

**Joseph's Preview of Israel's Slavery in Egypt (Gen 37:12–36)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**(37:12–17) Jacob sent Joseph to Shechem to check on his brothers' welfare; he found them at Dothan after hearing that they had gone there**

**(37:12–14) Jacob sent Joseph to Shechem to check on his brothers' welfare**

**(37:15–17) Joseph searched for his brothers around Shechem, but found them at Dothan, after hearing that they had gone there**

**(37:18–22) The brothers conspired (before Joseph reached them) to kill him, but Reuben persuaded them to put him into a pit (so he could deliver him)**

**(37:18–20) Joseph's brothers conspired to kill him (to end his dreams) and to tell Jacob that a wild beast killed him**

**(37:21–22) Reuben told his brothers not to injure or kill Joseph, but to put him into a pit so he could deliver him to Jacob**

**(37:23–28) The brothers removed Joseph’s tunic and threw him into a dry cistern, until Judah persuaded them to sell Joseph to a passing caravan going to Egypt**

**(37:29–35) The family’s grief caused by the brothers’ persecution and deception  
(37:29–30) Reuben’s grief at not finding Joseph in the cistern**

**(37:31–33) The brothers killed a kid goat and dipped the tunic before deceiving Jacob into thinking that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast**

**(37:34–35) Upon losing Joseph, Jacob mourned and refused comfort from his children**

**(37:36) Joseph was sold to Potiphar, a highly-placed Egyptian royal official**

**SUMMARY**