



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 37, Message 47

Genesis is a big book containing 50 chapters, 1,533 verses and over 38,000 words. Almost a full 25 percent of this book is devoted to the son of Jacob, a man named _____. God took only five words to describe his creation of the universe (*he made the stars also* – Genesis 1:16) and yet commits page after page to the story of a man who is _____ even found in the direct lineage of Jesus Christ. Why?

Of all the men listed throughout scripture we can find no one who portrays the life of Christ in greater detail. No matter what page of Joseph's life story you read, you will find a portrait concerning _____ aspect of the person and work of Jesus. It is for this reason the Holy Ghost gave so much space to Joseph. It is God's desire to conform every person into the image of his dear Son. When one clearly demonstrates that image, his life becomes a _____ worthy of display. So goes the life and times of Joseph.

JOSEPH – THE BELOVED SON

1. The _____ sons of Jacob – Genesis 29:21-30:24; 35:16-18

- Jacob's wives

Leah – The _____ daughter of Laban (*Jacob's scheming uncle*)

Zilpah – Leah's handmaid (*her personal servant*)

Rachel – Jacob's favored and _____ bride (*the love of his life*)

Bilhah – Rachel's handmaid (*her personal servant*)

- Jacob's wives and their _____

Leah

Bilhah

Zilpah

Rachel

1) Reuben

2) Simeon

3) Levi

4) Judah

5) Dan

6) Naphtali

7) Gad

8) Asher

9) Issachar

10) Zebulun

11) _____

12) Benjamin

2. Joseph's sorrow – Genesis 37

- The _____ son – verses 1-4
 - He is a _____ – Psalm 23; John 10:11-16
 - He is _____ by his brethren – John 1:11

- His most unusual _____ – verses 5-11
 - He is hated for the very _____ which he speaks – Luke 4:28-29; John 5:18; 6:41; 8:40

- He is _____ on a mission – verses 12-17
 - He is sent to report on the condition of the _____ – John 3:17; Acts 20:28; Galatians 4:4-7; 1 Peter 5:2
 - He is on a mission to pursue men until they are _____ – Luke 19:10

- He is _____ by his brethren – verses 18-28
 - He was cast alone into a _____ pit – Zechariah 9:11; Matthew 12:40
 - He is sold out for 20 pieces of silver – Matthew 26:14-15

- The father's _____ and anguish – verses 29-36
 - His garments are dipped in _____ and presented to the father – Leviticus 16; Revelation 19:13
 - His father _____ and weeps for his beloved son – Matthew 21:33-41; John 3:16, 35-36
 - He is not dead, but is _____ – Matthew 28:6; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:6; John 20:14-18