

Worst Brothers EVER

Genesis 37v2-end

One family to save the world

‘I will make you into a great nation...
all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.’
(Genesis 12v2,3)

‘and kings will come from you’ (Genesis 17v6, cf. 35v11; & 36v31)

Competitive Sisters

=> Baby Wars

=> Who will be King?

King elimination

Team Leah		Team Rachel	
Reuben	X Ch. 35	Joseph	X Ch. 37
Simeon	X Ch. 34	Benjamin	
Levi	X Ch. 34		
Judah	X Ch. 38		

Can God save the world?

	Team Leah Reuben Simeon Levi Judah
4:0	
	Team Rachel (via Bilhah) Dan Naphtali
4:2	
	Team Leah (via Zilpah) Gad Asher
6:2	
	Team Leah Issachar Zebulun
8:2	
	Team Rachel Joseph Benjamin
8:4	

Power Promises 1

Genesis 50v15-21

Promises to This World:
Promises to This Family:

Promises to This Boy:

Dream 1: Genesis 37v5-8 Reign and Rule

Dream 2: Genesis 37v9-11 11+2=who?

The Power in the Promises

Genesis 50v20 **'Brothers** intended harm **God** intended good
to save many lives'

God vs Brothers: God wins

=> **God's Got This**

"God's Got This" Part 1: On the down-slope

Chapter 37 Joseph tells the truth
Brothers hate => Joseph the slave

Chapter 39 Joseph does the right thing
Potiphar's wife lies => Joseph in prison

Chapter 40 Joseph predicts the future
Cupbearer forgets => Joseph still in prison

+ 2 more years (41v1)

13 years of 'God's got this' Age 17 (37v2) to Age 30 (41v46)

('The Lord was with J.' 39v2,3,21,23 → 'The Lord gave J. success' 39v3,23 'J. found favour' 39v4,21 → 'The Lord blessed the ...Egyptian because of J.' 39v5,6,23)

Trusting God's promises in the bad times

39v9 'How could I sin against God?'

40v8 'Do not interpretations belong to God?'

40v14 'Remember me and show me kindness.'

41v16 'I cannot do it, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.'

Power Promises 2

Genesis 41: 1 - 49

Promises to This World, Family & Boy:

“God’s Got This” Part 2: On the up-slope

All the pieces in place

1 saviour of the world	Canaan → Egypt & stashed in prison
1 forgetful servant	Power Career → Prison → Pharaoh’s right ear
1 Donald Trump	In bed and dreaming
1 Famine	7 years away & getting closer

Up-slope 1

41v1 A dream
41v8 No one else can help
41v9 A servant remembers
41v14 A saviour with a shave
41v25 The meaning of the dream: We’re all going to DIE
41v33 Unless you know anyone wise...

Trusting God’s promises in the good times

41v16 ‘I cannot do it, but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.’
41v25 ‘God has revealed...’
41v28 ‘God has shown...’
41v32 ‘Firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon.’
41v33 ‘Now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge’
41v34 ‘Let him...’

Up-slope 2

41v38 Who do we know?
41v39 Dream Boy!
41v41 In charge of whole land of Egypt
41v42 Ring, robe, bling; 41v43 Car, PR, in charge; 41v44 Power, Bride
41v46 Plan; 41v49 Success
41v50 Babies
41v55 Save the Egypt; 41v57 Save the world
42v6 Bowing brothers

Power in the Promises, but are we done?

'he humbled himself and became obedient to death -even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place... that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow.'
(Philippians 2v8-10)

GROUP WORK

Applying the OT Exercise / Joseph through the pinch

A

B

C

D

E

Joseph

God

Brothers

Judah

Egyptians

Potiphar

Pharaoh

Rotten Raw Materials

Genesis 44v11-34

The main character in the Joseph story is _____

	Egypt	Canaan
37		Joseph sold
38		Judah shamed
39	Joseph imprisoned	
40	Joseph forgotten	
41	Joseph promoted	
	In charge of famine relief	
42		Famine spreads to 'all the world' Go to Egypt or die: 10 sons go to Egypt
	10 brothers recognized, interrogated, then 9 of them released with food.	
43		Déjà vu: One brother too few, and piles of silver. Food runs out. Dare they take Benjamin? Judah's promise, and Jacob's prayer.
	11 brothers feast at the house of the PM.	
44	11 brothers released with food, caught red-handed and made to choose: home in peace or slavery in Egypt. Judah's offer.	
45	Joseph reveals himself, and teaches them God's plan. Go and fetch my Father	
		What really nearly kills Jacob

Judah: rotten raw materials 37v26-28

A son of Rachel goes into slavery in Egypt; A Son of Leah goes home with a bag of silver.

Judah: repeat performance

Scene 1:

10 brothers go to Egypt without Benjamin

'because Jacob was afraid that harm might come to him.' (42v4)

'bring your youngest brother to me so that I will know you are not spies.'
(42v34)

9 brothers go back to Canaan with food & their silver

Scene 2:

10 brothers go to Egypt including Benjamin

'if harm comes to him on the journey... you will bring my grey head down to the grave in sorrow.' (42v38)

'I myself will guarantee his safety... if I do not bring him back to you... I will bear the blame before you all my life.' (43v9)

11 brothers start for home with food, their silver & 1 silver cup

'the man who was found to have the cup will become my slave. The rest of you, go back to your father in peace.' (44v17)

Judah: Decision time

Option A - Do what you did last time: 10 brothers go home; Son of Rachel slave in Egypt.

Option B - Do the opposite: 10 brothers go home; Son of Leah slave in Egypt.

'please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers.' (44v33)

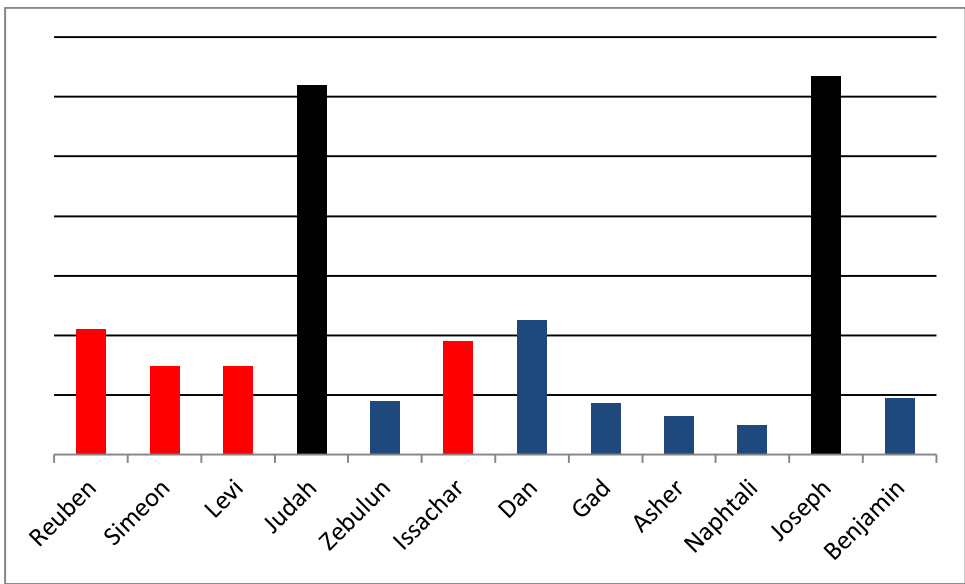
Joseph: Save the Family... Save the World

Judah: Royal Raw Materials

'Joseph is a fruitful vine... the prince among his brothers.' (49v22,26)

'Judah, your brothers will praise you... your father's sons will bow down to you.... The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until... the obedience of the nations is his.' (49v8,10)

'Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar' (Matthew 1v3)



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