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 - a. (23) And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they **stript** Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; (24) And they took him, and **cast** him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. (25) And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. (26) And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? (27) Come, and let us **sell** him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.
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 - a. Genesis 39:1-3 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. (2) And the **LORD** was with Joseph, and he was a **prosperous** man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. (3) And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.
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