

“WHAT WILL BECOME OF HIS DREAMS?”

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH SERIES [#02]

GENESIS 37:12–36

INTRODUCTION —

A. THE SAD STORY — THE STAGE FOR REDEMPTION

1. JOSEPH'S OBEDIENCE & PERSEVERANCE
2. THE BROTHERS' DISDAIN OF THE DREAMER & DREAMS
3. PARALLELS TO CHRIST JESUS

B. SUBPLOTS — THE FOLLY OF WORLDLY WISDOM

1. WRONG WAY TO DEAL WITH SINFUL IMPULSES (REUBEN)
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C. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STORY...

1. JOSEPH, EXERCISES FAITH.... NT HIGHLIGHTS...
2. GOD'S PROVIDENCE IS MYSTERIOUS...
3. GOD'S PROMISES/WORD KEPT...

APPLICATIONS

- ◆ WE DO NOT KNOW HOW ODIOUS A SIN JEALOUSY IS
- ◆ WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT A DAY MAY BRING FORTH
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AMEN

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GEN. 37:12–17 ...HERE AND THROUGHOUT THIS ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, THE READER IS BEING TRAINED TO SEE THAT THE APPARENT HIDDENNESS OF GOD DOES NOT INDICATE THE UNCARING ABSENCE OF GOD.

ONE SMALL REMINDER OF THIS IS THAT AT DOTHAN JOSEPH FINDS HIS BROTHERS AND IS BETRAYED BY THEM—UNCARED FOR, IT WOULD SEEM, BY THE LORD. YET IT WAS ALSO AT DOTHAN, YEARS LATER, THAT ELISHA WAS ENCIRCLED BY THE INTIMIDATING SYRIAN ARMY. WHILE ELISHA'S SERVANT, PERHAPS LIKE JOSEPH, FAILED TO SEE THE PRESENCE OF GOD, ELISHA SAW THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE FILLED WITH HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE, THE VERY ARMY OF GOD. INDEED, AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN, ABOVE ALL OTHERS, GOD SEEMED ABSENT—AT THE CROSS OF HIS OWN SON—GOD WAS HIMSELF QUITE PRESENT, WORKING TO REDEEM AND RESTORE (ACTS 2:22–24).