

Intro:

EP: God reveals that He will deliver this jealous, hateful bunch of older misfits through the younger, earnest, innocent son who is a figure of Jesus the Messiah.

HP: *Listen and bow to Jesus.*

Move 1: See Jesus in Joseph.

Joseph is a type of Christ. Since Gen. 3:15, God is preparing you to see Jesus. In Joseph:

- Vs. 2: Shepherd. Probably overseeing. Evil reported. Jesus exposes world's darkness.
- Vs. 3: Coat: mark of distinction. Doing father's will. Just like Jesus, Who was despised/rejected.
- Vss. 4: Rejected. Just like Jesus. Own brothers didn't believe him, said to go in Judea (risks death).
- Vss. 7, 9. He is a revealer. Jesus: "Apocalypse". Both will be exalted.
- Vs. 6: Earnest. Just 17 (vs. 2). Jesus found in Father's house at 12. Not bragging. Exalts in God.
- See what Jacob begins to see (vs. 11). Vs. 3: Honored the honorable son.

Move 2: Don't hate people who are Christ-like.

Qualities of the brothers, not to be copied:

- Vs. 2: Evil report. They resented his position, given by father.
- Vs. 4: Hated, wouldn't speak kindly to him. Favored by father. They resent father.
- Vs. 5b/8b: Hatred grew. Because he was appointed to lead/save them?!
- Brothers hate. Why? Vs. 11: jealous. Contempt because they were not chosen: vs. 8.

Move 3: Recognize and receive Christ's mighty hand in everything.

Vss. 7, 9: Dreams. Who gave them to Joseph? God! Shows He is in control of details: past, present, and future. Sheaf? They are not farmers. God will send Joseph to save them from famine by feeding them with the fruit of the field in a foreign land. Just as Jesus came to be our Bread of Life. Vs. 11: Jacob begins to see. Joseph will interpret dreams that Pharaoh listens to. So Nebuchadnezzar listened to Daniel's interpretation of dreams about the glorified Son of Man.

Conclusion:

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