Joseph Sold into Slavery

A

Gen. 37:18b Before he came near to them they conspired to kill him.

Gen. 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

Gen. 37:25b-27 And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."

And they sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver.

B

Gen. 37:19,20 They said to one another, "Here comes the dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild beast has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

Gen. 37:22-25a And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; cast him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and cast him into a pit. The pit was empty, there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat.

Then Midianite traders passed by; and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit.

And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Gen. 37:29,30 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he rent his clothes and returned to his brothers and said, "The lad is gone; and I, where shall I go?"