

The Dreams of Joseph

Genesis 37:1-11

Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf." And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.'

1. _____ is introduced to us as an _____ son
 - a. His bad report included all his _____, including the sons of concubines, but not his _____, _____
 - b. The _____ of this report is not given, however, doing this has never been _____
 - c. It showed that Joseph was a _____
 - d. Naturally, his brothers _____ him for this
2. _____ was also honored by _____

- a. His father had given him a richly unique _____
 - b. This would signify that Jacob _____ him above his brothers
 - c. This _____ would signify him to a larger share of the _____
 - d. Joseph was the firstborn of Israel's _____, and _____ love
 - e. Yet, Israel should have remembered what _____ does to a family
 - f. It separated _____ from his mother, and would separate _____ from his _____
3. _____ confirmed Israel's choice of his _____ son by two _____
 - a. In a dream long ago to _____, God had _____ the _____ in the first place
 - b. God promised _____ and _____ in a dream to Jacob
 - c. Joseph's two dreams would reveal and _____ his role as their _____
 - d. His brothers _____ him all the more after hearing his dreams
 - e. His father _____ the idea, knowing that God has selected a younger to rule the older as was in his case
 4. The _____ dream was _____
 - a. There may be a _____ of the _____ in which Joseph would originally establish _____ over the family

- b. The sons of Israel would establish a relationship with _____ regarding food
5. The _____ dream was _____
- a. In ancient _____, the astronomical stars represented _____
- b. The sun and moon represented his _____
- c. The stars represented his _____
6. This sense of Joseph's _____, brought _____
- a. The _____ of his brothers is understandable from human nature
- b. God's _____ choice of a _____ often brings out the jealousy of those who must _____
- c. Rather than recognize God's _____, they set out on a course to _____ him
- d. Their _____ prompted by a belief that they should _____, shows why they should not have _____

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