

Midrash V'Yashev ("And He Settled")  
Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

Jacob settled (בַּשְּׂוֹף *yashav*) in the land where Isaac was a stranger (גֵּר *ger*)

**Joseph's Dream**

**Genesis 37:1-11**

Notice the contrast with Esau:

Esau's descendants were great; living in *Seir*

Genesis 36

Jacob had only 12 sons; living (as a stranger) in his father's land

Joseph was only 17 but was the chief shepherd (bringing an evil report) on:

Sons of *Bilhah* (Dan & Naphtali)

Sons of *Zilpah* (Gad & Asher)

Coat of "many colors" — פְּסִים — *pasim* = "reaching to the palms and soles"

**Whether multi-colored or unusually long, it showed authority & commanded respect**

**1<sup>st</sup> Dream:** Just Brothers: **Earthly** – foreshadowing of his brothers in Egypt

"...sands of the seashore..."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dream:** Brothers & Parents: **Heavenly** – elevated over entire House of Jacob (Israel)

"...stars in the heaven..."

Revelation 12:1

God used dreams when His People were leaving or outside the Land:

Abraham: Egyptian bondage

Genesis 15:13

Jacob: Protection & prosperity with Laban (outside the Land)

Gen 28:12 & 15

Joseph: Head of his family

Genesis 37:6-10

**The Brothers Plot to Kill Joseph**

**Genesis 37:12-36**

*Shechem* – about 50 miles away – site of the slaughter of chapter 34

"Valley of Hebron" עֵמֶק *emek* "depth" or "profound"

Joseph "lost" in field symbolic of Israel dispersed (lost) among the Nations

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Dothan – where Elisha revealed his angelic host

II Kings 6:13-17

Brothers Plan: Kill Joseph to prevent his dreams from coming true

Reuben's Plan: Don't kill him & he would rescue Joseph later

Had already lost his birthright to Joseph – maybe earn it back???

Judah's Plan: He convinced the rest to sell him into slavery

20 pieces of silver – why not 30??

Yeshua is preeminent in all things

Colossians 1:15-23

*Ishmaelites & Midianites* = mixed group of nomadic tribes

Coat dipped in goat's blood (Symbolic of Future Aaronic Sin Offering)

Jacob deceived his father with a coat; now his sons deceive him with a coat!

Genesis 27:15

Grave – שְׂאוֹל – *She'ol* – "underworld". Luke talks about this ...

Luke 16:19-31

**Judah & Tamar (A Lesson in Un-Righteousness)**

**Genesis 38:1-30**

*Adullam* was on the very western frontier of Judah

Judah married a Canaanite

3 sons: *Er* – "Awake" – he was wicked & died

*Onan* – "Strong" – didn't perform his Levirate duties; also died

*Shelah* – "Request" – too young to perform the Levirate duties

Sheep shearing at *Timnah* done in the Spring & Fall

Time of celebration

I Sam 25:4 & 36 & II Sam 13:23

Time to avenge a wrong:

Jacob takes from Laban what Laban thought is rightfully his

Genesis 31

Tamar secures from Judah her Levirate right

Genesis 38

David is compensated for protecting *Nabal's* flocks  
Absalom kills *Amnon* for raping his sister

I Samuel 25  
II Samuel 13

“Harlot” זֹנָה *zonah* – prostitute

**Genesis 38:15**

“Temple Prostitute” קְדִישָׁה *k'deshah* - accepted yet outcast

**Genesis 38:21**

Judah's Pledge:

**Genesis 38:18**

Signet – חֹתָם - *chotam* – Used to sign contracts – his “credit card”

Bracelet – פְּתִיל - *patil* – twisted cord – probably over his neck

Staff – מַטֵּה - *mateh* – Staff or tribe

Twins born: *Pharaz* (“Breach”) & *Zerach* (“Rising”)

Saul – Israel's 1<sup>st</sup> King – from which tribe?  
Why??

I Samuel 9:1-2  
Deuteronomy 23:2

### **Joseph & Potiphar's Wife (A Lesson in Righteousness)**

**Genesis 39:1-23**

*Potiphar* = “Belonging to the Sun” – Chief of the Executioners  
...and Head of the Prison System

Joseph's coat got him into trouble again!

I Corinthians 6:18

*Potiphar* was angry ..... at whom??

If he believed Joseph was guilty, would he just imprison him?

### **Joseph Interprets the Dreams**

**Genesis 40:1-23**

Butler – שָׁקֵה - *shakah* – “Drink Giver” = Wine Taster  
Also “Cupbearer”

Nehemiah 1:11

Baker – אֶפְהָ - *aphah* – “Baker”

Butler's Dream:

3 Branches = 3 Days

Pharaoh will restore him to his original position

Baker's Dream: 3 Baskets = 3 Days

White – חֹרֵי - *chori* - full of holes (basket or bread??)

Pharaoh will hang him from a tree & birds eat his flesh

Ezekiel 39:4; Rev 19:21  
& Matthew 13:31-23

Dreams: Joseph's 2 Dreams  
Butler's & Baker's Dreams  
Pharaoh's 2 Dreams

Pharaoh's Birthday: customary to release prisoners (Rosetta Stone)

Baker & Butler: Bread & Wine:

Melchizedek & Abraham

Baker & Wine Steward

Yeshua's Final Seder

The LORD's Supper

Genesis 14  
Genesis 40  
Matthew 26  
I Corinthians 11

**Concealing Identities:** Abraham & Isaac concealed their wives' identities  
Jacob concealed his identity to Isaac  
Leah concealed her identity to Jacob  
Tamar concealed her identity to Judah  
Joseph will conceal his identity to his brothers

**Haftarah:** Amos 2:6 – 3:8 Amos' Allusion to the Sale of Joseph

**Brit Chadashah:** Romans 8:28-30 All Things Work Together for Good....