

**Lesson # 73 ( April 30, 2019)****Genesis 37 A Great Future begins with Great Difficulties**

**1** Jacob stayed and lived in the land of Canaan. This is the same land where his father had lived. **2** This is the story of Jacob's family.

Joseph was a young man, 17 years old. His job was to take care of the sheep and the goats. Joseph did this work with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah. (Bilhah and Zilpah were his father's wives.) Joseph told his father about the bad things that his brothers did.

**3** Joseph was born at a time when his father Israel was very old, so Israel loved him more than he loved his other sons. Jacob gave him a special coat, which was long and very beautiful. **4** When Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved Joseph more than he loved them, they hated their brother because of this. They refused to say nice things to him. **5** One time Joseph had a special dream. Later, he told his brothers about this dream, and after that his brothers hated him even more. **6** Joseph said, "I had a dream. **7** We were all working in the field, tying stacks of wheat together. Then my stack got up. It stood there while all of your stacks of wheat made a circle around mine and bowed down to it." **8** His brothers said, "Do you think this means that you will be a king and rule over us?" His brothers hated Joseph more now because of the dreams he had about them. **9** Then Joseph had another dream, and he told his brothers about it. He said, "I had another dream. I saw the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowing down to me." **10** Joseph also told his father about this dream, but his father criticized him. His father said, "What kind of dream is this? Do you believe that your mother, your brothers, and I will bow down to you?" **11** Joseph's brothers continued to be jealous of him, but his father thought about all these things and wondered what they could mean.

**IMPORTANT**

- \* Mingling with the 2nd or 3rd category citizens
- \* Old people are very different from who they were in their youth
- \* Jealousy is unavoidable
- \* Someone knows about what God will do in your life