

JOSEPH IN THE WILDERNESS

Genesis 37

**We find this tattler soon in terror
when he meets his brothers in the wilderness**

I. THE WILDERNESS ACCOUNT

- A. JOSEPH: THE SPECIAL ONE (2-17)
 - 1. A Favored Son (2-4)
 - Loved by his father but loathed by his brothers
 - 2. An Unwelcomed Prophet (5-11)
 - a. His Predictions (6-7, 9)
 - b. The Reactions (5, 8-11)
 - From his brothers and father
 - 3. A Compliant Messenger (12-17)
 - a. Going to Shechem (12-14)
 - b. Then continuing to Dothan (15-17)
- B. BROTHERS: THE PLOTTING ONES (18-35)
 - 1. Destroy Joseph (18-30)
 - a. Plan One: Kill him (18-20)
 - b. Plan Two: Imprison him (21-24)
 - c. Plan Three: Sell him (25-28)
 - 2. Deceive Jacob (29-35)
 - a. Reuben's problem (29-30)
 - b. The brother's ploy (31-32)
 - c. Jacob's pain (33-35)

II. SOME WILDERNESS OBSERVATIONS

- A. Obedience does not guarantee security (13)
- B. Don't ever be surprised at who might surprise you (18, 25)
- C. We may sometimes be disregarded, disdained and even ill-treated by our families (19)
- D. Sometimes the way up (5-9) begins with down (20-22)
- E. Be grateful for Reubens! (21-22, 29)

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F. Snares come suddenly (23-24)

G. What seems like a prison may actually be a God-blessed provision (21-24)

H. Be thankful for Judahs (26-28)

I. Be mindful that God may use unusual means to get you where He needs you (28b)

J. Bad things need not result in bitterness - See Gen. 45:7-8 and 50:18-21

CONCLUSION:

No tattler should be terrorized though God may use terrible things to teach us and place us where we need to be.

Read II Corinthians 4:7-11