

Joseph: beyond the technicolor coat

#1 Dreamer

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“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

1. Reading Old Testament narrative

Read in big chunks - don't miss the forrest for the trees -
Joseph narrative Genesis 37-50

Just because it is recorded doesn't mean it is right

History is God's story - look for the character of God

Read in context -

God's promise to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Genesis 35:9-15)

Look for big themes -

wisdom, grace and blessing, Central: the sovereignty of God

2. ~~Happy~~ Dysfunctional family - Joseph's family tree

3. Trouble brewing v1 - 4

Daddy's boy -> Hatred

4. Arrogant dreamer v5 - 11

2 dreams = double certainty

private reassurance becomes public boasting

A heady mix Hatred grows and Jealousy enters

Jacob is thoughtful

5. God uses flawed people to achieve his purpose

For perfect salvation we need a perfect saviour