

Joseph's Highs and Lows

Gen 39:23 The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

1The Children of Jacob: Genesis 29:31-30:24 + Genesis 35:16-18; Genesis 35:23-26; Genesis 48:8-25

Gen 29:21-23 | Gen 29:25-28 | Gen 30:9 | Gen 30:1, 3-4

Leah	Zilpah (Leah's handmaid)	Rachel ¹	Bilhah (Rachel's handmaid)
Reuben (1)	Gad (7)	Joseph (12)	Dan (5)
Simeon (2)	Asher (8)	Benjamin (13)	Naphtali (6)
Levi (3)			
Judah (4)			
Issachar (9)			
Zebulun (10)			
Dinah (girl) (11)			

- Gen 29:31-35 | Gen 30:22-24 | Gen 30:10-13 | Gen 30:5-8*
Gen 30:16-21 | Gen 35:16-20
- I. Review: Deceit, Favoritism, Jealousy,
- A. Jacob deceives and is deceived
 - 1. Jacob deceives blind Isaac *Gen 27:5-8, 11, 15-25 / Birthright Gen 25:29-34*
 - 2. Laban and Leah *Gen 29:16, 18, 21-26*
 - 3. Leaving Laban without goodbyes *Gen 31:1-4, 6, 14-16, 20*
 - B. Jacob and his parents showed favoritism
 - 1. Isaac and Rebekah *Gen 25:27-28*
 - 2. Leah and Rachel in marriage *Gen 29:16-18, 23-25; Preference Gen 30:1 | Gen 32:22-23; 33:1-2 | Gen 33:4-7*
 - 3. Sons of Laban *Gen 31:1-2, 7*

Genesis 31:1-2 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory <wealth>?.

²And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before <Laban did not regard Joseph with favor as before>. *Laban & Jacob*

→ II. Joseph's birth

A. Born of the favorite wife

Genesis 29:30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he <Jacob> loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

B. Joseph born after a period of barrenness

Genesis 29:31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. *God's favor*

Genesis 30:22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. *God's mercy*

Rachel & Leah's envy & ~~jealousy~~ jealousy Gen 29:30; 29:31; Gen 33:6-7

¹ Rachel died on the journey between Padanaram (today: Turkey) and Canaan (today: Israel) giving birth to Benjamin <his name means "son of the right hand">. Rachel named him Benoni <meaning "son of my sorrow">

Jacob

C. Joseph protected during traveling:

1. Esau had vowed to kill Jacob Genesis 27:41
2. Jacob fled to Padanaram where Laban lived Genesis 27:42-44
3. As Jacob is returning, Esau comes out to meet him with 400 horsemen, Genesis 32:6
4. Jacob lines up his wives and sons in reverse order of importance to him

Genesis 33:6-7 Then **the handmaidens** came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. ⁷And **Leah** also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came **Joseph near and Rachel**, and they bowed themselves.

D. Joseph loses his mother (and gains a brother) while travelling

Genesis 35:16-18 And they <Joseph's caravan> journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath <Bethlehem, see verse 19>: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, "Fear not; thou shalt have this son also." ¹⁸And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

Rachel's tomb
Gen 35:16, 19-26

→ III. Joseph favored by his father in Canaan

Genesis 37:3 Now **Israel loved Joseph more than all his children**, because he was **the son of his old age**: and **he made him a coat of many colors**.

A. Coat of many colors

B. Son of Jacob's old age Jacob 117 yrs, Joseph 17 yrs

IV. Joseph's Brothers Jealously Gen 37:4, 8, 11, 19-20, 27-28

A. The bad report while shepherding

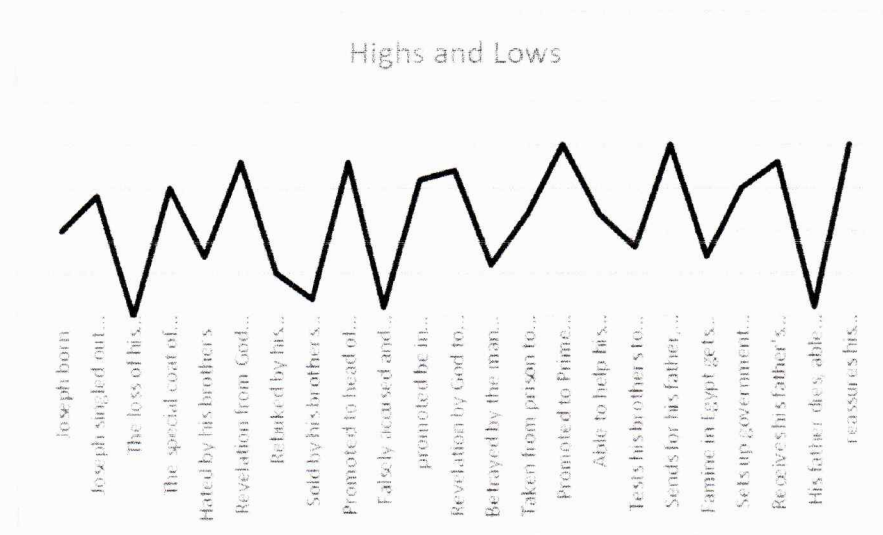
Genesis 37:2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and **Joseph brought unto his father their evil report**. First report

B. The ten older brothers hated him

Genesis 37:4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, **they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him**.

C. Spoke to him harshly

V. Conclusion: The highs and lows of Joseph's life

Age
Jacob Joseph