

Joseph's Dreams

Based on Genesis 37:3-36

Abraham did have a son, and his sons had sons who still lived in the country that God had promised Abraham. One of these descendants of Abraham was **Joseph**. This is his story.

Joseph's **father** loved Joseph more than any of his other eleven sons because Joseph had been born to him when he was old. So one day he gave Joseph a special gift—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than them.

One day Joseph had a dream and told his family about it. "Listen to this dream," he said. "The **sun, moon**, and eleven **stars** bowed to me!" "What do you mean?" his father asked. "Will your mother, your brothers, and I actually come and bow before you?" This dream made Joseph's brothers hate him even more.

Soon after this, Joseph's brothers went to pasture their father's flocks. Joseph's father said to him, "Your brothers are with the flocks. Go to them and come back and tell me how they're doing." When Joseph's brothers saw him coming, they recognized him in the distance. "Here comes that dreamer!" they exclaimed. One of the brothers suggested, "Let's throw him alive into this pit here. That way he will die without our having to touch him." So when Joseph arrived, they pulled off his beautiful robe and threw him into the pit. Then, just as they were sitting down to eat, they noticed a group of traders traveling to a foreign country coming toward them. One of the brothers said, "Let's sell Joseph to those traders!" And his brothers agreed. So when the traders came by, his brothers pulled Joseph out of the pit and **sold him** to them.

Then Joseph's brothers killed a goat and dipped the robe in its **blood**. They took the beautiful robe to their father and asked him to identify it. "We found this in the field," they told him. "It's Joseph's robe, isn't it?" Their father recognized it at once. "Yes," he said, "it is my son's robe. A wild animal has attacked and eaten him!" He mourned deeply for his son for many days. "I will die in mourning for my son," he would say, and then begin to weep. Meanwhile, the traders sold Joseph to an officer of the king of the foreign country.

Drawing Elements: Joseph (robe), Father (sun), Mother (moon), Brothers (stars), Blood, Slavery (chains)

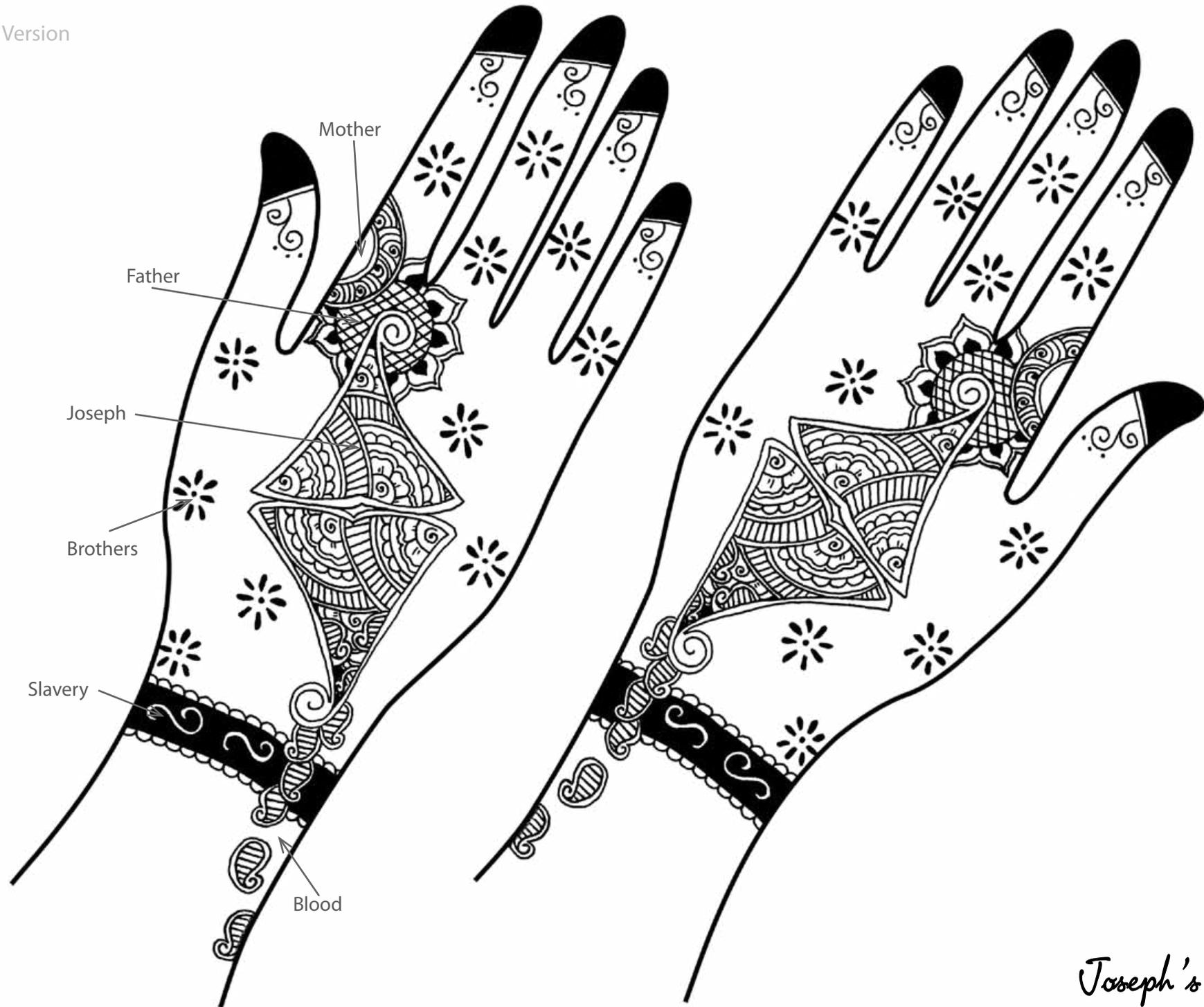
Joseph – He is represented upright as favorite son with sun moon and stars bowing before him; then upside down when robe torn from him and dipped in blood*

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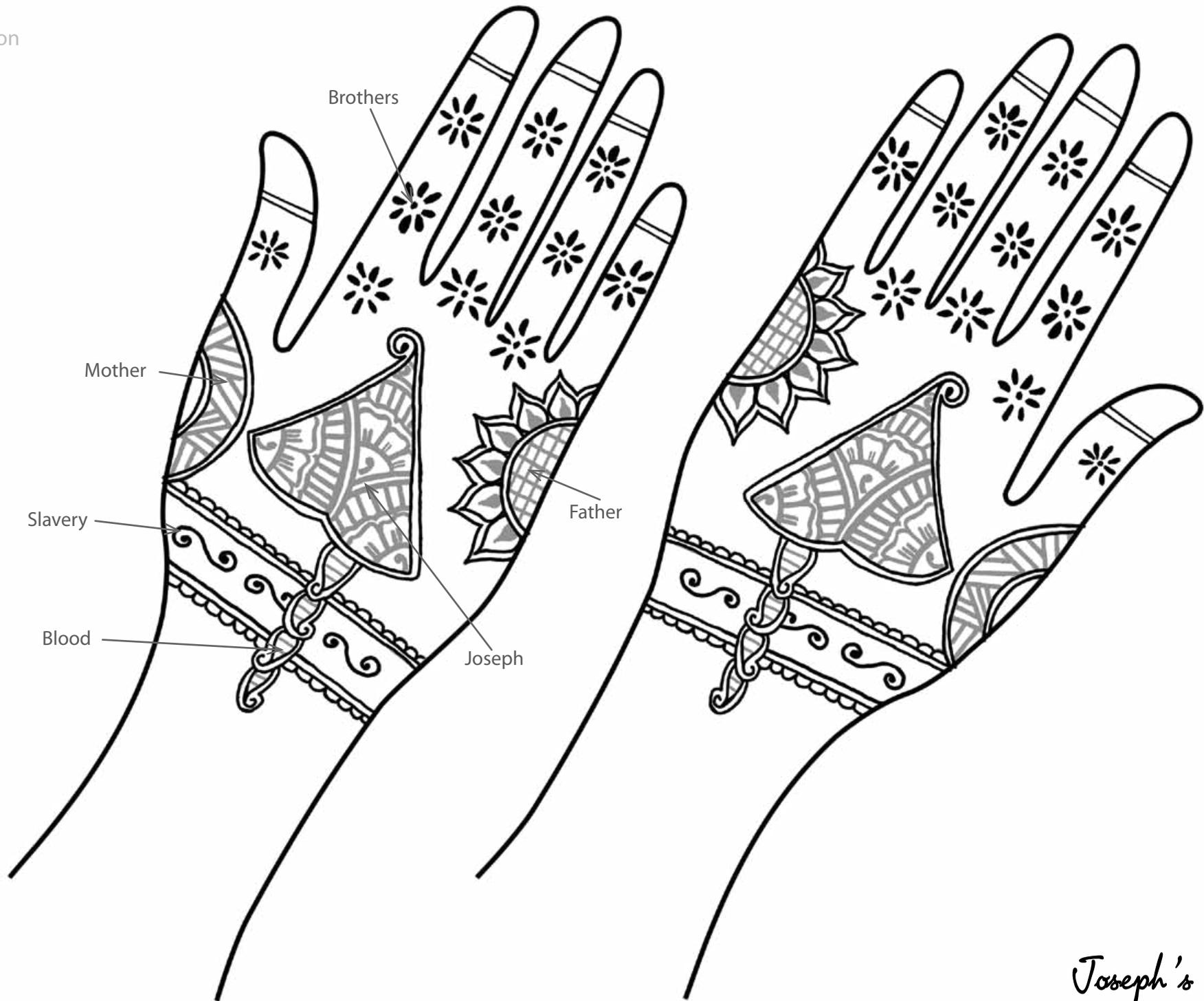


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