

## **SELF CONDEMNING GUILT (Part #1)**

The ten brothers of Joseph are suffering under the weight of years of Self-Condemning Guilt.

“When Joseph’s brother’s saw that their father was dead, they said, ‘**What if Joseph**

(Gen.50:15)

- bears a grudge (satam/ qal impf 3ms) against us
- and pay us back in full (shub/ qal infin + qal impf 3ms)
- for all the wrong (raah/ evil, max misery and injury) which we did to him!”

We underlined how Self-Condemning Guilt thinking works in the lives of believers.

**This lesson will study four aspects of first part of Self-Condemning Guilt.**

### **1. Actually, this is Collective Guilt because all ten brother’s conspiracy together against Joseph.**

Collective guilt is often found a group setting, such as family, tribe, region, nation, and international.

Notice their words **US and WE**. These words show the collective guilt of these brothers.

They are guilty because in theory they all pulled the trigger together at the same time. Guilt and guilty by association in the same act. **Yet each must deal with it as personal sin against the Lord as well as Joseph.**

Collective guilt was true with Satan and Eve and Adam in Gen.3; **yet each must deal with it as personal sin against the Lord.**

Stephen charged Israel with Collective Guilt:

(Acts 7:51-53) “Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘**Lord, do not hold this sin against them.**” (Acts 7:58b-60)

Did God answer this prayer of Stephen for those engaged in this stoning? (Saul) (Acts 9:1-6, 15, 23-25; 22:1-22; 26:9-21).

**Yet Saul had to deal with it personally.** Saul’s testimony of grace salvation (1 Tim.1:12-17).

### **2. The time line of the Self-Condemning Guilt of these 10 brothers covers at least 39 years.**

Joseph’s dream at **17** (Gen.37:2) and plot to murder (37:19-22) and sold into slavery (37:26-28; **42:21-23/ read**).

Joseph became prime minister at **30** (Gen.41:46).

Joseph's **7** years of plenty (Gen.41:53)

Joseph's **2** years of famine (Gen.45:6, 11-13). Jacob comes to Egypt (46:1-4).

Jacob lives in Egypt **17** years and dies (Gen.47:28).

Note the **math** for the years of Self-Condemning Guilt of the brothers (13+7+2+17= **39 years**).

### 3. These brothers are suffering from the self-inflicted root of bitterness.

Joseph is now 56 years old (17+39) and unlike his brothers has lived these 39 years without this type of OMCD baggage.

(Heb.12:14) “**Pursue** peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

(Heb.12:15) “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no **root of bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by it many be defiled.”

Joseph practiced Heb.12:14 and his brothers practiced Heb.12:15. If you are in Heb.12:15, you must change the root from bitterness to peace and sanctification in order to live in Heb.12:14.

### 4. There were many roots that fed into bitterness in these brothers.

**Root of hate** (Gen.37:4)

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**Root of jealousy** (Gen.37:11)

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Root of malice (Gen.37:18-20)

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**Root of harden heart and indifference to hurting others** (Gen.37:35; 44:34; Heb.3:12-15)

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(Eph.4:31-32) “**Let all bitterness** and wrath and anger and clamor and slander **be put away** (**airo/ a.p.impv.3ps**) **from you**, along with malice. **Be** (**ginomai/ p.impv.2pl**) kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** each other, just as God in Christ also has **forgiven** you.”