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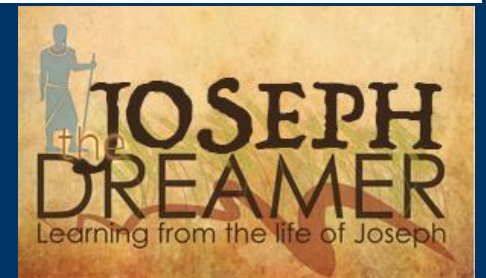
(Genesis 37)

Life of Joseph - Sermon 1

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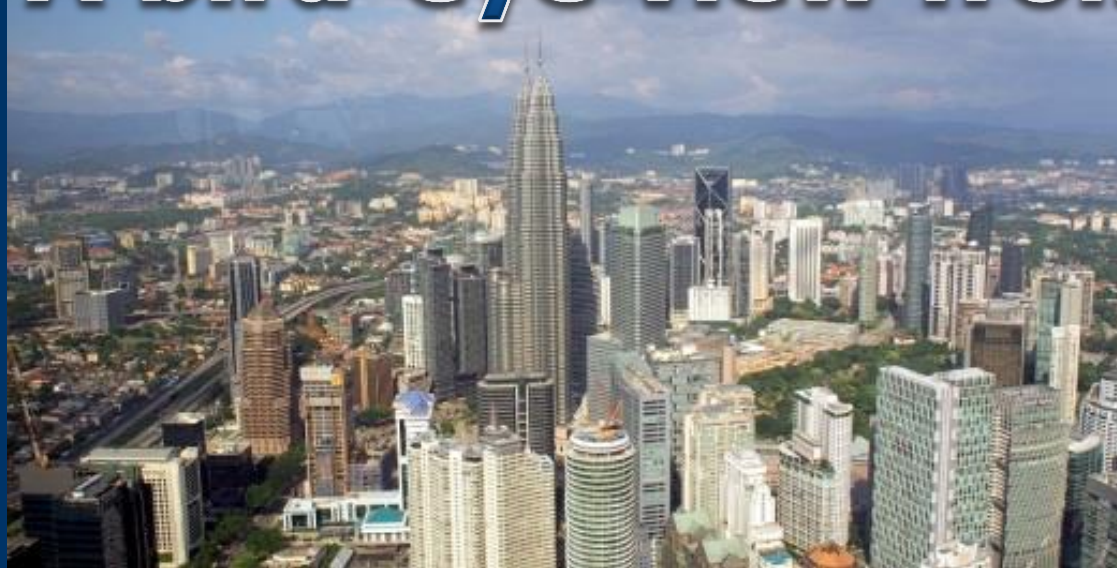


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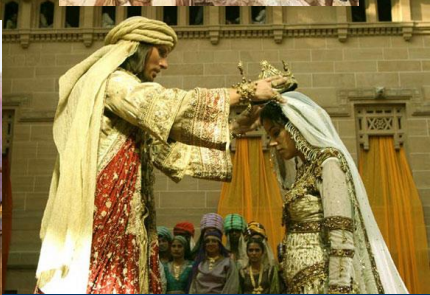
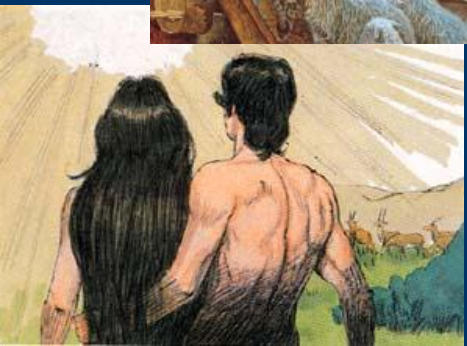
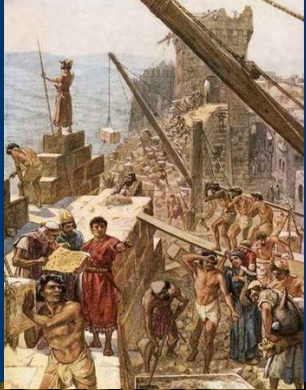



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A bird-eye view from Menara KL



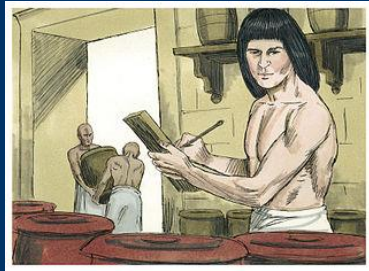
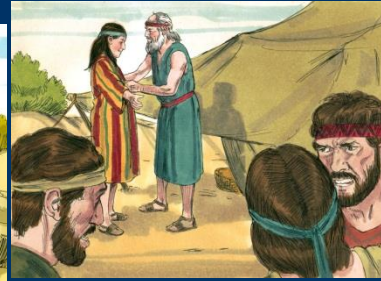
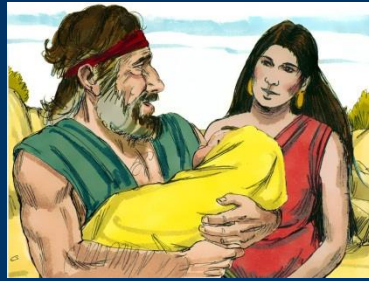
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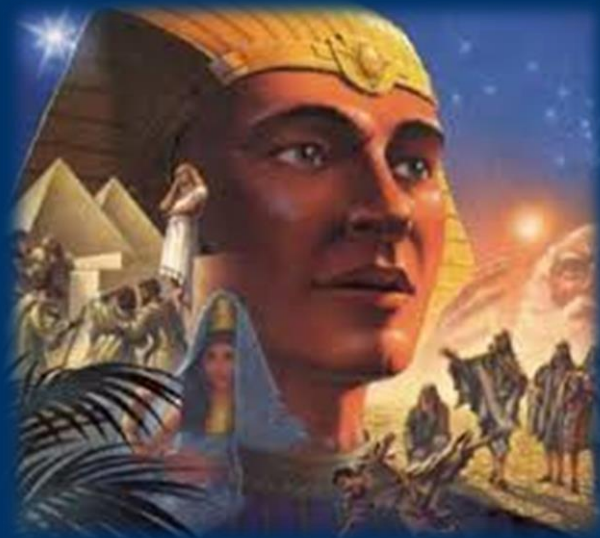
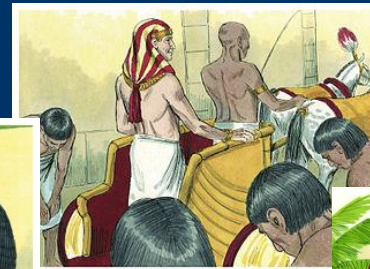
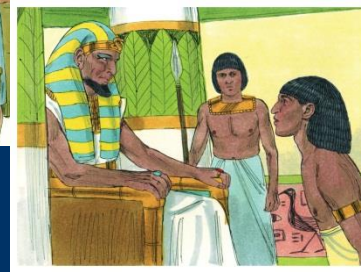
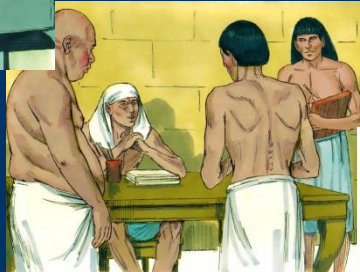
Age Birth-17

(Gen. 30:24 37:2)



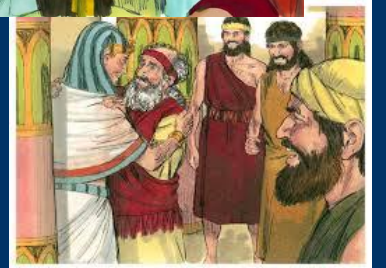
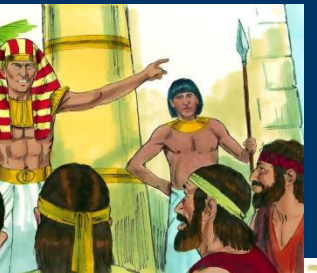
Age 17-30

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Age 30-Death

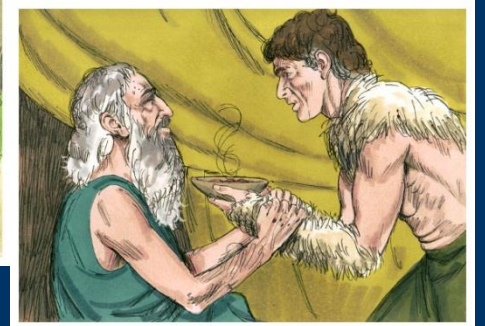
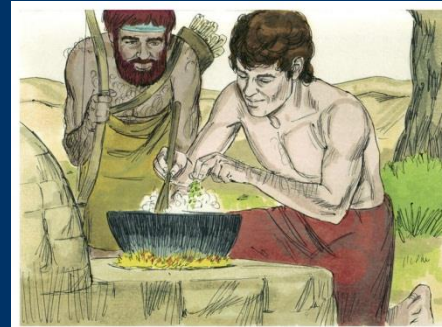
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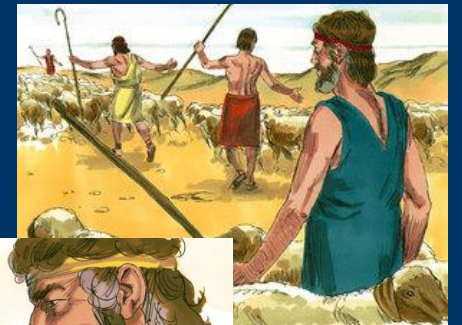
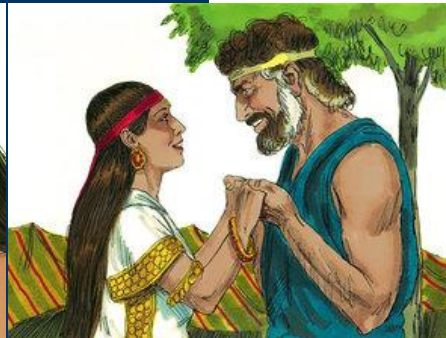
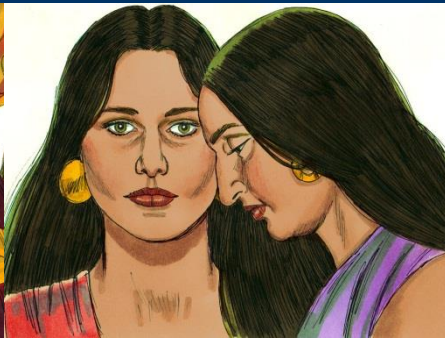
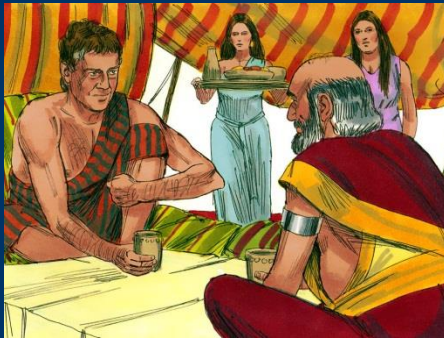
II. SETTING THE STAGE – Joseph's life

A. *Jacob: The Aging Father*

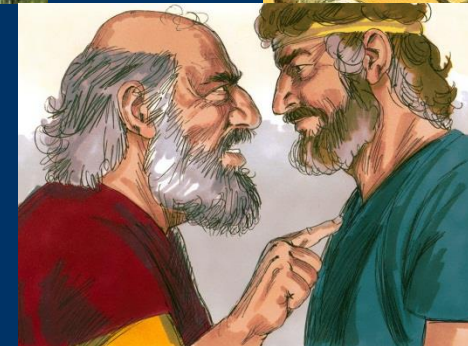
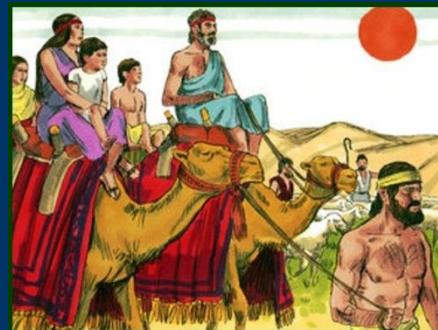
1. Jacob Deceptive Character.



2. Jacob Troubled Marriage.



3. Jacob Childbearing Competition.



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B. Canaan: The Promised Land

Five tragic events that leads to the storm...

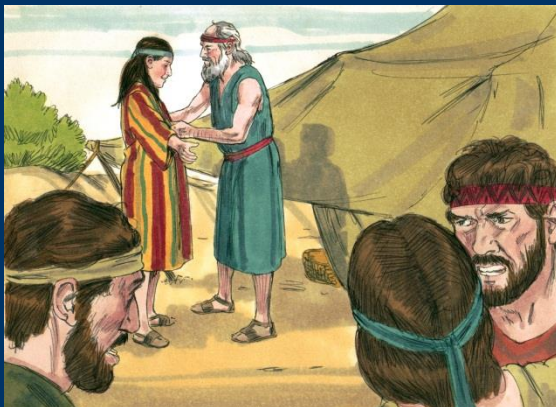
- 1. Dinah was raped***
- 2. Slaughter and looting Shechem***
- 3. Rachel died giving birth***
- 4. Reuben committed incest***
- 5. Jacob father died***

Joseph comes into the middle of this storm.

II. SETTING THE STAGE – Joseph's life

C. Joseph: The Favorite Son

Gen 37:2b *Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.*

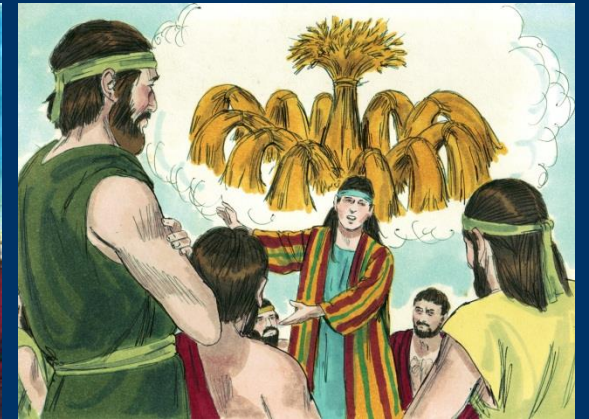
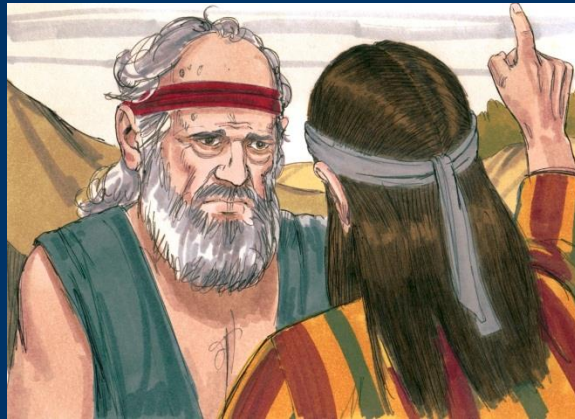
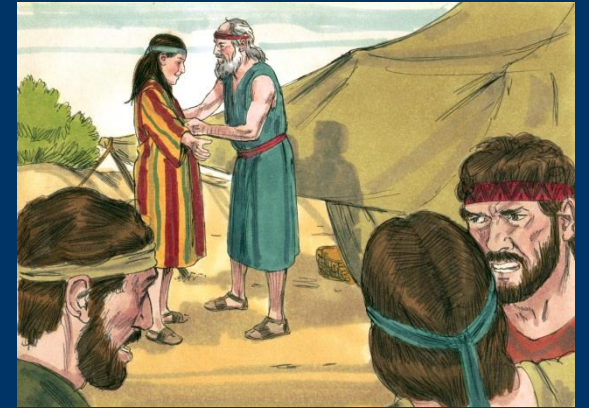


Gen 37:3 *Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age. And he made an ornate robe for him.*

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D. The Brothers: Jealous Conflict

Gen 37:4 *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.*



III. A PLOT TO KILL JOSEPH

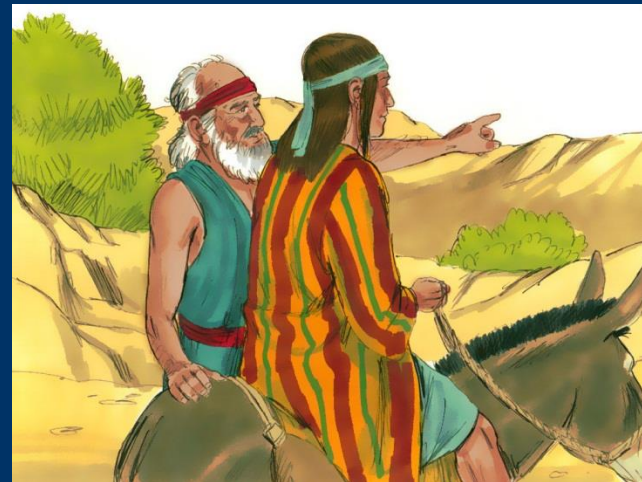
***Matt. 16:2** He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,'³ and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.*



III. A PLOT TO KILL JOSEPH

A. Failed to see the Sign of Danger

Gen 37:12 *Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, **13** and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."*

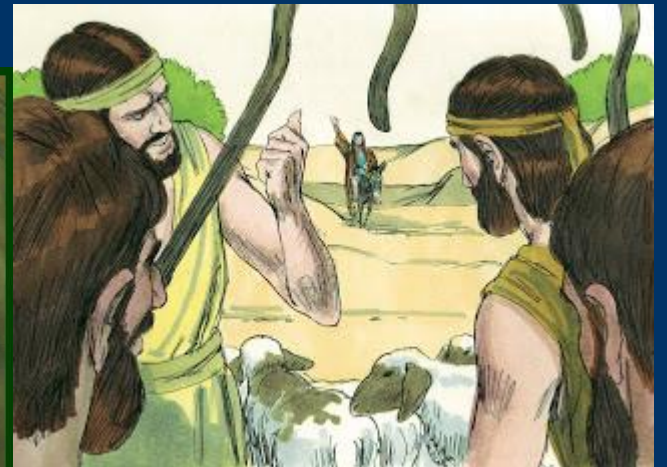
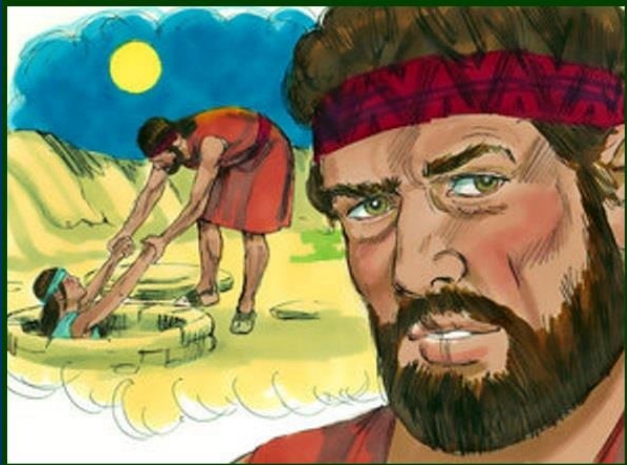


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B. Failed to stop the Plot to Kill

Gen 37:18 *But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.*

37:20a *"Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him.*



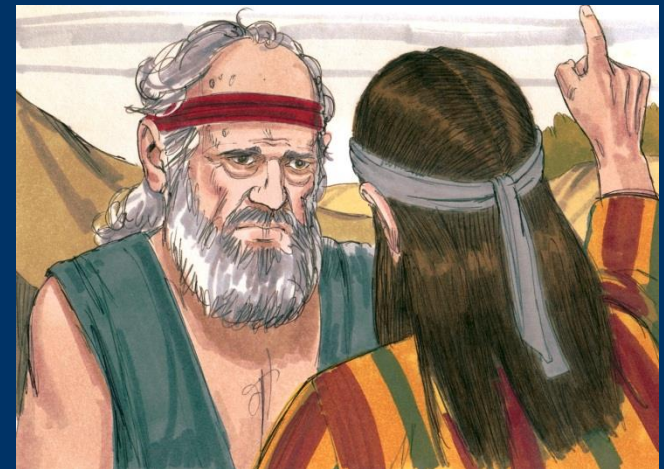
IV. CONSEQUENCES OF JACOB'S INACTION

A. When Dinah was raped?

B. When your sons slaughtered the men in Shechem?

C. When Reuben committed incest?

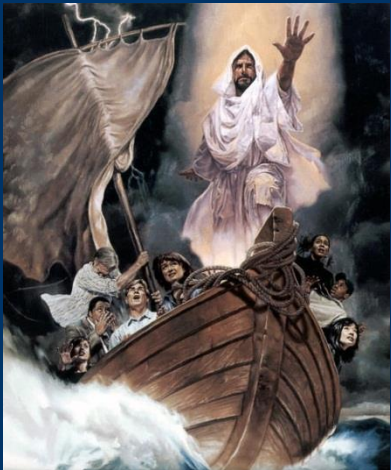
D. When the whole family was being torn apart by his outright favoritism?



CONCLUSION:

From this tragic story of family squabble, there are four lessons we can learn from Joseph's experience.

A) No family is exempt from adversity.



He is waiting for you to call on him to help you sail through the storm.

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B) No enemy is more subtle than passivity.



We've got to realize that giving in to the subtle urge to avoid addressing the problem now only creates more in the future.

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C) No response is more cruel than jealousy.



As a parent, you must learn to recognize and weed out bad attitudes as well as actions.

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D) No condition is more unfair than slavery.



And no amount of unfair circumstances could thwart His plan to raise us from the pit of shame to the pinnacle of glory.

CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some common reasons that lead to sibling rivalry?*
- 2. What are the three eventful phases of Joseph's life?*
- 3. Why is procrastination in handling conflicts so dangerous? Why is jealousy so potent in the family?*
- 4. How does Jacob failure in arresting potential issues led to Joseph slavery?*
- 5. What are some of the consequences of Jacob's inaction?*

Scripture References:

Genesis 37

