Genesis 37 • The Favored Son

- 1. (v.1-4) Joseph repaid his father's <u>love</u> with respect and integrity whereas Jacob's other sons were not living up to that <u>love</u> and were the subject of a bad report. Instead of addressing their own <u>issues</u>, they <u>took it out</u> on the one they thought made them look bad.
- 2. (v.5-11) These dreams reveal that Joseph is not just the favored son of his <u>earthly father</u>, but the favored son of his <u>heavenly</u>
 <u>Father</u>, in the same character of the <u>Messiah</u> to come.
- 3. (v.12-28) The favored son was betrayed into the hands of **Gentiles**.
- 4. (v.29-36) The favored son was sent ahead to prepare the way for Israel's <u>preservation</u> as a <u>nation</u>.