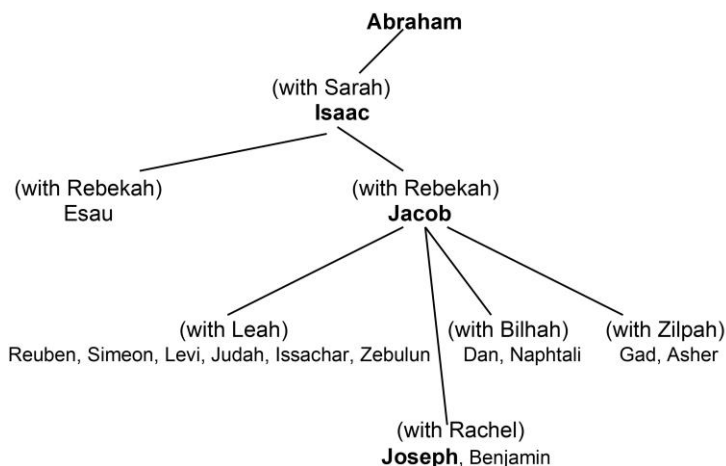


Minor chords = heartache, loss, pain, disappointment, a spiritual battle that is relentless, setbacks that will bring you to your knees

Major chords = the intervention of God, the goodness of God, the sovereignty of God



Genesis 37:2-4

2 This is the account of Jacob. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers...and he brought their father a bad report about them. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.



Genesis 37:5-8

5 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: 7 We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." 8 His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

➤ **Minor chord = youthfulness and giftedness can produce foolishness**

Genesis 37:12-13

12 Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, 13 and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied.



Genesis 37:17-20

17 So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. 18 But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. 19 "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. 20 "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

➤ **Minor Chord = I'm in the bottom of a cistern – alone and confused.**

"...in the midst of crisis, heartbreak or tragedy, you can seek God or you can seek understanding but you rarely get both. In time, usually after some time, God can help you sort things out. But not in the midst of the storm...Interpretation comes later. Trust the Larger Story."

– John Eldredge

Genesis 37:26-28

26 Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. 28 So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

➤ **Major Chord = God makes a way when there seems to be no way.**

"The depths of God's sovereignty are not demonstrated by his repression of our choices... but by the fact that there is no choice that we can make, however sinful or fallen, that can interfere with his plan. In fact, often enough, as in the case of Joseph, those choices end up furthering his plan.

God did not approve of the treachery of Joseph's brothers. They were fully responsible for their crime. He did not make them do it...But some way or other, Joseph was going to get to Egypt and come to the place where God's blessing and deliverance could come through him. If God cannot use the sinful choices that we make, his sovereignty is limited and there is no hope for any of us." – John Walton

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