Genesis 37, 39-41 – Joseph – brother of distinction – Separation

Danger we face

… we read this familiar story too fast.

…story taken out of the biblical context

Prince Joseph... the favoured son

Gen 37:3 the brothers hated Joseph.

1. Reuben’s mixed motives

… out to care for his brother and rescue him?

Note Reuben’s past has broken his relationship with his dad – see Gen 35:22 and Gen 49:4

1. Is Judah the new leader?

God’s blessing on and through Joseph

YHWH blessed Joseph and caused Joseph to prosper and gave him success in everything he did.

… God can use sinful people to bring his blessing to everyone.

For us today

2 Misuses

Firstly, not about how to ‘drought proof your country’

Secondly, misused to try and give every dream a ‘God ordained’ meaning.

Hebrews 1:1-2

OT scriptures that should make you very wary of independently interpreting dreams. Ecclesiastes 5:7, Deut 13:1-5, Jeremiah 23:16-17

1. Promise fulfilment

Firstly, blessing to the whole world through the one man Joseph who obeys him.

1. Living in a broken world

How to live as followers of God in this broken world.

1. The hand of God in everything