

The Whole Truth

Lesson #4

Introduction: Final section of the Pentateuch

- Pre-history (sovereign call of God)
- Abraham narrative (embraced call of God)
- The Jacob narrative (conflicted call of God)

Today—Joseph narrative (hidden call of God)

I. **Introducing Joseph** (37)

- A. He was 17
- B. Was his father's favorite
- C. Joseph hated by his brothers (37:4)
- D. Two dreams
- E. Response—father rebuked, brothers envied
- F. Feeding in Shechem (found in Duthan)
- G. Joseph in Egypt

II. **Interrupting Joseph** (38)

- A. Judah marries a Canaanite
- B. Three sons—Er, Onan, Shelah
- C. Er marries Tamar
- D. Shuah died—Judah to sheep shearers in Timnah
- E. Tamar gets word, deceives Judah
- F. Tamar pregnant—Judah ready to stone her
- G. Revelation
- H. Twins are born

III. **Joseph in the House of Potiphar**

- A. Blessed
- B. Potiphar's wife sought Joseph
- C. Continued to pursue
- D. One fateful day—she came after him—he ran—she kept the cloak (Like Judah, she held cloak)

- E. Potiphar angry—Joseph to prison
- F. Blessed in prison

IV. Joseph in Prison (40)

- A. Butler and Baker thrown into prison with Joseph (1-3)
- B. Both had dreams
- C. Butler did not remember Joseph

V. Joseph and Pharaoh (41)

- A. Pharaoh's dream 2 years later (41:2-7)
- B. No one could interpret
- C. Butler remembered
- D. Joseph interprets
- E. Joseph appointed—second in command

VI. Joseph and His Brothers

- A. Jacob sends his sons to Egypt (42:1-4)
- B. Joseph recognizes them
- C. Dispute among brothers
- D. Report to Jacob
- E. Famine grew worse
- F. Benjamin meets Joseph
- G. The silver cup (READ: 44)

VII. Joseph Identifies Himself (45)

- A. Cannot restrain himself
- B. Sends servants out
- C. Reveals he is Joseph (READ 45:3-8)
- D. Go get my father
- E. Pharaoh invites them to come

VIII. Jacob's Family Settles (46, 47)

- A. 70 who settled
- B. Settled in Goshen as shepherds
- C. Jacob near death

IX. Jacob Blessed His Family (48:1-50:14)

- A. Blessing Joseph's sons (48)
- B. The sons (49:1-50:14)
- C. See Judah (49:8-12)
- D. Jacob passes
- E. Jacob's burden (29-34)

X. Joseph's Narrative Concludes (50:15-26)

Conclusion:

- A. Dream and killers of the dream
 - 1. Seems nullified by 37:36
 - 2. Without the dream no Joseph narrative
- B. The main character is the giver of the dream—Yahweh
 - 1. He superintends it all
 - 2. He is hidden but active
 - 3. He is in our lives as well