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## Chapter 37

Joseph is 17 years old. He tends the flocks with his brothers by Bilhah and Zilpah. Joseph tattled on his brothers but Jacob/Israel loved Joseph best and made him an ornamented tunic. This made his brothers hate him.

To make matters worse Joseph tells his brothers about a dream he had where they bowed to him. Then, not being able to restrain himself, he tells the whole family about another dream where the sun, moon, and stars bow down to him. Even his father is irritated by this dream.

Now the big brothers were pasturing and Jacob/Israel sends Joseph to get a report. The brothers see him coming and want to kill him. Reuben, the oldest, doesn't think they should kill him but rather throw him into a pit as a lesson. Long story short the brothers, not including Reuben, end up selling him as a slave. The brothers take his tunic, get blood all over and bring it back to dad to show how he was killed. Jacob/Israel is distraught.

Joseph ends up in Egypt as a slave to Potiphar.

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## Chapter 38

Judah takes a wife and they have three sons, Er, Onan and Shelah. Er marries Tamar but then God takes the life of Er. Judah then tells Onan to join with Tamar and due his duty but he doesn't want to get her pregnant so he practices birth control. Then God takes the life of Onan. So then Judah tells Tamar to stay as a widow until Shelah grows up. Then Judah's wife dies, he mourns but then goes out looking for female companionship. Tamar hears of this, dresses up as a harlot and Judah and Tamar have sex on the edge of the road. Judah, as partial payment, gives her his seal, cord and his staff. Naturally Tamar gets pregnant. Three months later Judah finds out Tamar is pregnant and sends them to get her to burn her. She has Judah's seal, cord, and staff and that saves her. Then she has twins; Perez and Zerah.

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## Chapter 39

Back to Joseph. Joseph is living a good life for a slave. Potiphar likes him and he advances to personal attendant and is in charge of everything Potiphar. Joseph is handsome and well built. Potiphar's wife wants to sleep with Joseph. Finally after many NO's by Joseph she grabs his sleeve and yells he was trying to lie with her. Joseph goes to prison but excels there also and soon he is charge of all the prisoners.

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## Chapter 40

The cup bearer and the baker for the king of Egypt get thrown into Joseph's prison, they have dreams and Joseph interprets them. The cup bearer will be pardoned and resume his duties. The baker will be beheaded, impaled and birds will pick off his flesh. And the dreams came true.

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## Chapter 41

Two years later Pharaoh has a dream. The cup bearer remembers Joseph and the Pharaoh has him summoned to him. The dream means seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine. Common sense means to save of the prosperity times to use in the famine and Joseph is put in charge of seeing this is done. Joseph is now dressing snazzy, gets a wife and has two sons; Manasseh and Ephraim. And the famine comes.

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## Chapter 42

Jacob/Israel hears of the food rations in Egypt. He sends the ten sons but keeps Ben with him. The brothers find the procurer of rations, Joseph, and bow to him not knowing who he is. Joseph has a little fun with them and puts them in jail. Then he says all but one can take food back to their home and bring back Ben. Simeon stays. Jacob is not letting Ben out of his sight.

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## Chapter 43

The famine continues and soon Jacob/Israel's family is out of food again. It is decided that the brothers will take money and Ben to try to get more food and possibly get Simeon back. Joseph recognizes Ben and invites all brothers for a fine meal. They give him the money eat a great meal but notice Ben gets a bigger portion.

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## Chapter 44

Joseph has his staff fill the brothers bags with food and sneaks money and a goblet into Bens. The brothers leave but are stopped shortly. Of course Ben has the goblet and is taken by the guards. Now the brothers are realizing they have to go home and tell their father they have lost the second son of Racheal. They know this will kill their father.

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## Chapter 45

Joseph sends his staff away and tells his brother it is him. Tears of joy are shed and Joseph tells the brothers to go get the whole family and animals and swell near him since there is five more years of famine coming.

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## Chapter 46

Jacob is so excited to find out his son is alive. They leave for Egypt. Genealogy. Joseph meets the group and hugs his father.

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## Chapter 47

Joseph introduces family members to the Pharaoh and acquires lots of land, money, and animals for Pharaoh in exchange for food. The Jacob/Israel is ready to die and makes Joseph promise that he is buried in his fathers place.

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## Chapter 48

Jacob/Israel is getting ready to die and wants to bless Josephs sons. Jacob/Israel gets the oldest and youngest mixed up. He also assigns Joseph one portion more than his brothers of his estate.

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## Chapter 49

the Twelve tribes of Israel.



THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

■ Dan	■ Asher	■ Naphtali	■ Issachar	■ Zebulun
■ Simeon	■ Dan	■ Gad	■ Reuben	■ Benjamin
	■ Ephraim	■ Manasseh		

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## Chapter 50

Jacob/Israel dies and they bury him in Canaan. The brothers are worried that now dad has died that Joseph will get back at them for their past deeds. He says no it was all God's plan. Many years later Joseph dies.