

Genesis 36**Key Verse:** v.1, vs.6-7**Key Word:** "generations" v.1**X-Ref:** Obadiah, Deut. 2:12; 22; 1Chr. 1:51-54**Paraphrase:** *The generations of Esau while living in Canaan are listed. Jacob and Esau are wealthy and there isn't enough room in the land so Esau moves to M. Seir. The generations of Esau while living in Mt. Seir are listed.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How do we reconcile the seemingly contradictory statements in 36:2-3, 28:9, and 26:34? Remember, a contradiction does not exist if there is any possible explanation. *"Esau man have married more than three women. The same woman may have been known by two different names (Basemath may have also been known as Adah; both are listed as daughters of Elon). The same name may have been given to two separate women (e.g. Basemath, which means "perfume" may have been a common name). – ESV Study Bible notes.*
- 2) Word Study: "Edom" – *The Hebrew word for "Edom" is similar to the word for "red". In Genesis 25:30, Esau sold his birthright for red stew. – ESV Study Bible notes.*
- 3) Who was known for locating a hot spring? *Anah the son of Zibeon*

Genesis 37**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** "hated" vs.4, 5, 8; "jealous" v.11**X-Ref:** Luke 2:52**Paraphrase:** *Jacob's favoritism combined with Joseph's behavior led his brothers to hate him and sell him into slavery. They then convinced their father that wild animals killed him.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How did Jacob/Israel make it known that Joseph was his favorite? *He gave him a coat of many colors.*
- 2) Word Study: "Robe" – v.3 – *This same Hebrew word is used in 2Sam. 13:18 to refer to Tamar's (King David's daughter) robe. Here it is described as having long sleeves. In the ESV footnote it says "a robe with long sleeves".*
- 3) What was the **first** thing Joseph's brother's hatred towards him led them to do? *It started with them speaking ill of him -v.4*
- 4) What was the price the brothers received for betraying their brother and whose idea was it? *20 Shekels of silver - v.28. It was Judah's idea.*
- 5) Who wasn't around when Joseph was sold? *Reuben was not around when they sold Joseph -v.29*

Genesis 38**Key Verse:** v.7, v.10, v.26**Key Word:** "wicked" -vs.7 & 10; "righteous" -v.26**X-Ref:** Gen. 24:3; 26:34-35; 28:1; Lev. 21:9**Paraphrase:** *Judah marries a Canaanite woman. He has three sons. The oldest marries Tamar. He dies and Judah tells the next oldest son to lay with her and raise up children in his brother's name. He dies because of disobedience. The next son is too young to marry. Judah never gives Tamar his youngest son, so she deceives Judah into getting her pregnant.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Unlike his father, grandfather, and great grandfather, where did Judah find a wife? *Canaan -v.2*
- 2) Judah's two oldest were put to death by the Lord. Why? *They behaved wickedly. -vs. 7-10*
- 3) Why did Judah say that Tamar had been more righteous than him? *Because he was supposed to give her his youngest son and he purposely never did. -v.26*

Genesis 39**Key Verse:** v.2; v.21**Key Word:** "successful" vs.2 & 23**X-Ref:** 2Timothy 2:22; 1Cor. 6:18**Paraphrase:** *Joseph was bought by Potiphar. God blessed him and Potiphar by extension. Joseph is later imprisoned because he refused Potiphar's wife's sexual advances. God blesses Joseph in prison and he is put in charge of all the prisoners.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How did Joseph find favor in Potiphar's site? *His master saw that God blessed all that he did. -v.3*
- 2) What argument did Joseph give for refusing Potiphar's wife's advances day by day? *Potiphar keeps nothing from Joseph except for his wife. He could not do this wicked thing and sin against God. -vs.8-9*

- 3) What can we learn from verse eleven? *Be aware of your surroundings. Don't be alone with the opposite sex. Even if you trust the person, we want to avoid temptation and the appearance of evil.*

Genesis 40**Key Verse:** v.8**Key Word:** "interpretation" vs.5 & 8**X-Ref:** Neh. 1:11; Gen. 41:12; Matt. 14:6

Paraphrase: *Two chief servants of Pharaoh were thrown into prison for an offense against Pharaoh. They both had dreams that Joseph interpreted. In three days, one would go free and the other would be executed. The free one promised to tell Pharaoh about Joseph.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Who was thrown into prison with Joseph and why? The cupbearer and the baker of the Pharaoh, because they committed an offense against Pharaoh.
- 2) Where was the prison located? *The Captain of the guard's house. -v.3*
- 3) What promise made in this chapter went unfulfilled? *The promise of the cupbearer to tell Pharaoh about Joseph -v.14-24.*

Genesis 41**Key Verse:** v.38**Key Word:** "set" "over" v.41**X-Ref:** Psa. 105:21

Paraphrase: *Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream and is set over all of Egypt to work his plan for the 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine. Joseph is married to Asenath and she has two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Who did Pharaoh assemble to interpret his dream? *All the magicians in Egypt and all the wise men. -v.8*
- 2) Who did Joseph say would give the interpretation of the dream? *God -v.16*
- 3) What did Pharaoh's dream mean? *There would be 7 years of plenty in the land followed by 7 years of famine -v.29*
- 4) In verse 46, how long had it been since Joseph last saw his father? *Approximately 13 years -v.46; 37:2*
- 5) List Joseph's sons. *1) Manasseh 2) Ephraim*
- 6) What was the extent of the famine? *It was severe and over all the earth -vs.56-57*

Genesis 42**Key Verse:** v.8, v.15**Key Word:** "tested" v.15**X-Ref:** Acts 7:11-12

Paraphrase: *Ten of Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain because of the famine. They don't recognize Joseph. Joseph puts Simeon in bonds until his brothers return with Benjamin. Jacob refuses to send Benjamin.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What dream came true in this chapter? *His brothers would bow before him -35:5-7*
- 2) On their way home, Joseph's brothers were frightened. Why? *Their money was in their sacks of grain -vs.26-28*
- 3) Word study: "Sheol" – *Hades or the world of the dead. The grave, hell, pit. – Strong's Concordance.*