



The Book of Genesis: The Joseph Narrative
(Genesis 40) “Two Sinners and a Prophet”

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

ORDO SALUTIS: O _____ OF SALVATION

HISTORIA SALUTIS: H _____ OF SALVATION

PACTUM SALUTIS: C _____ OF SALVATION



I. Twice Favored, Two Betrayals, and Two Pits for Joseph

A. Blessed is the Man that Endures Temptation

[ORDO]

1. What does it cost us to flee temptation? (1 Cor 6:18)
 - a. _____ we should have; _____ we shouldn't have.
2. Are you ready to “Pull a Joseph?” (Gen 39:12)

B. Two Unavoidable Patterns: Humble Servant and Favored Son

[HISTORIA]

1. Under the Pedagogue (Law) as our Master: “Servant Status”
 - a. For the individual Believer (Gal 3:23–24) [Member]
 - b. For the Kingdom (Gal 4:1–4) [Body]
 - c. For Christ (Gal 4:4) [Head]
2. Promotion from Servant Status to “Sonship Status”
 - a. (Isa 52:13) Behold . . . “My Servant” . . . will prosper (cf. 39:3, 23)
 - b. (Isa 42:1) Behold . . . “My _____ ”
 - c. (Matt 3:16–17) . . . “My _____ ”

3. Passing the Trial: Inauguration / Probation / Confirmation (Gal 4:8 cf. 4:4–7*)
4. Joseph must serve under Potiphar before he rules with Pharaoh (1 Pet 4:12-14)
 - a. Because before _____ happens _____ happens!

II. Two Sinners and a Prophet

- A. The Hand of God Hovering over Two Souls on the Same Night (40:5)
 1. Dreams in the Ancient World [would this command your attention?]
 2. Revelation requires Interpretation
 - a. The Gospel requires Proclamation and Explanation (Rom 10:14–17)
 - i. True Interpretation: Reading out of the text; not into it (2 Pet 3:16)
 - ii. Truth and Falsehood both exist [Trial by Fire] (John 4:22)
 - b. Symbols demand Interpretation
- B. “Here comes this Dreamer . . . We shall see what becomes of his Dreams” (37:19f)
 1. Interpretations belong to God (Gen 40:8)
 2. Data vs. Understanding [Wisdom vs. Knowledge] (Prov 1:6)
- C. “Am I in the Place of God?”
 1. For Revelation (40:8) [Joseph sees who lives or dies]
 2. For Salvation (50:19–20) [Joseph sustains who lives or dies]
- D. Joseph standing in the place of God
 1. A Message of Life (40:9–13)
 2. A “Remember Me” [from a Sinless Mediator] (40:14–15)
 3. A Message of Death (40:16–19)
- E. Cursed is Everyone that Hangs on a Tree
 1. A Revelation of the Second Death (Gen 40:19 cf. Gal 3:13)
 2. Prophetic Foreshadowing: Luke 23:41–42
 - a. A Prophetic Reversal (Luke 23:37)
 - b. The Required Faith and Reward of Faith (Luke 23:43)