



Into Slavery

- 1 Joseph is one of Jacob's 12 sons. His older brothers grow to hate him for his arrogance. Jacob sends Joseph to Dothan where the brothers are looking after the sheep. They decide to kill him but on second thoughts sell him to traders. Joseph is taken to Egypt (Genesis 37:12-36).
- 2 Years later, Joseph has become a governor in Egypt, in charge of food. Famine strikes and Joseph's brothers travel to Egypt to buy corn. Joseph recognizes them and eventually tells them who he is. Jacob and his family move down into Egypt (Genesis 42-47:12).
- 3 After 430 years, the Hebrew descendants of Jacob's family have become slaves to the Egyptians, used on their building projects. They live in Goshen. God raises up Moses and Aaron his brother to liberate the Hebrews. But the king refuses to let the people leave (Exodus 1-5:21).
- 4 A series of disasters strikes Egypt, but still the king remains stubborn. At last the Hebrews are allowed to leave, but even then the Egyptians pursue them, only to be drowned in the 'Sea of Reeds.' They travel to Mt Sinai, where Moses receives the Law from God (Exodus 6:28-20:17).