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Joseph's Dreams of Greatness

¹ וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִגְוָרֵי אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנַעַן:

² אֵלֶּהָ תִּלְדוּת יַעֲקֹב יוֹסֵף בֶּן־שִׁבְע־עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה הָיָה רֹעֵה

אֶת־אֶחָיו בְּצֹאן וְהוּא נָעַר אֶת־בְּנֵי בְלָהָה וְאֶת־בְּנֵי זִלְפָּה

נְשֵׁי אָבִיו וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת־דְּבַרְתָּם רֹעֵה אֶל־אֲבִיהֶם: ³ וַיִּשְׂרְאֵל

אֶהֱבֶה אֶת־יוֹסֵף מִכָּל־בְּנָיו כִּי־בֶן־זִקְנִים הוּא לוֹ וְעָשָׂה לוֹ

כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים: ⁴ וַיִּרְאוּ אֶחָיו כִּי־אֵתּוֹ אֶהֱבֶה אֲבִיהֶם מִכָּל־אֶחָיו

וַיִּשְׁנְאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלוּ דַבְּרוּ לְשָׁלָם׃⁵ וַיַּחַלֵּם יוֹסֵף חֲלוֹם
וַיַּגִּד לְאָחָיו וַיּוֹסֶפוּ עוֹד שְׁנָא אֹתוֹ׃⁶ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם שְׁמְעוּ-נָא
הַחֲלוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר חָלַמְתִּי׃⁷ וְהִנֵּה אֲנַחְנוּ מֵאֱלֹמִים אֱלֹמִים
בְּתוֹךְ הַשָּׂדֶה וְהִנֵּה קָמָה אֱלֹמְתִי וְגַם-נִצְבָה וְהִנֵּה תִסְבִּינָה
אֱלֹמְתֵיכֶם וְתִשְׁתַּחֲוּיֶן לְאֱלֹמְתִי׃⁸ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו הַמֶּלֶךְ
תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אִם-מִשׁוּל תִּמְשָׁל בָּנוּ וַיּוֹסֶפוּ עוֹד שְׁנָא אֹתוֹ
עַל-חֲלֹמְתוֹ וְעַל-דְּבָרָיו׃⁹ וַיַּחַלֵּם עוֹד חֲלוֹם אַחֵר וַיִּסְפֹּר
אֹתוֹ לְאָחָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה חֲלֹמְתִי חֲלוֹם עוֹד וְהִנֵּה הַשָּׁמֶשׁ

וְהִירָח וְאֶחָד עֶשֶׂר כּוֹכָבִים מִשְׁתַּחֲוִים לֵי: ¹⁰ וַיִּסְפֹּר אֶל-אָבִיו
וְאֶל-אֶחָיו וַיִּגְעַר-בּוֹ אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מַה הַחֲלוּם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר
חֲלַמְתָּ הִבּוֹא נִבּוֹא אֲנִי וְאִמְךָ וְאֶחֱיךָ לְהַשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לָךְ אֶרְצָה:
¹¹ וַיִּקְנְאוּ-בּוֹ אֶחָיו וְאָבִיו שָׁמַר אֶת-הַדְּבָר:

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Joseph is sold by his Brothers

¹² וַיֵּלְכוּ אֶחָיו לְרַעוֹת אֶת-צֹאן אֲבֵיהֶם בְּשֹׁכֵם:
¹³ וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל-יֹסֵף הֲלוֹא אֶחֱיךָ רַעִים בְּשֹׁכֵם לָכֵה

וַאֲשַׁלַּחַךְ אֲלֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ הֲנִנִי: ¹⁴ וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ לָךְ-נָא רְאֵה

אֶת-שְׁלוֹם אַחִיךָ וְאֶת-שְׁלוֹם הַצֹּאן וְהַשְּׂבִנִי דְבַר וַיִּשְׁלַחְהוּ

מֵעֵמֶק חֶבְרוֹן וַיָּבֹא שְׂכֵמָה: ¹⁵ וַיִּמְצְאוּהוּ אִישׁ וְהָנָה תְּעָה

בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּשְׁאַלְהוּ הָאִישׁ לֵאמֹר מַה-תְּבַקֵּשׁ: ¹⁶ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת-אֲחִי

אֲנֹכִי מִבְּקֵשׁ הַגִּידָה-נָא לִי אֵיפֹה הֵם רְעִים: ¹⁷ וַיֹּאמֶר הָאִישׁ

נִסְעוּ מִזֶּה כִּי שָׁמַעְתִּי אֲמֹרִים נִלְכָּה הַתִּינָה וַיִּלָּךְ יוֹסֵף אַחֵר

אַחִיו וַיִּמְצְאוּם בְּדָתָן: ¹⁸ וַיִּרְאוּ אֹתוֹ מֵרַחֵק וּבְטָרֵם יִקְרַב

אֵלֵיהֶם וַיִּתְנַכְּלוּ אֹתוֹ לַהֲמִיתוֹ׃¹⁹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-אָחִיו הֲנֵה

בַּעַל הַחֲלָמוֹת הַלְזָה בָּא׃²⁰ וְעַתָּה לְכוּ וְנַהַרְגֵהוּ וְנִשְׁלַכְהוּ

בְּאֶחָד הַבְּרוֹת וְאִמְרָנוּ חַיָּה רָעָה אֲכָלְתָהוּ וְנִרְאָה מִה-יְהוָה

חֲלֹמְתָיו׃²¹ וַיִּשְׁמַע רְאוּבֵן וַיִּצְלָהוּ מִיָּדָם וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא נִכְנֹנוּ

נַפְשׁ׃²² וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם רְאוּבֵן אֶל-תִּשְׁפְּכוּ-דָם הַשְּׁלִיכוּ אֹתוֹ

אֶל-הַבּוֹר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר בַּמִּדְבָּר וַיֵּד אֶל-תִּשְׁלַחוּ-בּוֹ לְמַעַן הַצִּיל

אֹתוֹ מִיָּדָם לְהַשִּׁיבּוֹ אֶל-אָבִיו׃²³ וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר-בָּא יוֹסֵף

אֶל-אָחִיו וַיִּפְשְׁטוּ אֶת-יוֹסֵף אֶת-כְּתָנָתוֹ אֶת-כְּתָנֵת הַפַּסִּים אֲשֶׁר

עֲלֵיוֹ: 24 וַיִּקְחֵהוּ וַיִּשְׁלְכֵהוּ אֵתוֹ הַבְּרֶה וְהַבּוֹר רַק אֵין בּוֹ

מִים:

Genesis 37:1-11 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed.⁷ There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf."⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.⁹ He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?"¹¹ So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Genesis 37:12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." 14 So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, 15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" 16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." 17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"-- that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.