

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

#### NEW TESTAMENT EQUIVALENT:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

### PSALM 13:1-4

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

### GENESIS 37:1-2

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.



#### GENESIS 37-3-4

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.





## **GENESIS 37:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

# GENESIS 37:8

<sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

# GENESIS 37:9

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

### GENESIS 37:10-11

10 When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said. "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup> His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.



18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. 19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."



21 When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life." he said. 22 "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness. but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.



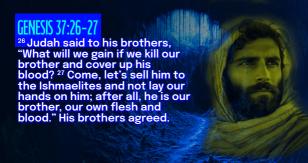


23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe-the ornate robe he was wearing— <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty;

there was no water in it.



<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.



#### GENESIS 37:28-30

28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.
29 When Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph was not there, he tore his clothes. 30 He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy isn't there! Where can I turn now?"

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<sup>31</sup> Then they got Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe."

<sup>33</sup> He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."

#### GENESIS 37:34-35

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. 35 All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "I will continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. <sup>2</sup> The Lord was with Joseph.

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5 But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.



