

THE DREAMER'S NIGHTMARE!

All of the rest of our lessons will be from the Eleventh Toldeoth of Book of Genesis (Gen.37:2-50:26).

The central theme of the Eleventh Toledoth is Joseph's dream (**Gen.37:5-11**).

In our last lesson, we mentioned that it took 13 years to start Joseph's dream towards fulfillment (age 17-30). This was a time filled with trials and tribulations developing the spiritual growth to maturity in life of Joseph in order to fulfill the directive will of the spiritual dream.

Today's lesson is entitled, The Dreamer's Nightmare, because it deals with the beginning of the 13 years of trials and tribulation.

Write the directive will of God of Joseph's dream_____.

This lesson will study five aspects of The Dreamer's Nightmare. "And they said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.'" (Gen.37:19)

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletic points of The Dreamer's Nightmare.

37:18-24 – The Plot – hate, Rueben, cistern, attack God's messenger and destroy God's message.

37:25-28 – **The Price** – human betrayers and traffickers, sold for 20 pieces of silver as slave .

37:29-33 – **The Personification of evil** – conspirators against truth, cosmos diabolicus (2 Cor.11:3; John 8:44), sin into evil (42:21; 50:20).

37:34-36 – **The Plan of God** – house of God and hope turned into house of grief and mourning, one hope left to Jacob – "In mourning will I go down to Sheol to my son" (Gen.37:35; 1 Thess.4:13, 18; Luke 16:22; 23:46). Note that we are introduced to Potiphar in Gen.37:36.

1. dream.

Sovereignty of God is always in control no matter how bleak the circumstances look to the believer at the time (1 Cor.1:8-9).

The sovereignty of God is in controls of the directive will by the permissive and over-ruling wills. The key is for volition of believer to surrender to it no matter what the circumstances of life (Rom.8:28-39).

The directive will of Joseph's dream is that the Joseph will reign over the Israelites. And that they would gladly bow down to him (37:5-11; 42:6-8; 43:28).

2. While 13 years seems like a long time in human years it is nothing in God years.

"But do you not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that **with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**" (2 Pet.3:8)

Based on the Jewish lunar calendar of time (360 days in year), 13 years would be (4680 days) or God's time table (4,680,000 days). **Do we understand how far God is ahead of us in time?** (1 Cor.10:11-13; Rom.14:5-8; James 4:13-15)

3. In today's lesson, we learn from Joseph's brother this doctrinal principle - unconfessed sin and uncorrected sinful behavior leads to reversionism.

Nightmare: The brothers jealousy and hatred towards Joseph led to a plot to murder him by throwing into a deep water well than deciding to sell him into slavery than to kill of a goat and dip Joseph special coat in the blood than to show it to their father than suggest Joseph must have been killed and drug off to be eaten by wild animal.

Their covering up sin with evil is a sign of reversionism (Heb.12:5-11; 5:11-14; 1 John 1:9). Adam and Eve did it; Cain did it, David did it and now the brothers of Joseph (Gen.42:8, 21-23, 28; 44:20; 45:26).

Remember the sovereignty of God is in control of directive will (permissive and over-ruling/ Gen.45:4-8).

4. The directive will always operate in unison with three categories.

Geographical will – Given in Canaan and fulfilled in Egypt

Operational will – From attempted murder to being sold on slave market to fulfillment of dream (Gen.41:32; 42:6).

Mental will – Faith that God is faithful –God will never leave nor forsake him (Heb.13:5; Deut.31:6; Josh.1:5; Rom.8:28).

In fulfilling the directive will in Joseph's dream, God will begin another directive will associated with the Abraham Covenant. It is the 400 year bondage clause record in Gen.15: 13-16.

5. This lesson teaches us that the sovereignty of God is in control of the directive will of Joseph's