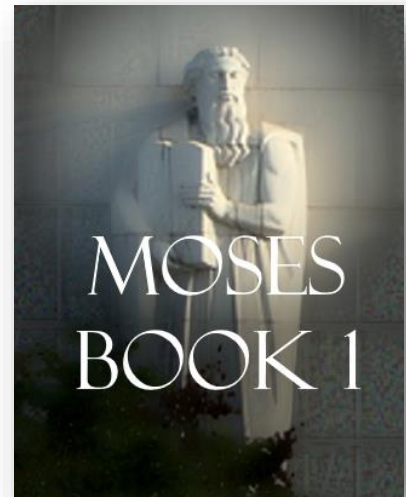


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Now and to the end of his first book, Moses writes about the History of Joseph in Egypt. This chapter begins the story of Joseph, who, in every subsequent chapter but one, makes the greatest figure. He is the eldest son of Jacob's beloved wife Rachel. His story is so remarkably divided between his humiliation and his exaltation, that we cannot avoid seeing something of Christ in it, who was first humbled and then exalted. In this chapter we see one who endured hatred among his brothers – Matthew Henry.



¹ And **Jacob** dwelt in the land where his father sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

² These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers; and the boy was with the sons of Bilhah, and the sons of Zilpah, wives of his father: and Joseph brought a bad report about them to his father.

³ Now **Israel** loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him **a coat of many colors** / 7 times this coat is mentioned in this chapter; it's interesting, the colorful Irish and Scottish plaids are by peoples who claim a direct connection with Moses and Jeremiah, prophets of old; [The Scottish Declaration of Arbroath; is an interesting document from 1320.](#)

⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak to him peaceably.



⁵ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers: and they hated him even more.

⁶ And he said to them, Please, hear this dream which I have dreamed:

⁷ for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and stood upright; and indeed, your sheaves stood all around, and bowed down to my sheaf.

⁸ And his brothers said to him, Will you indeed reign over us? or will you indeed have dominion over us? So even more they hated him for his dreams, and for his words.



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⁹ And he dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said,

Indeed, I have dreamed another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me.

¹⁰ So he told it to his father, and to his brothers:

but his father rebuked him, and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Will I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down before you to the ground?

¹¹ And his brothers envied him; but his father **guarded the matter in his mind.**

¹² And his brothers went to feed the flock of their father in Shechem.

¹³ And **Israel said to Joseph, Are not your brothers pasturing the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send you to them. So he said to him, Here I am.**

¹⁴ And he said to him, Go, please, and see if it is well with your brothers, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

¹⁵ And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What are you looking for?

¹⁶ And he said, I'm looking for my brothers: tell me, please, where they are pasturing.

¹⁷ And the man said,

They departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan.



So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan.

¹⁸ Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near to them, they conspired against him to kill him.

¹⁹ And they said one to another, Behold, the dreamer is coming.

²⁰ Therefore come, and let us kill him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, a wild beast devoured him: and we will see what will become of his dreams.

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²¹ But Reuben heard it, and he delivered him from their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

²² And Reuben said to them, Do not shed blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand on him;

that he might deliver him from their hands, to return him to his father.

²³ So it happened, when Joseph came to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of **his coat, the coat of many colors** that was on him;

²⁴ And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, and no water was in it.

²⁵ And they sat down to eat food: and they lifted up their eyes, and behold, a company of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh,

on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

²⁶ So Judah said to his brothers, What profit is it if we kill our brother, and conceal his blood?

²⁷ Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not let our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brothers listened.

²⁸ Then there passed by Midianites merchants; and they dragged and lifted up Joseph from the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ Then returned Reuben to the pit; and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he tore his clothes / Reuben, being the oldest brother was most responsible for the flock, and apparently was absent during the sale; was he distracted by some sheep they were pasturing? and then too late to rescue Joseph.

³⁰ And he returned to his brothers, and said, The boy is not there; and I, where am I going?

³¹ So they took **the coat of Joseph**, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

³² and they sent **the coat of many colors**, and they brought it to their father; and said, This we have found:

Do you know if it is **the coat of your son** or not?



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³³ And he recognized it, and said,

It is **the coat of my son;**

a wild beast has devoured him; without a doubt Joseph is torn in pieces.

³⁴ And Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins,

and mourned for his son many days.

³⁵ And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said,

For I will go down to the grave mourning for my son. Thus his father wept for him.

³⁶ And the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, and captain of the guard.

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