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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE
JOSEPH: A MAN FAVOURED/BLESSED BY GOD
TEXTS: GENESIS 37:1-11
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The life of the biblical Joseph is full of several lessons and inspirations.

His life, character, challenges of life, his perseverance and the impact of God's presence in his life is to be studied by every believer who intends to experience Supernatural Increase.

This study will be in series. Today, we shall only concern ourselves with his historical backgrounds; his parents, his birth, his brothers, his development/growth, his dreams and the issues surrounding it.

I. WHO IS JOSEPH?

Joseph was one of Jacob's 12 sons

He is an important Hebrew figure in the Bible's book of Genesis.

His mother's name was Rachel

His mother gave birth to him and Benjamin

He is a favourite child of his father, the patriarch Jacob

II. THE MEANING OF THE NAME - JOSEPH

Joseph is a masculine name rooted in the Hebrew name - Yosef meaning "He shall add" or "God shall add"

III. HIS LIFE AS A BOY

- Homely
- Responsible
- Obedient to his parents
- Loved by his father

IV. ARE THERE OTHER JOSEPHS IN THE BIBLE?

There are 13 persons in the Bible who bear the name Joseph; But the one we are considering is Joseph, the dreamer, the eleventh son of Jacob.

The different persons in the Bible named Joseph are:

1. Joseph, the son of Jacob and Racheal (*Gen. 30:23f*) (He is the one we are considering)
2. Joseph the Father of Igal of Issachar, one of the twelve spies sent by Moses to Canaan (*Numbers 13:7*)
3. Jospeh, the son of Asaph, the head of the first division of worship musicians (*1 Chr. 25:2,9*)
4. Joseph, a man of the sons of Bani, who divorced his foreign wife (*Ezra 10:42-44*)
5. A pre-exilic ancestor of Christ Jesus (*Luke 3:30*)
6. A priest of the family of Shabaniah in the days of Joiakim (*Neh. 12:14*)
7. Joseph, a son of Judah, father of Semei and post-exilic ancestor of Christ (*Luke 3:26*)
8. Joseph, a son of Mattathias (*Luke 3:24*)
9. Jospeh, the husband of Mary, foster father of Christ (*Matt. 1:16, Luke 1:27, 3:23*) of Davidic Lineage (*Matt. 1:20*), who lived at Nazareth in Galilee (*Luke 2:4*)
10. Joseph, a wealthy and devout Jew of Arimathea, who was a member of the Sanhedrin (*Matt. 27:57, Luke 23:50-51; John 19:38*) and in whose new tomb Jesus was buried.
11. Joseph, one of Christ's brothers called "Joses" in KJV (*Matthew 13:55;27:57; Mark 6:3; 15: 40, 47*)
12. Joseph, A disciple surnamed Barsabas, also called Justus, who was nominated with Matthias to replace Judas (*Acts 1:21-26*)
13. Joseph, a disciple surnamed Barnabas, called "Joses" in the King James Version (*Acts 4:36*)

V. HIS DREAMS

- i. The first dream – *Gen. 37:5-8*
- ii. The second dream – *Gen 37:9-10*

VI. THE AFTERMATH

Hatred, Bitterness & Resentment from his brothers – *Gen. 37:8,11*

POINTS TO NOTE & APPLICATIONS

1. Do you know the meaning of your name? Is it a positive one?
2. Joseph was just like any child born to fulfil purpose. You will fulfill purpose too in Jesus Name.
3. Do you also have a dream or dreams? It is a matter of time. Your dreams will come to fulfilment.
4. Are you a child? Be a good & responsible child.
5. Among several people who answer the same name with you, God can single you out for Supernatural Increase.
6. You have a future! Get ready for what God is about to do in your life.