

I. Introduction

- A. The Dinah Incident (Genesis 34)
- B. Journey to Bethel (Household gods)
- C. The Death of Rachael & Isaac
- D. Simeon & Bilhah (Genesis 35:22)

Key Idea

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II. Esau's Descendants

- A. God's Blessing (Genesis 36:6-7)
- B. Edom (Num. 20:14-21; Obad.; Ezk. 25:12-14)
- C. Amalek (Exodus 17; Deut. 25:17-19)

III. Joseph & His Brother's

Genesis 37:2

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.

- A. Bad Report
- C. Robe of many colors (37:3)

Genesis 37:4

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.

- D. Joseph's Dreams (37:5-11)
- E. Joseph Sold into Slavery (37:12-36)

Genesis 37:18-20

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.”

IV. Judah & Tamar (Genesis 38)

- A. Hirah the Adullamite
- B. Er, Onan, Shelah & Tamar
- C. Perez & Zerah

Matthew 1:3

... and **Judah** the father of Perez and Zerah *by Tamar*, and Perez the father of Hezron...

Deuteronomy 9:4-5

⁴ “Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, ‘It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,’ whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you. ⁵ Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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V. Why do We React the Way we Do?

- A. How do you react to the evident wickedness in the household of God?
- B. Do we think God unjust for showing these men mercy? (*The Older Son* – Luke 15:25-32)
- C. Do we thank God that we are not like these men? (*The Pharisee* – Luke 18:9-14)
- D. Do we think, “Praise God! If he has mercy on wicked men than he will have mercy on me!”
 - 1. Perhaps we have not yet understood the abomination of our own sin...

Titus 3:3-7

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- 2. Perhaps we have forgotten the goodness of God’s grace...

1 Corinthians 4:7

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

- 3. Perhaps we have never truly been born again...

Jesus came to save sinners!!!