



## Introduction

*Jacob's favouritism causes problems for his son Joseph.*



## Questions

1. What was the problem in Jacob's relations with his children and what was the result?
2. What was Reuben's reaction to the suggestion that they should kill Joseph?
3. What did Judah suggest doing to Joseph?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** Joseph is Jacob's favourite son. Jacob gives him a multi-coloured tunic, making his brothers jealous (see theme)
- **v 5 to 11** His brothers' jealousy of Joseph increases when he dreams of ruling over the family
- **v 12 to 17** Jacob sends Joseph to Shechem to see how his brothers are. He eventually finds them at Dothan (see map)
- **v 18 to 28** When he arrives his brothers plan to kill him, but then decide to sell him to some Midianite merchants who take him to Egypt
- **v 29 to 36** They dip Joseph's tunic in blood and persuade Jacob that Joseph has been killed. Joseph is sold in Egypt by the Midianites to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh

**Timeline** to 2000 BC (see below)



## Theme / Information

### **Beware of jealousy**

A selection of verses warning against being jealous or envious.

*Proverbs 14 verse 30, 27 verse 4*

*Romans 13 verse 13*

*James 3 verses 14 to 16*

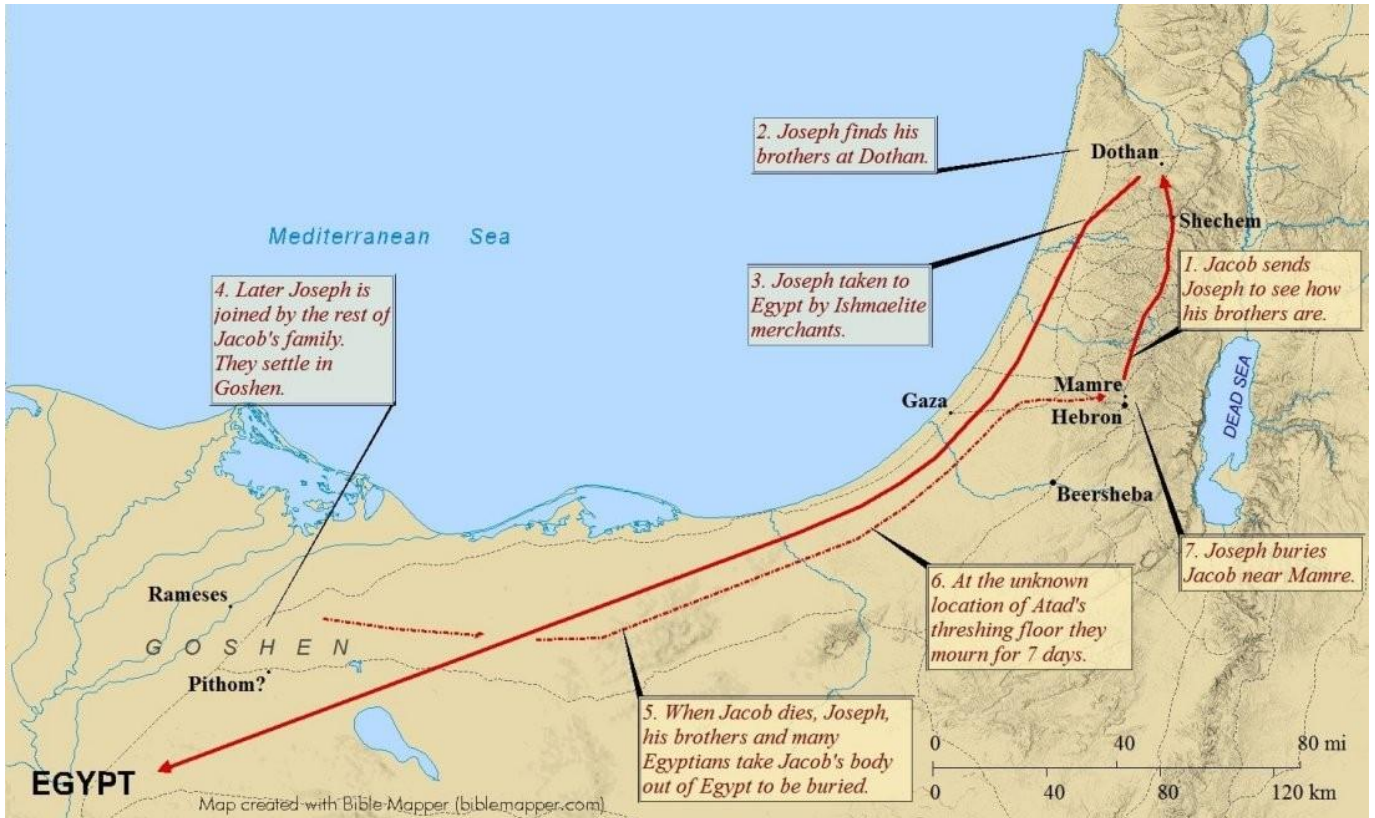
The Jewish leaders were envious of Jesus Christ when they plotted to kill him:

*Matthew 27 verses 15 to 18*



### Joseph's travels

Map of Joseph's journey when he went to his brothers in Dothan and was then taken by Midianites to Egypt (Genesis 37). Joseph is eventually joined by the rest of Jacob's family (Genesis 46 and 47). Joseph later goes to Mamre to bury Jacob (Genesis 50).



### ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 21 and 22, Q 3: v 26 and 27



# Bible timeline

