

Troubled on Every Side **Genesis 37:1-40:23**

I. Joseph's Position – 37:1-11

1. Favored by his father – 1-3
Perhaps because he was the son of Rachel
Perhaps because he reported on his brothers
His father made him the coat of a prince
2. Hated by his brothers – 4
Jealousy and envy prompted hatred
3. Revelations from God – 5-11
Joseph's dreams foretold future exaltation
Dream of the sheaves of grain – 6-8
Dream of sun, moon and stars – 9-10
His brothers hatred only increased

II. Joseph in the Pit – 37:12-36

1. Joseph sent to find his brothers -12-17
He was to report back to his father
He had to search until he found them
2. His brothers plot against him – 18-24
Their desire is to kill him
Reuben intervenes & they put him in a pit
3. Judah suggests they sell him – 25-28
Sold him as a slave for 20 pieces of silver
4. They tell their father he was killed – 29-36
His blood covered coat is their proof
Jacob mourns for his son Joseph

III. Judah's Shame – 38:1-30

1. Judah marries a Canaanite – 1-5
He left his brothers, met a Canaanite woman
Judah and Shuah had 3 sons
2. Judah's first son married Tamar – 6-7
Lord took his life because he was wicked
3. Second son refused to take his wife – 8-10
The Lord took his life also
4. Judah asked Tamar to wait for 3rd son – 11
5. Judah's wife died & he was comforted – 12
6. Tamar played the prostitute – 13-18
Shelah was grown but not given to her – 13-14
Judah approached thinking she was a harlot –
15-16
He pledged to send her a young goat – 17-18
7. Tamar becomes pregnant – 18-23
Judah unable to pay his debt to her – 19-23
8. Judah learns Tamar is pregnant – 24
He wants her to be put to death
9. Judah learns he is the father – 25-26
He acknowledged his wrong
10. Twin sons born to Judah & Tamar – 27-30
God's grace will include them in Judah's line
Judah has no other sons

IV. Joseph and Potiphar – 39:1-23

1. God blesses Joseph & Potiphar – 1-6
As a servant he was faithful, was promoted
2. Potiphar's wife tried to entice him – 7-12
Joseph refused her appeal, ran from her
3. Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph – 13-18
She used his garment to support her lie
4. Potiphar put Joseph in prison – 19-20
He believed his wife's lie
5. Lord blessed Joseph in prison – 21-23
Keeper of the prison made him a supervisor

V. Joseph in Prison – 40:1-23

1. Joseph had two special prisoners – 1-4
Pharaoh's butler and baker are under Joseph
2. Both men had dreams in same night – 5-8
They were troubled as to their meaning
3. Joseph interprets butler's dream – 9-15
Within 3 days he will be restored to his position
Joseph asks him to remember him to Pharaoh
4. Joseph interprets baker's dream – 16-19
Within 3 days he will be hanged
5. Dreams come true as predicted – 20-23
Butler doesn't remember Joseph to Pharaoh