

Shape of the Story of Jacob's family aka the Joseph Story

37.1-41.57: JOSEPH AND HIS FAMILY: DISUNITY

Ch. 37: Joseph's dreams, family responses: clothes

Ch. 38: Tamar and Judah: clothes

Ch. 39: Joseph and "Mrs. Potiphar": clothes

Ch. 40: Baker's and cupbearer's dreams

Ch. 41: Pharaoh's dreams

Note: chapters 37-39 bound by *clothes*
chapters 39-41 bound by "*Joseph's struggles in Egypt*"

42.1-45.28: JOSEPH AND HIS FAMILY: CANAAN TO EGYPT AND BACK

Ch. 42: First confrontation between Joseph and the brothers: demand for Benjamin

Ch. 43: Second confrontation between Joseph and his brothers: Benjamin at the table

Ch. 44: Third confrontation between Joseph and his brothers: Judah's speech

Ch. 45: Joseph reveals himself and sends them back to bring Jacob

46.1-48.22: JACOB COMES TO EGYPT: REUNION

Ch. 46: Jacob/Israel comes to Egypt; genealogy of Jacob's children

Ch. 47: Meeting between Pharaoh and Jacob's family

Ch. 48: Jacob blesses Joseph's sons

49.1-50.26: JACOB'S LAST WORDS AND DEATH/BURIAL

Ch. 49: Jacob's blessings over his sons

Ch. 50: Jacob's body is taken to Machpelah to join the others

Genesis 41-45 sequence of binary encounters

41:1-13: introduction: Pharaoh (and God in the dreams)

41:14-57: Joseph and Pharaoh

42:1-4: sending: Jacob and brothers

42:5-25: Joseph and brothers

42:26-28: interlude: brothers (and God)

42:29-43:14: Jacob and brothers

43:15-34: Joseph and brothers

44:1-5: sending: Joseph (as God) and steward

44:6-13: brothers and steward

44:14-45:15: Joseph and brothers

45:16-21: Joseph and Pharaoh

45:22-24: sending: Joseph and brothers

45:25-28: Jacob and brothers