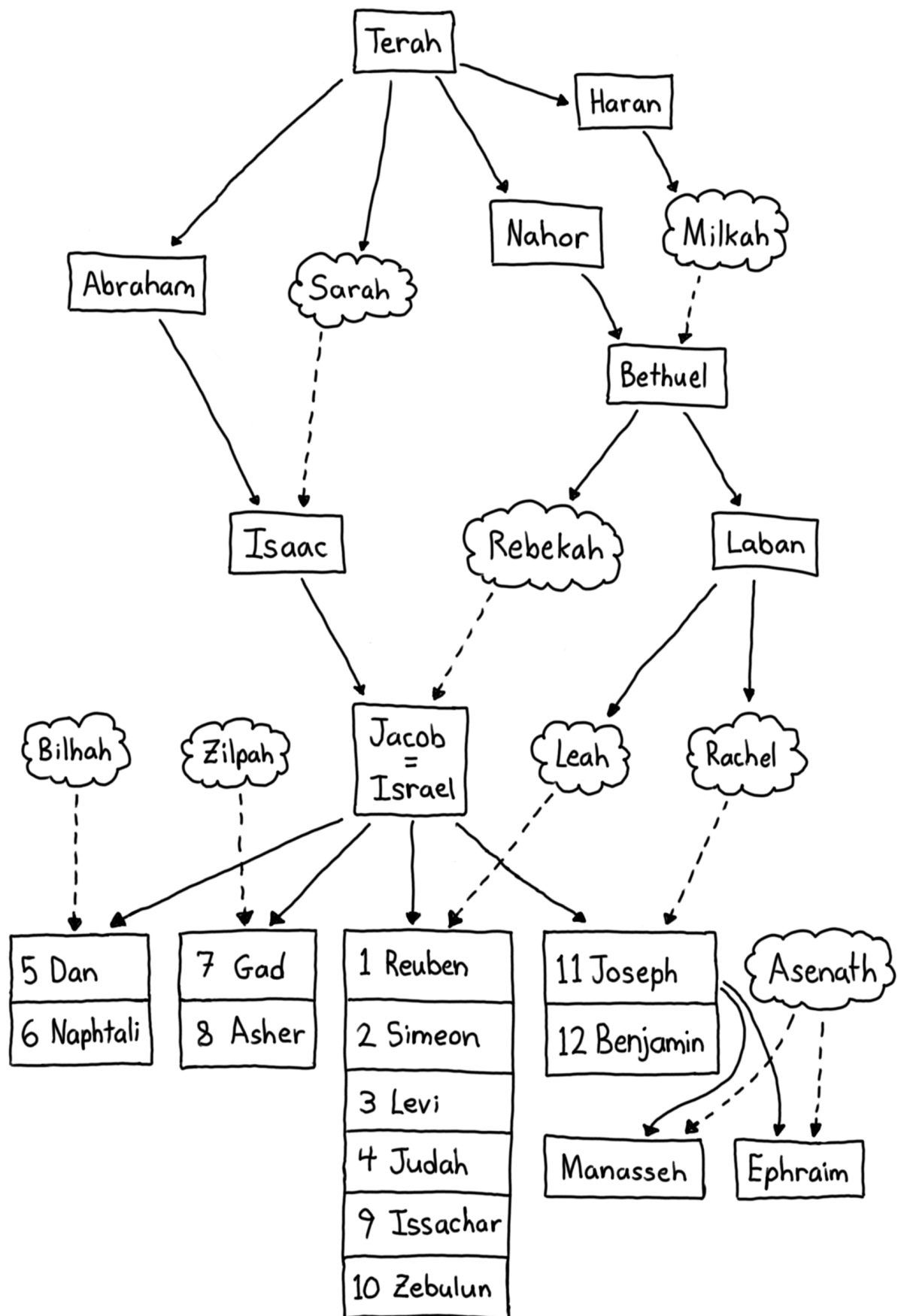




Lesson 8

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, shame follows. But wisdom comes to those who are not proud.

Isaac Dies

Genesis 35:21–29

²¹Israel moved on again. He set up his tent beyond Migdal Eder. ²²While Israel was living in that area, Reuben went in and slept with Bilhah. She was the concubine of Reuben's father. And Israel heard about it.

Here are the 12 sons Jacob had.

²³Leah was the mother of
Reuben, Jacob's oldest son.

Her other sons were Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun.

²⁴The sons of Rachel were
Joseph and Benjamin.

²⁵The sons of Rachel's female servant Bilhah were
Dan and Naphtali.

²⁶The sons of Leah's female servant Zilpah were
Gad and Asher.

These were Jacob's sons. They were born in Paddan Aram.

²⁷Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre. Mamre is near Kiriath Arba, where Abraham and Isaac had stayed. The place is also called Hebron. ²⁸Isaac lived 180 years. ²⁹Then he took his last breath and died. He was very old when he joined the members of his family who had already died. His sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Questions

- 1 How many sons did Jacob/Israel have? Jacob had _____ sons. (Gen. 35:22)
- 2 What were the names of Jacob's sons? The names of Jacob's sons were _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____, and _____. (Gen. 35:23–26)
- 3 What evil thing did Reuben, Israel's oldest son, do? Reuben _____ with Bilhah, who was Rachel's servant and also Israel's _____. (Gen. 35:22)
- 4 How many of Jacob's sons did Leah, Jacob's first wife, have? Leah had _____ sons. (Gen. 35:23)

- 5 How many of Jacob's sons did Rachel, Jacob's second wife, have? Rachel had _____ sons.
(Gen. 35:24)
- 6 How many of Jacob's sons did Bilhah, Rachel's female servant, have? Bilhah had _____ sons.
(Gen. 35:25)
- 7 How many of Jacob's sons did Zilpah, Leah's female servant, have? Zilpah had _____ sons.
(Gen. 35:26)



When Rachel couldn't have children right away, she gave her female servant, Bilhah, to Jacob to have children for her. Leah, when she stopped having children for a while, did the same with her female servant, Zilpah. Although this was according to the customs of the time, it would have been better for Rachel and Leah to simply trust the Lord. He would have given them everything their hearts really wanted!

Psalm 37:4

Find your delight in the Lord. Then He will give you everything your heart really wants.

- 8 How long did Isaac live? Isaac lived to be _____ years old. (Gen. 35:28)
- 9 Who buried Isaac? Isaac's sons, _____ and Jacob, buried him. (Gen. 35:29)

Joseph Has Two Dreams

Genesis 37:1–11

¹Jacob lived in the land of Canaan. It's the land where his father had stayed.

²Here is the story of the family line of Jacob.

Joseph was a young man. He was 17 years old. He was taking care of the flocks with some of his brothers. They were the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, the wives of his father Jacob. Joseph brought their father a bad report about his brothers.

³Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons. That's because Joseph had been born to him when he was old. Israel made him a beautiful robe. ⁴Joseph's brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them. So they hated Joseph. They couldn't even speak one kind word to him.

⁵Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to the dream I had. ⁷We were tying up bundles of grain out in the field. Suddenly my bundle stood up straight. Your bundles gathered around my bundle and bowed down to it."

⁸His brothers said to him, "Do you plan to be king over us? Will you really rule over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dream. They didn't like what he had said.

⁹Then Joseph had another dream. He told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said. "I had another dream. This time the sun and moon and 11 stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰He told his father as well as his brothers. Then his father rebuked him. He said, “What about this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers really do that? Will we really come and bow down to the ground in front of you?” ¹¹His brothers were jealous of him. But his father kept the dreams in mind.

Questions

- 10 How old was Joseph when these events took place? Joseph was _____ years old.
(Gen. 37:2)



Joseph and Benjamin, Rachel's two sons, were the youngest of all Jacob's sons.

- 11 What was Joseph doing? Joseph was taking _____ of the _____ with some of his brothers.
(Gen. 37:2)
- 12 How many of Joseph's eleven brothers were with Joseph? There were _____ of Joseph's brothers with him—the sons from Bilhah and the sons from Zilpah. (Gen. 37:2)
- 13 What did Joseph do when he got home? Joseph brought his father a _____ report about his brothers. (Gen. 37:2)



The brothers who were with Joseph would have been the least favoured by their father because they were birthed by Leah's and Rachel's female servants.

- 14 Do you think Joseph was being sensitive when he brought a negative report to his father about the least favoured of his brothers? (Yes/No) _____.
- 15 Which son did Jacob/Israel love more than any of his other sons? Israel loved _____ the most. (Gen. 37:3)
- 16 Do you think it is right for a father to love one son more than his other sons? (Yes/No) _____.
- 17 Why did Israel love Joseph more than his other sons? Israel loved Joseph more because Israel was _____ when Joseph had been born to him. (Gen. 37:3)



Israel was around 91 years old when Joseph was born.

- 18 What did Israel make for Joseph—but not for any of his other sons? Israel made Joseph a _____ . (Gen. 37:3)

- 19 Did Israel make it obvious then that he loved Joseph more than his other sons? (Yes/No) _____.
(Gen. 37:4)



Israel didn't even try to hide his favouritism.

- 20 How would Israel's favouritism have made Joseph's brothers feel? Joseph's brothers would have felt **h**_____ (means "painfully sad"), **j**_____ (another word for "envious"), and **a**_____ (means "very mad").
- 21 What did these emotions lead Joseph's brothers to feel toward Joseph? Joseph's brothers _____ Joseph. (Gen. 37:4)

1 John 3:15a

Anyone who hates their brother or sister is a murderer.

- 22 How did Joseph's brothers treat Joseph? Joseph's brothers couldn't speak one _____ word to Joseph. (Gen. 37:4)
- 23 What was the first of the two dreams Joseph had? In Joseph's first dream, Joseph and his brothers were _____ up bundles of _____ out in the field. Suddenly, Joseph's bundle _____ up _____ while his brothers' bundles gathered _____ his bundle and _____ down to it. (Gen. 37:7)

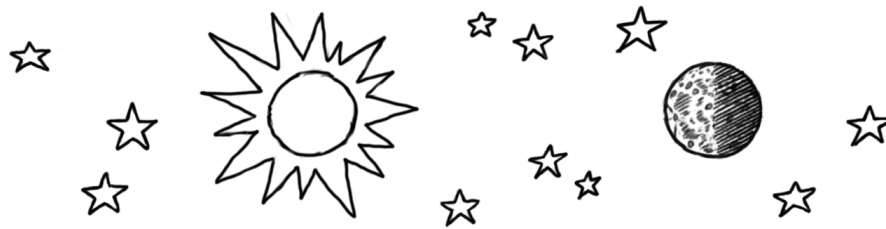


- 24 Whom did Joseph tell this dream to? Joseph told this dream to his _____. (Gen. 37:5)
- 25 Because Joseph's brothers hated him, do you think it was wise for Joseph to tell his brothers his dream? (Yes/No) _____.

Proverbs 14:3

The proud words of a foolish person sting like a whip. But the things wise people say keep them safe.

- 26 Why do you think Joseph told his dream to his brothers when doing so only added more *fuel to the fire*? (“Add fuel to the fire” is an idiom that means to make a conflict worse.) Joseph probably didn’t care about how his brothers felt. In other words, Joseph had likely become **p**_____ (opposite of “humble”) from being his father’s favourite.
- 27 What was the response of Joseph’s brothers when Joseph told them his dream? Joseph’s brothers _____ him even _____. (Gen. 37:8)
- 28 What was the second dream Joseph had? In Joseph’s second dream, Joseph saw the _____, the _____, and _____ stars bowing down to him. (Gen. 37:9)



- 29 Did Joseph keep this second dream to himself, especially after seeing the reaction of his brothers to his first dream? (Yes/No) _____. He again told his _____ to his brothers. (Gen. 37:10)
- 30 Whom else did Joseph tell this second dream to? Joseph also told this second dream to his _____. (Gen. 37:10)
- 31 What was Israel’s response? Israel _____ Joseph. (Gen. 37:10)



Since Joseph’s mother, Rachel, had most likely already died giving birth to Benjamin, Israel probably thought that Joseph’s dream was impossible. Or it could be that Israel assumed the moon referred to Joseph’s adoptive mother, which could have been Rachel’s sister, Leah, or perhaps Rachel’s servant, Bilhah.

- 32 How did Joseph’s brothers’ feel after their father had rebuked Joseph? They continued to be _____ of Joseph. (Gen. 37:11)
- 33 Even though Israel had rebuked Joseph, what did Israel do? He kept Joseph’s dreams in _____. (Gen. 37:11)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
