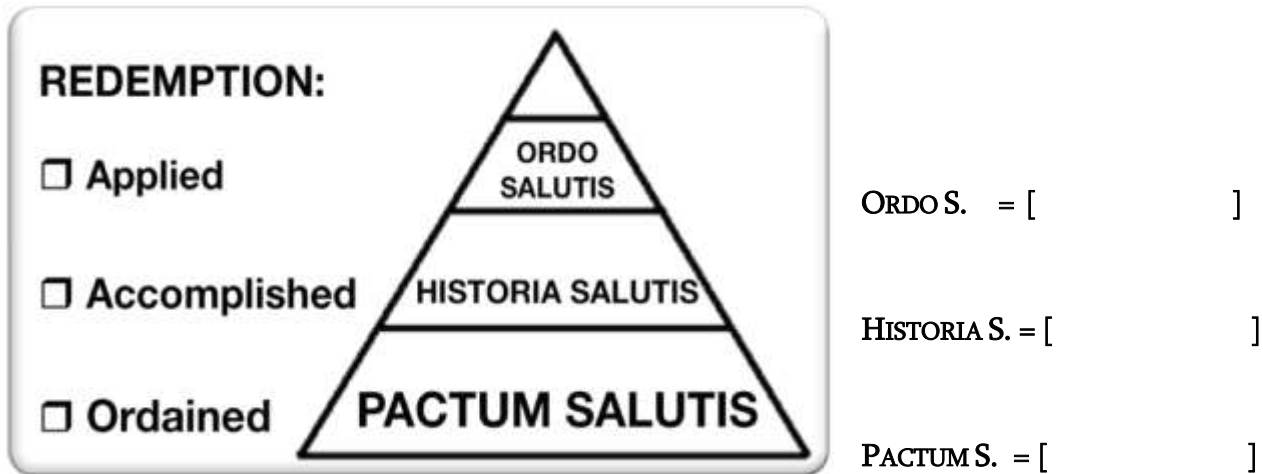




## The Book of Genesis: The Joseph Narrative (Genesis 37) “The Brother Down Under”

“The Bible is a book.” A coherent, covenant document with one message about one person:



### I. The Context of Scripture: The Book of Genesis

#### A. A Book of Genealogies:

1. Generations of The Heavens and Earth (2:4)
2. Generations of Adam (5:1)
3. Generations of Noah (6:9)
4. Generations of Noah’s Sons (10:1)
5. Generations of Shem (11:10)
6. Generations of Terah (11:27)
7. Generations of Ishmael (25:12)
8. Generations of Isaac (25:19)
9. Generations of Esau (36:1)
10. Generations of **Jacob** (37:2)

## B. The Generations of Jacob:

1. Joseph (Short-Range Image of God's Prophetic Ruler)
2. Judah (Long-Range Image of God's Prophetic Ruler)

## II. The Generations of Jacob: The Life of Joseph

### A. The Favored Son of Israel (37:1–4)

1. (37:3) "WHO WAS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?"
  - (a.) The supervisor's robes and the day laborer's clothes
  - (b.) A Biblical Theology of clothing: "Stripping a king of his clothing"  
*(1 Sam 15:26–28; 18:3–4\* cf. 23:17–18\*; 19:24; 24:10–11; 2 Kings 2:9, 14)*
2. (37:4) "A LOVE/HATE RELATIONSHIP IN THE FAMILY OF GOD"

### B. A Revelation to the Kingdom of Israel (37:5–11)

1. (37:5) "GOD'S REVELATION STIRS UP ISRAEL'S HATRED"
2. (37:6) "A TATTLETALE OR TELLING THE TRUTH?" ("*. . . please, listen to my dream. . .*")
3. (37:11) "REVELATION REQUIRES A RESPONSE" [ORDO SALUTIS]
  - (a.) "...They handed him over because of envy" (cf. Matt 27:18; Mk 15:10)
  - (b.) "But his father guarded this saying." (cf. Luke 2:19)
4. (37:11) "WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?"
  - (a.) If it was God who raised him up, no man can keep him down

### C. Called to do the Father's Will: Is Joseph is his brothers' Keeper? (37:12–18)

1. (37:14) "THIS IS FAMILY BUSINESS"
  - (a.) They hate him . . . for doing his earthly father's will (37:17)
  - (b.) They hate him . . . for doing his heavenly Father's will (37:20)

**D. Israel's Response to Prophecy: We Will Not Bow Down (37:19–27)**

1. (37:22) “WAIT—DON'T SHED ANY BLOOD . . .” (!)
  - (a.) After all, why should he die this way . . . (Acts 2:23)
2. (37:23) “STRIPPING THE FAVORED SON OF HIS GARMENTS” [HISTORIA SALUTIS]
3. (37:25) “FEAST AND FAMINE”
4. (37:26) “WAIT—DON'T SLAY OUR BROTHER . . .” (!)
  - (a.) After all, what profit is there in covering up his death . . .
5. (37:29–36) A local theology of clothing for Chapter 37 (Heart-Check)

**E. God's Response to Israel's Rebellion: Out of Egypt I Called My Son (37:28–36)**

1. (37:36) Out of Canaan / Into Egypt / Awaiting an Exodus [PACTUM SALUTIS]