

Favoured  
but Forsaken

Genesis 37

- Yet not Forgotten



# Genesis 37

2 This is the account of Jacob's family line.

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**. 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 **a richly ornamented robe** for him.

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**.

5 Joseph **had a dream**, and when he told it to his brothers, **they hated him all the more**. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And **they hated him all the more** because of his dream and what he had said. 9 Then **he had another dream**, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." .....



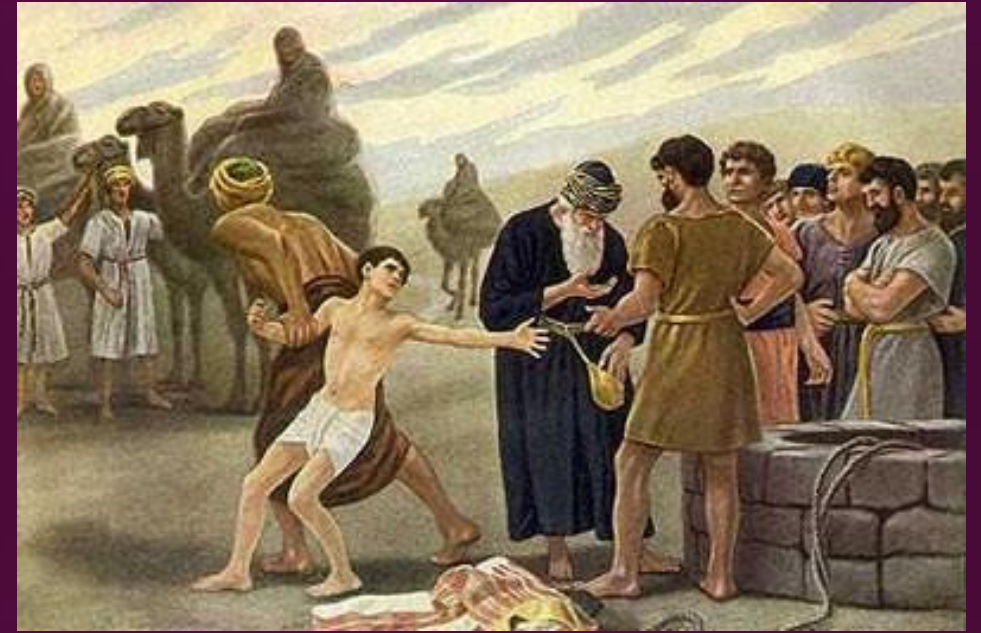
13 and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied.

14 So he said to him, "**Go and see if all is well** with your brothers and with the flocks, **and bring word back to me.**" Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.....

18 But **they saw him in the distance**, and before he reached them, **they plotted to kill him.** 19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. 20 "**Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns** and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

... (Rueben tried to rescue Joseph..)

23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the richly ornamented robe he was wearing— 24 and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. 25 As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, ... on their way ... down to Egypt.



26 Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; *after all, he is our brother, .....*”

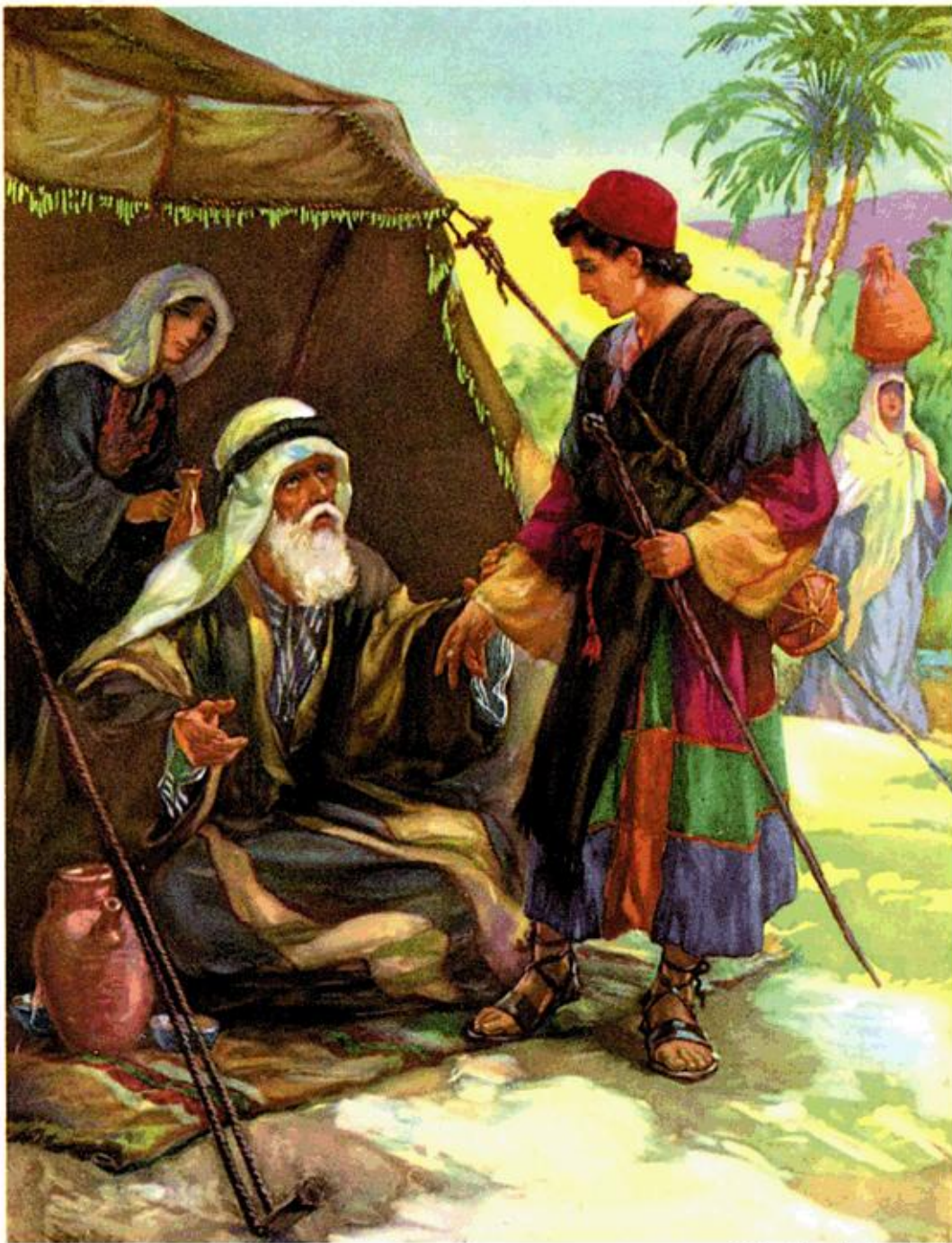
28 So .... pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. ....

31 Then they got Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They took the ornamented robe back to their father...

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v3-4, "Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons..."





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- v2, “..he brought a bad report about them ...”
- v14, Jacob said,.. “.. Go and see... and bring word to me.”

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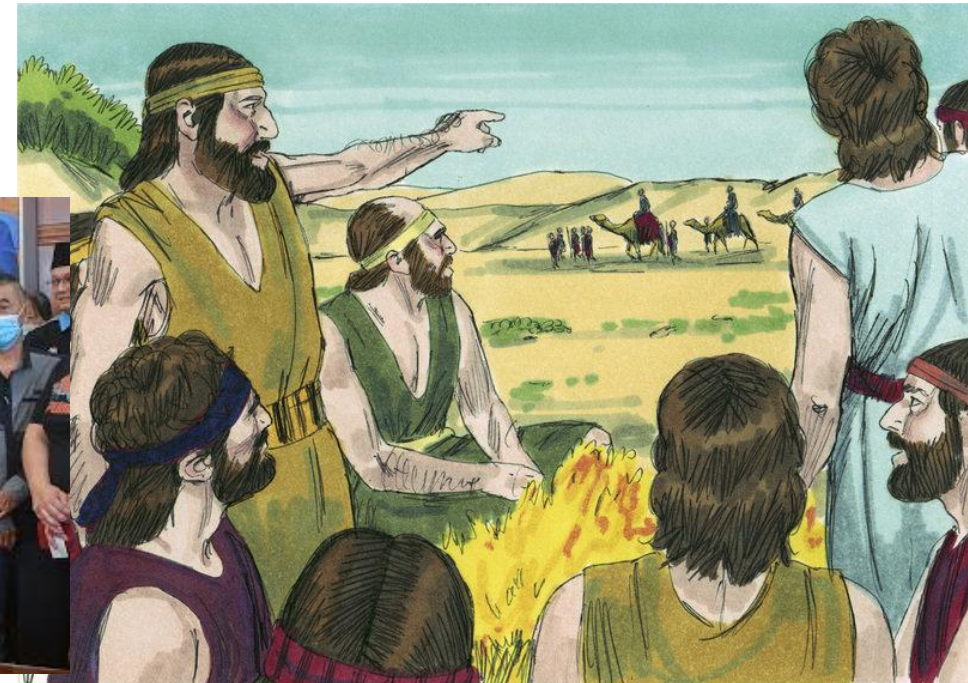
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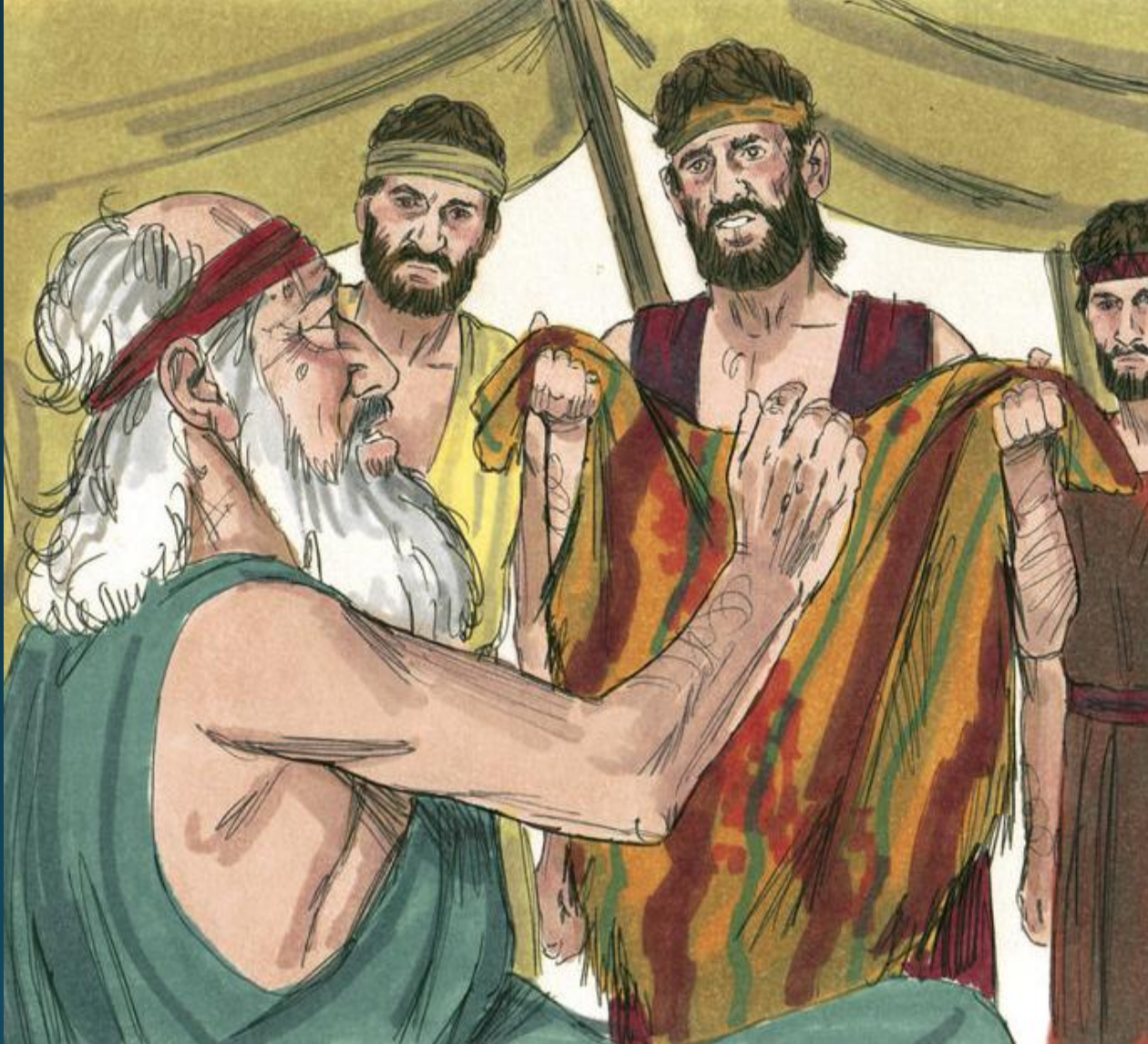


Dry Cistern

Caravan of Ishmaelites



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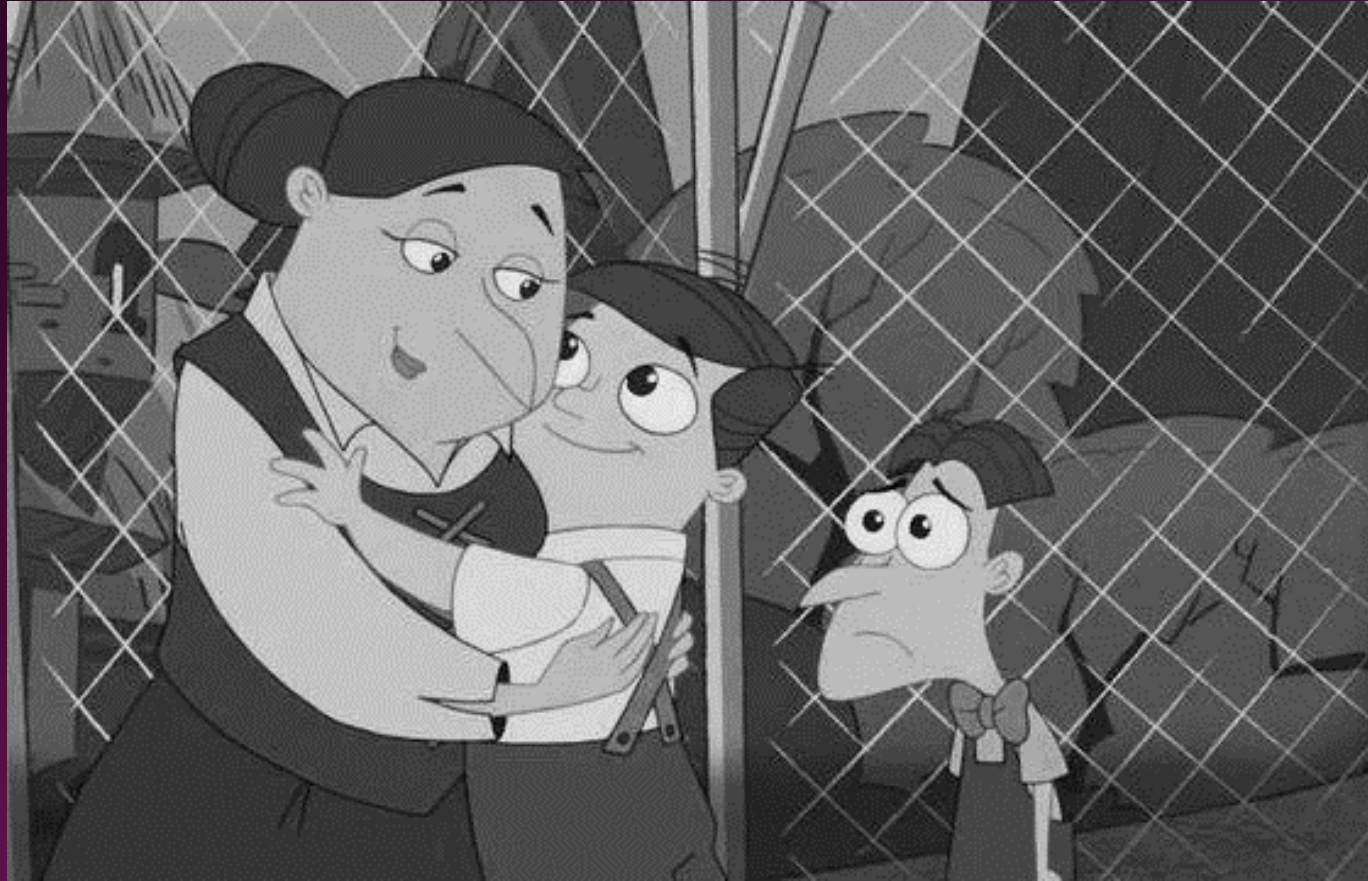
Jacob refused to be comforted.

Gen 39:2, 5, 23, “..The Lord was with Joseph.” “the Lord blessed.. because of Joseph..”

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un-Favoured one





Jesus is God's favoured Son  
So are you

Favoured





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- Jesus said, "... the world hates you."

"If the world hates you, you know  
that it has hated me before it  
hated you." John 15:18



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