



## Outline – Friday Bible Study, June 22, 2018

### The Book of Genesis: The Joseph Narrative (Genesis 44) “One Brother for Another (The Life Pledge)”

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

**ORDO SALUTIS:** O \_\_\_\_\_ OF SALVATION

**HISTORIA SALUTIS:** H \_\_\_\_\_ OF SALVATION

**PACTUM SALUTIS:** C \_\_\_\_\_ OF SALVATION



#### Overview: A Trinitarian Model for Bible Reading

1. At the [Ordo Salutis] level we may title Ch. 44: “Joseph’s School of Repentance”
2. At the [Historia Salutis] level we have titled Ch. 44: “One Brother for Another”
3. At the [Pactum Salutis] level we may title Ch. 44: “A Reverse Exodus” (Ps 105:11–24)
4. Situational Typology: Comparing Judah then (Ch. 38) and Judah now (Ch. 44)

#### I. 30 Years Old—13 Years in the Pit—Right on Schedule (41:46)

[**HISTORIA**]

1. Pharaoh’s Announcement: “Bow the Knee!” [The Prophecy] (Gen 41:43–46 cp. 37:8–10)
2. Pharaoh’s Decree: “Go to Joseph!” (41:55–56) [PACTUM]

#### II. Joseph’s School of Repentance [Part II] (44:1–10)

1. Family Reunion: Assigned Seating for the older brothers at the Kiddie-Table (43:25–26)
2. A Staged Accusation (44:1–4) and A Predictable Response (44:5–8)
3. What Kind of Men do you think we are? (44:7–8; 42:11\* cf. Prov 20:6)

4. Faithful Men Swear to their Own Hurt: Are these really the kind of men who would chase after money when the life of their father's favorite son was on the line? (44:9; 37:26)
5. The Soul that Sins—it Shall Die (44:10 cp. Ezek 18:20)

### **III. Roll Call: Taking Attendance in the School of Repentance (44:11–16a)**

1. Confidently Prepared for Examination [without checking any bags] (44:11) [**ORDO**]
2. Roll Call: Beginning at the Eldest . . . (44:12 cp. John 8:7–9)
3. A Theology of Clothing (Part II): Eleven Torn Garments (44:13 cp. 37:34\*)
4. Spotlight on Judah: If he rends his Heart, Jacob won't be Torn Apart (44:14a cp. Joel 2:13)
5. Obeying the Prophecy (44:14b; 37:8, 10 cp. 50:20\*)
6. Joseph Saw a Cup: Who Found What? (44:16 cf. 50:19\*)

### **IV. Retaking the Test: Leave the Brother—and Take the Bread (44:16b–17)**

1. Compare (Ch. 43): The Bread was Paid for (And the Brother is Free)
2. Compare (Ch. 37): Breaking Bread over the Brother's Burial (37:24–25 cp. 43:21–22)
3. Retaking the Test: Place your Brother in the Pit and Break your Bread in Peace (44:17)
4. After passing many Tests, the Tested/Tempted has been promoted (Gen 50:19; Rev 2:23\*)

### **V. Passing the Test: From Anti-Gospel to Actually Gospel (44:18–34) [**HISTORIA**]**

1. The Life Pledge [Chain Reaction]: Reuben's Oath (42:37) vs. Judah's Oath (43:9)
2. Bearing the Blame instead of Breaking the Bread (44:32)
3. From “If I don't bring him up, let me bear the blame forever,” to  
“I will bring him up” . . . by bearing the blame forever (44:33)
4. Rejecting the sinful Way Out of punishment for the righteous Way In (37:32; 42:4; 43:14)
5. Little Judah looking less like Judas and more like Big Judah (John 18:4–8)
6. Bearing the Blame for the Cup means Passing the Test (44:34 cp. John 18:10–13)