3. Read **Genesis 37:1-36**. How does Jacob feel about Joseph? How did Joseph's brothers feel about Joseph as a result?
4. Describe Joseph's dream? Why do you think Joseph told his brother about the dream? What, if anything, does this dream signify, in your opinion?
5. What happens as a result of Joseph telling his brothers about the dream? Why do you think Joseph brothers reacted in this particular manner? What did they plan and execute against Joseph? In your opinion, did Joseph deserve this treatment from his brothers?
6. Read **Genesis 39:1-23**. What happens to Joseph now? Why does this happen? Why was Joseph put in prison? What, if anything, did Joseph do wrong here?
7. What do you think about the treatment Joseph received from his brothers and Potiphar's wife? Is it fair what happened to him? If yes, why is it fair? If not, why is not fair? Why do you think that Joseph experienced these situations in his life? Do you see any similarities between Joseph and his character and the treatment received and any other person in the Bible and his character and the treatment that he received?
8. What, if anything, is the message to you in these events of Joseph's life?