

JOSEPH'S CONFLICT WITH HIS BROTHERS  
(Genesis 37:1-17)

- I. The SIGNATURE of JACOB (Gen. 37:1-2*a*, cf. Heb. 11:9-13)
  - A. Living in HEBRON near ISAAC
  - B. About TWO YEARS after Rachel's DEATH
- II. The SYMBOL of AUTHORITY (Gen. 37:2*b*-4)
  - A. Shown by Jacob's FAVORITISM
    - 1. Given RESPONSIBILITY for his father's FLOCK
    - 2. Assigned to SUPERVISE his BROTHERS
  - B. Shown by his COAT of the FAMILY COLORS
    - 1. Designated him Jacob's HEIR
    - 2. Designating him Jacob's PROXY
  - C. Caused PROBLEMS
    - 1. Not conducive to PEACE in the FAMILY
    - 2. Not conducive to HUMILITY in JOSEPH
- III. The SIGNS of SUPERIORITY (Gen. 37:5-11)
  - A. Joseph's first PROPHETIC DREAM (37:5-8)
    - 1. Saw his brothers BOWING to HIM
    - 2. TOLD his BROTHERS of the dream
      - a. Implied BOASTING of his PRESUMED superiority

- b. Provoked HATRED from his BROTHERS
  - B. Joseph's second PROPHETIC DREAM (37:9-11)
    - 1. Implied his PARENTS and his BROTHERS would BOW to his AUTHORITY
    - 2. TOLD his FAMILY of the dream
      - a. Implied BOASTING of his PRESUMED superiority
      - b. Provoked REBUKE from his FATHER
      - c. Provoked greater RESENTMENT from his BROTHERS
- IV. The SEARCH for His BROTHERS (Gen. 37:12-17)
- A. The trip to SHECHEM
    - 1. Brothers pasturing flock over 50 MILES from HOME
    - 2. Site of the earlier SLAUGHTER
  - B. The trip to DOTHAN
    - 1. Another 20 MILES NORTH
    - 2. Directed there by an ANONYMOUS STRANGER
- V. The SIMILARITY to CHRIST
- A. Israel WANDERING far from home in search of PASTURE
  - B. The HEIR is SENT to FIND them
  - C. He will be REJECTED and EXPELLED
  - D. He will RETURN as from the DEAD
  - E. Nevertheless, he is NOT a direct "TYPE" of Christ: He will be IMPORTANT, but not equal to his FOREFATHERS