

In The Beginning

Joseph, the dreamer

The Lord prepares Joseph... Gen.37:1-17

When we first meet Joseph, how old is he and what is he doing? vs.1,2

He's 17, first born of Rachel, Jacob's beloved wife. He's bringing a bad report of brothers.

How does Jacob repeat his father's behavior? vs.3 cp. 25:28 Comment? vs.4 (see Mt.17:5)

He obviously favors Joseph over his other 11 sons. He should have remembered...

What is Joseph's first dream and it's meaning? vs.5-8 (See Luke 24:13-32)

The sheaves of his brothers all bowed down to his sheaf. They would bow before him.

And what's added in his second dream? vs.9-11 (The Lordship of Christ is prophesied)

Also his mother and father would bow before him. Jacob pondered, his brothers hated.

Where do we find this identical imagery repeated for the nation of Israel? Rev.12:1-6

In Revelations we see this picture of Israel giving birth to Christ, the Messiah.

What is strange about vs.12? Chapter 36 Comment??

They are taking their flocks back to Shechem, where they were extremely feared/hated.

What is one of the first "types of Christ" seen in Joseph? vs. 13 Mt.10:5-6; 15:24

The Father sends the favored Son to His brothers. The response is, "I will go".

When he can't find his brothers at Shechem, instead of returning what does he do? vs.14-17

He follows their trail to Dothan. He is sincere in obeying his father's commands.

The rejection by his brothers...37:18-36

How would they recognize Joseph a long way off? vs.3 Their response? vs.18 cp.Jn1:6-11

They saw his multicolored tunic and plotted to kill him. Jesus was also rejected by Israel.

Who intervenes in their plan to kill Joseph? vs.19-22 Comment?

Despite his earlier failure, Reuben prevents them from murder. Significant from 1st born

What does Judah later propose? vs.25-27 Why? 42:21-22

Perhaps conscience, perhaps greed, he proposes to sell Joseph rather than kill him.

What parallels Christ in vs.28? Mt.26:14-16

He's betrayed by Judah (like Judas) and sold for (20 shekels of) silver.

Comment on vs.29-30. What seems to be going on with Reuben?

Reuben's plan to save Joseph is foiled. He's obviously not part of (or told about) the sale.

What is clearly portrayed about the sons as they talk with Jacob? vs.31-35 (note goats blood)

The deceiver is being deceived! Note "your son". Note false "comforting". Tell the truth!

They think they've prevented Joseph from ruling. How is that also like Christ? Acts2:22-36

The cross looked like evil won, but that cross was the victory! And HE rules!