



Out of the pit

This is one crazy story. It's one crazy path. Jacob wants a wife. He sees Rachel and falls in love. He is deceived by her father and given the elder daughter Leah, instead. He still wants the younger Rachel so he agrees to marry them both. This is a nasty sibling rivalry. These two girls are not best of friends. Leah has babies but Rachel is barren. Not good. Rachel decides to demand that Jacob sleeps with her maids. More babies come. The Leah is barren and forces Jacob to sleep with her maids. Poor Jacob? Then God sets the path in motion by giving Rachel a son named Joseph.

Imagine that Joseph is not popular with the 11 other brothers. They devise a plan to put him in a pit to die. In the mean time a band of merchants find Joseph and sell him to the house of Pharaoh in Egypt. God has mysterious ways. What a path! Joseph has a path set up by God. He enters Pharaohs service but is sexually enticed by Pharaohs wife. Joseph refuses her and is put in jail. While in Jail a cup bearer is with him. Finally, the cup bearer is released but forgets about Joseph for 2 years. This is a long path.

Pharaoh is having terrible nightmares. The cup bearer remembers that Joseph is good with dreams. Pharaoh calls out Joseph to help him. He is so impressed that he elevates Joseph to ruler of the kingdom. God then brings a famine to the whole land. Josephs brothers have to go to Egypt for food.

They do not know Joseph is alive. Finally, Joseph reveals himself to them. God needed to bring the house of Jacob to Egypt for two purposes. One is to protect them. Joseph took care of them. The second is that one of the brothers Levi had a descendant named Moses. This path works its way from two fighting sisters to saving the Israelites out of Egypt through the man named Moses.

God Initiated this path by leaving the sisters barren at times. He allowed Joseph to go through hardship so that he could be humbled. That humbleness saved a nation. Did Joseph see the path as he sat in the pit the first night? Did the brothers see it when they put him in the pit? God works in twisted windy ways at times. There is no way we could have seen this coming. Joseph's children's path ended badly in the future. Yet, the deceptive brothers' descendants built Israel. It goes to prove that God chose who he chooses and not what we see.