



**Notes:** 1. Introduction

- a. Joseph's conception & birth - Gen 30:22-24
  - born in Haran in Laban's house
  - 1 Cor 13:11 when a child, but growing up into adulthood
- b. Joseph's mother Rachel died near Bethlehem - Joseph still young - his mother died giving birth to Benjamin - Gen 35:16-20
- c. Joseph sold into slavery age 17 - Gen 37:1-2
- 2. Judah is growing - Gen chap 38
  - a. But Judah's life was a mess - Gen 38
    - God killed 2 of his sons with Tamar - Gen 38:1-12
    - Judah committed fornication with Tamar - Gen 38:13-18, 26
  - b. Severe famine in ancient world
  - c. Jacob sends 10 of his sons to Egypt to buy grain - Gen 42:1-2
  - d. Joseph imprisons his brothers on false charges - Gen 42:12-17
  - e. Brothers felt guilt over previous behavior - Gen 42:21-22
  - f. Joseph clever speaking through interpreter - Gen 42:23
  - g. Joseph ~~about~~ at least 37+ years old -
    - Gen 41:46-47
    - 30 yrs old + 7 good yrs = 37
  - h. Judah showing leadership skills as he gets older -  
Gen 43:3,8; 44:14,16,18      OVER →

3. Joseph had Godly influence on others

- a. Joseph sets ~~10~~ 9 brothers free with grain - Gen 42:18-20
  - he also tells them to bring youngest brother back next time
  - he sets them up again with their money & his personal cup - Gen 42:25-28
  - 9 brothers returned without Simeon - Gen 42:33-36
- b. Brothers return back to Egypt for more grain - Gen 43:1-2
- c. Judah volunteers to be surety for Benjamin's life - Gen 43:8-9
- d. Ten brothers return to Egypt
  - Joseph bring his brothers to his home for a meal - Gen 43:16-17
  - He sets them at the table in birth order - Gen 43:33
  - But Benjamin's meal serving 5 times greater than other brothers
- e. Simeon also joined the brothers for the meal - Gen 43:23

4. Joseph remembers God's work

- a. As 17 year old, Joseph had 2 dreams
  - Gen 37:7 sheaves of wheat
  - Gen 37:9 sun, moon, & 11 stars
- b. Joseph remembered his dreams when his brothers bowed down to him - Gen 42:6-9