

# The Message

## *Joseph's Attack by the Archers*

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*Genesis 49:23,24*



# The Truth

## Genesis 49:23,24

<sup>23</sup> The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot *at him* and hated him. <sup>24</sup> But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty *God* of Jacob (From there *is* the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)



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# Four Things for Us to Consider in These Two Verses

1. **The Cruel Attack** - “The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot *at him* and hated him.”
2. **The Shielded Warrior** - “But his bow remained in strength.”
3. **His Secret Strength** - “the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty *God* of Jacob.”
4. **The Glorious Parallel** - “From there *is* the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel.”



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# I. The Cruel Attack

“The archers have bitterly grieved him,  
shot at him and hated him.”



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# The Archers of Envy

Three times it says “they hated him.” Then it says they envied him.



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# The Archers of Temptation

Potiphar's wife



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# The Archers of Slander

Now he is falsely accused.



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## II. The Shielded Warrior

“But his bow remained in strength.”



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# III. The Secret Strength

“the arms of his hands were made strong  
By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob.”



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# IV. The Glorious Parallel

“From there is the Shepherd,  
the Stone of Israel.”



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