

Joseph, a young man of seventeen,  
Genesis 37: v2



**JOSEPH**  
and the  
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

**What would this teenager be like ?**

There is no criticism of Joseph in Genesis  
– prophetic portrait of Jesus ?



was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father`s wives, v2



They are farmers –  
But why with these brothers? – similar age ?

and he brought their father a bad report about them. v2



Had he been asked by his father to keep an eye on them ?  
Were they up to no good ?

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons,  
because he had been born to him in his old age;

v3

Favouritism – is a bad thing !



Why was Joseph the favourite ?

Had he some of Rachael's features ?

Why not Benjamin – a different personality – a sad reminder?

**What would it mean to Joseph that he was loved by his father ?**



and he made a richly ornamented robe for him.

v3



**What was it like and why did Jacob give it ?**

When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

v4



Rejection! Sinful hearts, and expressions of hate



Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers,  
they hated him all the more.

v5



**Was there a belief that dreams were important ?  
And the content offended them**

He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had.. We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

v6-7



**Why did he tell them ?**

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?"

v8



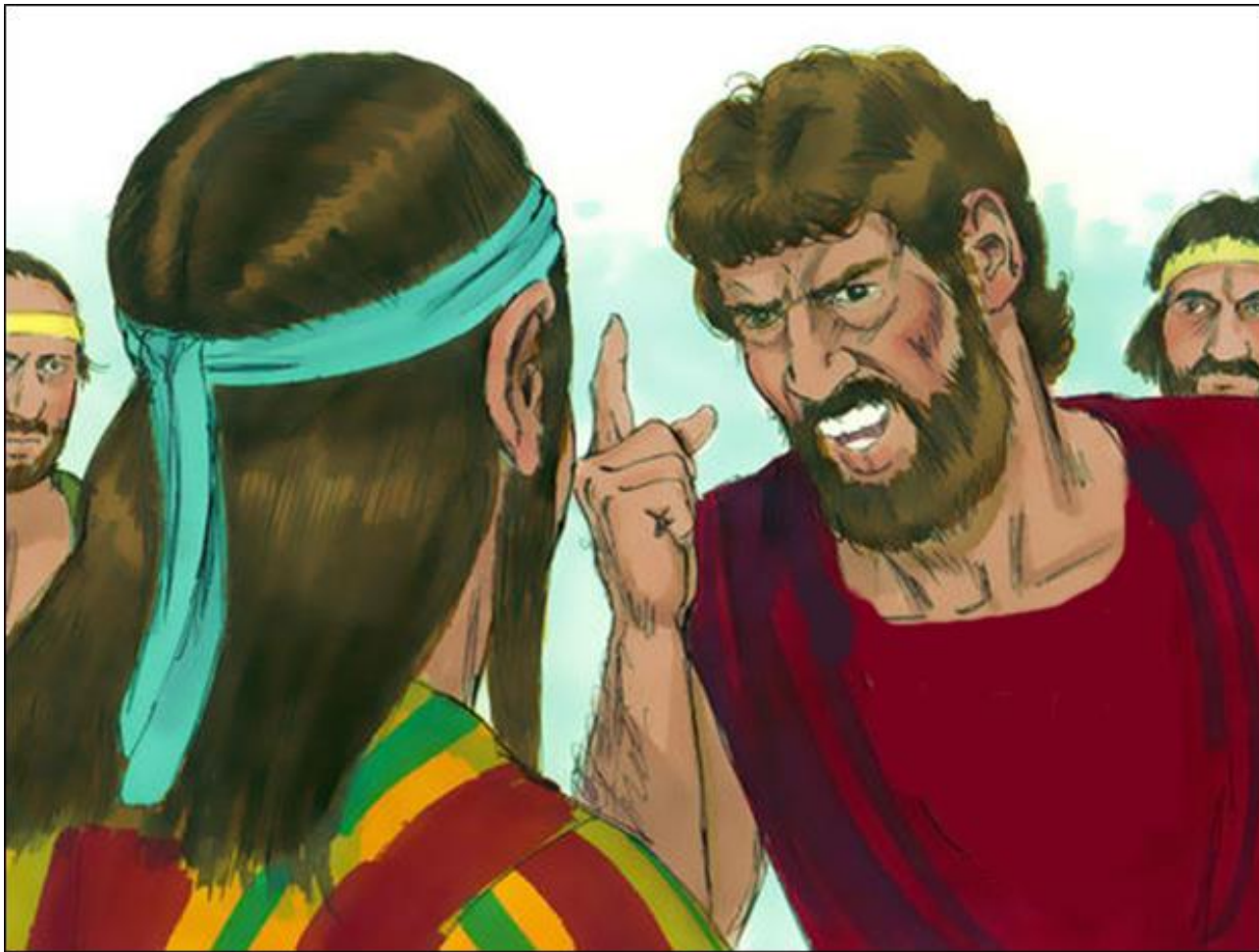
An obvious interpretation  
No thought of God's plan ?  
Cf. attitude of some people in Jesus' day

And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

v8

Give sin an opportunity and ....





Why did he tell them this one ?  
How would he have felt after their first reaction ?  
– faith needed

"Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." v9



Lord of the world ?

How could that happen ?

Acts 2:36

A clue to Revelation 12:1-2

When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

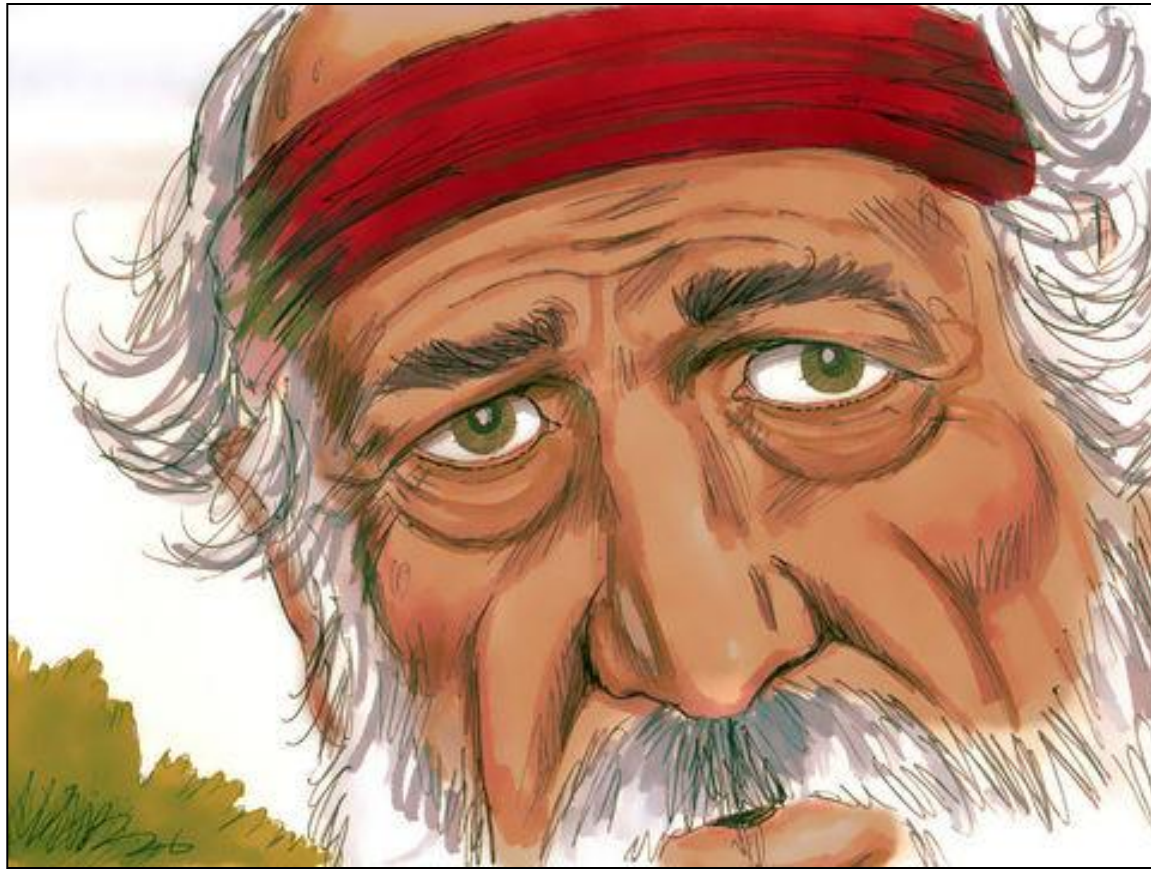
v10



**What do you do when people don't understand ?**

His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

v11



His brothers were angry because he was not told off “properly”  
There is a spiritual issue here.

Jacob – has had God-given dreams before... could this be ?



**How will this dream be fulfilled ?**



**IMPOSSIBLE**

# Are you a Joseph ?

Facing hostility and misunderstanding  
Called to say blessings that seem to be taken as curses

Following in Jesus' footsteps  
Cf. 2 Corinthians 4:7-11



**Are you a Joseph ?**



**Well-loved  
Favoured**

# **Are you a Joseph ?**

## **Dressed in a special robe**

for all of you who were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27