

Genesis 37

- 1) What important event is described in this chapter?
 - a. Explain the historical significance of this event:
 - b. What do we learn about this matter from Genesis 45:5-8?
- 2) How did Jacob's feelings towards Joseph differ from his feelings towards his other children?
 - a. In what way was this visibly manifested?
 - b. How did the other children react?
- 3) Explain Joseph's two dreams:
 - a. How did Joseph's brothers and parents react to his dreams?
 - b. Did the dreams come true?
 - c. Are we told whether or not the dreams were of divine origin?
 - d. What did Joseph later say about the significance of *two* similar dreams? (41:32)
- 4) Why did Jacob send Joseph to Shechem? Where did Joseph ultimately have to go in order to fulfill his father's request?
- 5) What plan did Joseph's brother devise upon seeing his approach?
 - a. Explain the subsequent changes to the plan upon the suggestions of:
 - i. Reuben:
 - ii. Judah:
 - b. What was Reuben surprised to later learn?
 - c. What interchangeable terms are used to describe the trading caravan?
- 6) How did the brothers deceive Jacob?
- 7) From Jacob's reaction, what do we learn about the role of *emotion* in determining or establishing truth?