

Genesis 37-39 narrative "sandwich"

Genesis 37	Genesis 38	Genesis 39
Joseph's "garment" (Hebrew, <i>beged</i> , 13x in Genesis and 9x in 37.29-41.42) used for deception	Tamar's garment used for deception	"Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there." (39.1, first verse in chapter) Joseph's garment used for deception
Joseph's brothers throw him in a "pit" (Hebrew, <i>habor</i>)	Judah threatens to have Tamar burned to death	Joseph's "lord" (Potiphar) puts him in "prison" later called "pit" (<i>habor</i> , 40.15)
Jacob is ignorant of his sons' scheming harm to Joseph	Judah is ignorant of his daughter-in-law's scheming good for his son's memory	Potiphar is ignorant of his woman scheming harm to Joseph
Conclusion: <i>"Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard."</i> (37.36, last verse of chapter)	Conclusion: Tamar is acknowledged and has twin sons	Conclusion: Joseph is in prison

Compare 1 Samuel 24-26

1 Samuel 24	1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 26
Ziphites inform Saul of David's hiding place	David makes demands on Nabal	Ziphites inform Saul of David's hiding place
David refuses to harm "YHWH's anointed"	Nabal "plays" Saul in insulting David	David refuses to harm "YHWH's anointed"
Saul calls David "son"	Abigail calls David "my lord"	Saul calls David "son"