

TREACHERY/DECEPTION IN ISRAEL

Day 1: Review

1. What in the commentary notes from lesson 11 was especially interesting?
2. How did the lecture help you understand lesson 12?

Day 2: Read Genesis 37:1-11 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

3. FACTS:

- A. Which son was Jacob's favorite and why?
- B. How did Jacob display his favoritism to his other sons?
- C. How did Jacob's other sons react to his partiality to the one brother?
- D. Describe Joseph's first dream and how his brothers responded to his sharing it with them?
- E. Describe Joseph's second dream and how did his brothers and father reacted?

4. LESSONS:

- A. What do you learn about parental favoritism and how it impacts the family?
- B. Who should be faulted for the strife in Jacob's family and why?

5. APPLICATION:

- A. What are some things that were described in verses 1-11 that you should not allow in your family?
- B. How will you spare your family from such contention? Be specific.

Day 3: Read Genesis 37:12-27 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

6. FACTS:

- A. What did Jacob instruct Joseph to do?

- B. How was Joseph received by his brothers?

- C. What was their plan (verses 18-20, 23-24)?

- D. Who first intervened on behalf of Joseph and why (verse 21-22)?

- E. Who arrived when the brothers sat down to eat and how did their plans for Joseph change?

- F. Who thought up the new plan (verses 25-27)?

7. LESSONS:

- A. What do you learn about the depravity of man from today's scripture?

- B. What was good about Reuben's and Judah's plans, but what was still wrong about both?

8. APPLICATION:

- A. When has a loved one mistreated you?

- B. How did you feel?

- C. Describe a time when you did not "stand up" for a brother/sister (either biological or spiritual brother/sister) as strongly as you should.

- D. Have you confessed your sin to God and that person? If not, would you today?

Day 4: Read Genesis 37:28-36, Genesis 42:21 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. FACTS:

- A. What did Joseph's brothers do to him in today's Scripture?

B. Which brother was NOT present and how did he respond when he arrived?

C. How did the brothers try to cover up their evil against Joseph?

D. How did Jacob react to the sight of Joseph's blood-soaked robe?

E. What did the Midianites do with Joseph?

10. LESSONS:

A. How do you see God's provision at work in today's lesson?

B. What do you learn about Joseph's suffering by looking ahead to Genesis 42:21?

11. APPLICATION: How have you experienced God's provision in your life? Give a specific example of how God was working despite the difficult circumstances.

Day 5: Read Genesis 38:1-11, Deuteronomy 25:5-10 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. FACTS:

A. Where did Judah settle?

B. What were the names of Judah's sons?

C. Who was the wife of Judah's firstborn son?

D. What happened to Judah's first two sons and why?

E. What was Judah's plan for protecting and providing a legacy for the widow of his first two sons?

13. LESSONS: What do you learn about obedience from today's Bible verses? (Refer to Deuteronomy 25:5-10.)

14. APPLICATION: Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God. Express your gratefulness for His mercy, that He has not treated your disobedience like He did Judah's first two sons.

Day 6: Read Genesis 38:12-30, Matthew 1:1-16 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. FACTS:

- A. Summarize what transpired between Tamar and her father-in-law, Judah, after his wife died? What was their agreement (verses 12-23)?

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- B. What did Judah find out about Tamar, and how did he respond in verse 24?

- C. What did Tamar reveal to Judah and how did Judah respond in verses 25-26?

- D. What was the result of Tamar and Judah's relationship (verses 27-30)?

16. LESSONS:

- A. What do you learn about Judah's character by his reaction in verse 26?

- B. Who ultimately came through the genealogical bloodline of Judah and Tamar according to Matthew 1:1-16 and what do you learn about God from this story in today's Scripture?

17. APPLICATION: What can you apply to your life from today's lesson?