# Genesis IV

**Genesis 37:2-50:26 – The Story of Joseph**

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The Structure of Genesis 37:2-50:26

1. As a Series of Seven Parallel Panels

A. Conflict in the home: Joseph over his brothers (37:2-11)
   A’. Conflict in the field: brothers over Joseph (37:12-36)
   B. Judah: sexual infidelity in the land (38:1-30)
      B’. Joseph: sexual fidelity outside the land (39:1-23)
      C. Joseph interprets two dreams of prison mates (40:1-23)
         C’. Joseph interprets two dreams of pharaoh (41:1-57)
      D. Brothers come to Egypt for food – first trip (42:1-38)
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      E. Joseph reunited with his brothers (44:1-45:15)
         E’. Joseph reunited with his father Jacob (45:16-47:12)
      F. Prospering in Egypt: blessings on Egypt (47:13-27)
         F’. Prospering in Egypt: blessings on Jacob’s sons (47:28-49:33)
      G. Death of patriarch: Jacob (50:1-14)
         G’. Death of patriarch: Joseph (50:15-26)
2. As a Fourteen-Part Chiasm

A. Introduction: beginning of Joseph story (37:2-11)
   B. Grievous mourning in Hebron (37:12-36)
      C. Reversal of elder and younger sons of Judah as “firstborn” (38:1-30)
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         F. Joseph’s revelation of pharaoh’s dreams (41:1-57)
            G. CENTER: brothers come to Egypt for food (42:1-38)
               G’. CENTER: brothers come to Egypt for food (43:1-34)
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               E’. Favor at pharaoh’s court (45:16-47:12)
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            A’. Conclusion: end of Joseph story (50:15-26)

3. As Two Seven-Part Chiasms

A. Joseph dreams that his family will bow to him (37:2-11)
   B. Brothers’ cruel treatment of Joseph because of his dreams (37:12-36)
      C. Tamar languishes in father’s house (38:1-30)
         D. CENTER: Joseph’s integrity and success in Egypt, in the midst of adversity
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A. Brothers return to Egypt from Canaan and bow to Joseph (43:1-34)
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         D. CENTER: Joseph’s exaltation over all Egypt and his successful administration
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   C. Joseph Accused by Potiphar’s Wife (39:13-20)
   D. Joseph Prospers in Potiphar’s Prison (39:21-23)

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   B. Two Dreams (40:5-8)
   C. The Butler’s Dream (40:9-13)
   D. “Remember Me!” (40:14-15)
   E. The Baker’s Dream (40:16-19)
   F. Two Dreams Fulfilled (40:20-22)
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The Family Tree of Terah

Terah

Abraham
Sarah

Hagar

Nahor
Bethuel

Keturah
Milcah
Iscah

Midianites
12 sons
(25:12-18)

Ishmael
6 sons
(11:27)

Ishmael

Midianites
(25:2,4)

6 sons
(16:15-16)

(21:1-3)

Isaac

Rebekah

(11:29)

(11:29)

Jacob
Leah

(24:24-29)

(25:20-26)

(29:16)

Jacob

Leah

(29:21-30)

7 sons
(22:20-23)

Israelites

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Issachar
Zebulon

Dinah

(36:1)

(36:12)

(29:16)

(25:20-26)

(19:36-38)

(25:1-4)

6 sons

(22:24)

4 sons

Amalekites

Edomites

Israelites

Ammonites

Moabites

Lot

Reuben
Gad
Asher
Dan
Naphtali
Joseph
Benjamin

Zilpah
Bilhah

(30:9-13)

(30:14-21)

(30:1-8)

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(30:16-20)

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<td>bear witness; stand firm, don’t compromise</td>
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### Notes

A. Subtotals of four wives add up to 70
- 12 sons
- 53 grandsons
- 1 granddaughters
- 4 great-grandsons
  - (excluding Dinah)

B. 66 persons who went down to Egypt with Jacob are the 70 in the list, minus:
  - Er & Onan (died in Canaan)
  - Ephraim & Manasseh (born in Egypt)
  - Joseph (already in Egypt)
  - but add Dinah (not in list of 70)

C. To get back to seventy, add:
  - Ephraim & Manasseh
  - Joseph
  - Jacob!

D. Some must have been born later in Egypt (e.g., sons of Benjamin, the great-grandsons)
Cross-References

Ps. 105:16-25

16 Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread.
17 He sent a man before them—
Joseph—who was sold as a slave.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons.
19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his possessions,
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt, And Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.
24 He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate His people, To deal craftily with His servants.

John 4:5

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Acts 7:9-14

9 And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first . 13 And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.

Heb. 11:21-22

21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

Rev. 7:8

8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.
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