

¹And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.²These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.³Now 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 colours.⁴And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.⁵And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.⁶And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:⁷For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.⁸And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.⁹And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.¹⁰And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?¹¹And his

¹وَسَكَنَ يَعْقُوبُ فِي أَرْضِ غُرْنَةَ أَبِيهِ فِي أَرْضِ كَنْعَانَ.²هَذِهِ مَوَالِيدُ يَعْقُوبَ، يُوسُفُ إِذْ كَانَ ابْنُ سِنْعٍ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةٍ كَانَ يَرْعَى مَعَ إِخْوَتِهِ الْعِثْمَ وَهُوَ غُلَامٌ عِنْدَ بَنِي بِلْهَةَ وَبَنِي زِلْفَةَ امْرَأَتَيْ أَبِيهِ. وَأَتَى يُوسُفُ بِتَيْمِمَتِهِمُ الرَّدِيَّةَ إِلَى أَبِيهِمْ.³وَأَمَّا إِسْرَائِيلُ فَأَحَبَّ يُوسُفَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ سَائِرِ بَنِيهِ لِأَنَّهُ ابْنُ شَيْخُوخَتِهِ، فَصَنَعَ لَهُ قَمِيصاً مُلَوَّناً.⁴فَلَمَّا رَأَى إِخْوَتُهُ أَنَّ أَبَاهُمْ أَحَبَّهُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ إِخْوَتِهِ أَبْغَضُوهُ، وَلَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ يَكْلُمُوهُ بِسَلَامٍ. وَخَلَّمَ يُوسُفُ خُلْماً وَأَحْبَرَ إِخْوَتُهُ، فَارْدَادُوا أَيْضاً بُغْضاً لَهُ.⁶فَقَالَ لَهُمْ، اسْمَعُوا هَذَا الْخُلْمَ الَّذِي خَلُمْتُ. ⁷فَهَا تَحْنُ خَارِمُونَ حُرْماً فِي الْحَقْلِ، وَإِذَا حُرْمَتِي قَامَتْ وَانْتَصَبَتْ، فَاجْتَاطَتْ حُرْمُكُمْ وَسَجَدَتْ لِحُرْمَتِي. ⁸فَقَالَ لَهُ إِخْوَتُهُ، أَلَعَلَّكَ تَمْلِكُ عَلَيْنَا مُلْكَاً أَمْ تَسْلُطُ عَلَيْنَا تَسْلَطاً. وَارْدَادُوا أَيْضاً بُغْضاً لَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ أَخْلَامِهِ وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَلَامِهِ. ⁹ثُمَّ خَلَّمَ أَيْضاً خُلْماً آخَرَ وَقَصَّهُ عَلَى إِخْوَتِهِ. فَقَالَ، إِنِّي قَدْ خَلُمْتُ خُلْماً أَيْضاً، وَإِذَا الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَاحِدٌ عَشَرَ كُوكَباً سَاجِدَةً لِي. ¹⁰وَقَصَّهِ عَلَى أَبِيهِ وَعَلَى إِخْوَتِهِ، فَاتَّهَرَهُ ابْنُوهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ، مَا هَذَا الْخُلْمُ الَّذِي خَلُمْتَ. هَلْ تَأْتِي أَنَا وَأُمُّكَ وَإِخْوَتُكَ لَتَسْجُدَ لَكَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ. ¹¹فَحَسَدَهُ إِخْوَتُهُ، وَأَمَّا ابْنُوهُ فَحَفِظَ الْأَمْرَ. ¹²وَمَضَى إِخْوَتُهُ لِيَرْعَوْا عِثْمَ أَبِيهِمْ عِنْدَ شَكِيمَ. ¹³فَقَالَ إِسْرَائِيلُ لِيُوسُفَ، أَلَيْسَ إِخْوَتُكَ يَرْعَوْنَ عِنْدَ شَكِيمَ. تَعَالَ فَارْسِلْكَ إِلَيْهِمْ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، هَنَذَا. ¹⁴فَقَالَ لَهُ، اذْهَبِ انْظُرْ سَلَامَةَ إِخْوَتِكَ وَسَلَامَةَ الْعِثْمِ وَرُدِّ لِي خَبَراً. فَارْسَلَهُ مِنْ وَطَاءٍ حَبِيرُونَ فَأَتَى إِلَى شَكِيمَ. ¹⁵فَوَجَدَهُ رَجُلٌ وَإِذَا هُوَ صَالٍ فِي الْحَقْلِ. فَسَأَلَهُ الرَّجُلُ، مَاذَا تَطْلُبُ. ¹⁶فَقَالَ، أَنَا طَالِبٌ إِخْوَتِي. أَحْبِزْنِي أَيْنَ يَرْعَوْنَ. فَقَالَ الرَّجُلُ، قَدْ ارْتَحَلُوا مِنْ هُنَا، لِأَنِّي سَمِعْتُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ، لِيَذْهَبَ إِلَى دُونَانَ. فَذَهَبَ يُوسُفُ وَرَاءَ إِخْوَتِهِ فَوَجَدَهُمْ فِي دُونَانَ. ¹⁸فَلَمَّا أَبْصَرُوهُ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، قَبْلَمَا اقْتَرَبَ إِلَيْهِمْ، اخْتَالُوا لَهُ لِيَمِيشُوهُ. ¹⁹فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ، هُوَذَا هَذَا صَاحِبُ الْأَخْلَامِ قَادِمٌ. ²⁰فَالَاَنَّ هَلُمَّ نَقْتُلْهُ وَنَطْرَحْهُ فِي إِحْدَى الْآبَارِ وَنَقُولُ، وَجَسَ رَدِيءٌ أَكَلَهُ. فَتَرَى مَاذَا تَكُونُ أَخْلَامُهُ. ²¹فَسَمِعَ رَاوِبِينُ وَأَنْقَدَهُ مِنْ أَيْدِيهِمْ، وَقَالَ، لَا تَقْتُلْهُ. ²²وَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَاوِبِينُ، لَا تَسْفِكُوا دَمًا. اِطْرَحُوهُ فِي هَذِهِ الْبُيْرِ الَّتِي فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ وَلَا تَمُدُّوا إِلَيْهِ يَدًا لِكَيْ يُنْقِذَهُ مِنْ أَيْدِيهِمْ لِيُرُدَّهُ إِلَى أَبِيهِ. ²³فَكَانَ لَمَّا جَاءَ يُوسُفُ إِلَى إِخْوَتِهِ أَنَّهُمْ خَلَعُوا عَنْهُ قَمِيصَهُ الْمُلُونِ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ، وَأَخَذُوهُ وَطَرَحُوهُ فِي الْبُيْرِ. وَأَمَّا

brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.¹² And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.¹³ And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.¹⁴ And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.¹⁵ And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?¹⁶ And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.¹⁷ And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.¹⁸ And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.¹⁹ And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.²⁰ Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.²¹ And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.²² And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.²³ And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of

الْبُيُوتِ فَكَانَتْ قَارِعَةً لَيْسَ فِيهَا مَاءٌ.²⁵ ثُمَّ جَلَسُوا لِيَأْكُلُوا طَعَامًا. فَرَفَعُوا عُيُونَهُمْ وَنَظَرُوا وَإِذَا قَائِلُهُ إِسْمَاعِيلِيُّنَ مُقْبِلُهُ مِنْ جَلْعَادَ، وَجَمَالُهُمْ حَامِلُهُ كَثِيرَاءَ وَبَلَسَانًا وَلَادَنًا، دَاهِيَيْنَ لِيَنْزِلُوا بِهَا إِلَى مِصْرَ.²⁶ فَقَالَ يَهُودَا لِإِخْوَتِهِ، مَا الْقَائِدُ أَنْ تَقْتُلَ أَحَاتَا وَتُخْفِيَ دَمَهُ.²⁷ تَعَالَوْا فَتَبِيعَهُ لِلْإِسْمَاعِيلِيِّينَ، وَلَا تَكُنْ أَيْدِيْنَا عَلَيْهِ لِأَنَّهُ أَخُونَا وَلَحْمُنَا. فَسَمِعَ لَهُ إِخْوَتُهُ.²⁸ وَاجْتَمَعَ رِجَالُ مِصْرَ يَنْجَارَ، فَسَخَبُوا يَوْسُفَ وَأَصْعَدُوهُ مِنَ الْبُيُوتِ، وَبَاعُوا يَوْسُفَ لِلْإِسْمَاعِيلِيِّينَ بِعِشْرِينَ مِنَ الْفِصَّةِ. فَأَتُوا يَوْسُفَ إِلَى مِصْرَ.²⁹ وَرَجَعَ رَاوِبْنَ إِلَى الْبُيُوتِ، وَإِذَا يَوْسُفُ لَيْسَ فِي الْبُيُوتِ، فَمَزَّقَ ثِيَابَهُ.³⁰ ثُمَّ رَجَعَ إِلَى إِخْوَتِهِ وَقَالَ، الْوَلَدُ لَيْسَ مَوْجُودًا، وَأَنَا إِلَى أَيْنَ أَذْهَبُ.³¹ فَأَحْذُوا قَمِيصَ يَوْسُفَ وَدَبَّجُوا تَبَسًّا مِنَ الْمَعْرَى وَغَسَّسُوا الْقَمِيصَ فِي الدَّمِ، وَأَرْسَلُوا الْقَمِيصَ الْمُلَوَّنَ وَأَحْضَرُوهُ إِلَى آبِيهِمْ، وَقَالُوا، وَجَدْنَا هَذَا. حَقُّقُ أَقْمِصَ ابْنِكَ هُوَ أَمْ لَا.³³ فَتَحَقَّقَهُ وَقَالَ، قَمِيصُ ابْنِي. وَخَسَنَ رَدِيءُ أَكَلَهُ. أَفْتَرَسَ يَوْسُفُ أَفْتِرَاسًا.³⁴ فَمَزَّقَ يَعْقُوبُ ثِيَابَهُ، وَوَضَعَ مِسْحًا عَلَى خَقْوَتِهِ، وَنَاحَ عَلَى ابْنِهِ أَبَامًا كَثِيرَةً.³⁵ فَقَامَ جَمِيعُ بَنِيهِ وَجَمِيعُ بَنَاتِهِ لِيَعْرُوهُ. فَأَبَى أَنْ يَتَعَرَّى وَقَالَ، إِنِّي أَنْزِلُ إِلَى ابْنِي تَائِحًا إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ. وَتَكَى عَلَيْهِ أَبُوهُ.³⁶ وَأَمَّا الْمِصْرِيُّونَ فَبَاعُوهُ فِي مِصْرَ لِفُوطِيفَارَ خَصِيٍّ فِرْعَوْنَ، رَئِيسِ الشَّرَطِ.

many colours that was on him;²⁴ And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.²⁵ And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.²⁶ And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?²⁷ Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.²⁸ Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.²⁹ And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.³⁰ And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?³¹ And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;³² And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.³³ And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.³⁴ And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon 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

into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.³⁶ And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.