



Outline – Friday Bible Study, August 03, 2018

The Book of Genesis: The Joseph Narrative

(Genesis 49–50) “He Said We’ll Come from a Land Down Under . . .”

“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



I. Israel’s Last Words: The Prophecy of the Twelve Tribes

[PACTUM]

1. Reuben: Struggling to Earn _____ (49:3–4)
2. Simeon and Levi: A Bitter Reward for Running Out of Bounds (49:5–7)
3. Joseph: The Short-Range Prophetic Image [Type] (49:22–26)
 - a. Joseph must D _____ Judah must I _____
4. Judah: The Long-Range Prophetic Image [Type] (49:9–12)
 - a. A Young Lion—Conquering [Camera: “Up”] (49:9a)
 - b. A Lion Crouching—Over the Prey (49:9b)
 - c. An Old Lion—Lying Down (*Asleep?*) (49:9c)
 - Is He Killing or Being Killed?
 - d. A King’s Scepter that will never Depart (49:10a cp. 37:8*)
 - e. One to whom the Nations will Gather (49:10b)

5. Judah: The Lion who Labors in the Vineyard of God
 - a. He washes His Garments in the Blood of the Grape (49:11)
 - b. Isaiah: Is He Trampling or Being Trampled?
 - c. He Drinks from the Winepress of God's W_____ (49:12)
 - d. Mine Eyes have seen the Glory . . . (Rev 5:5–6)

II. Gospel Amnesia Part 3: Forgetting the Gospel All Over Again

1. The Fear Factor: Jacob is Gone—"What if Joseph Bears a Grudge?" (50:15–17)
2. The Gospel says God is B_____ with an O_____ [The H_____ Effect]
3. There is no Backup Plan: "What-If" Scenarios are no longer Possible (Heb 13:5)

III. Is Joseph in the Place of God? (50:19)

1. "Do not Fear—Am I (Or Am I Not) in God's Place?" (50:19)

IV. You Meant it for Evil—But God Meant it for Good (50:20 cp. Matt 2:15*)

1. Practical-Theology: All this Suffering has a Purpose (50:20c)
 - a. The Jigsaw Sequence (Gen 45:5–8)
2. A Necessary Reminder that Israel Needs: Throughout the Rest of History (15:13f*)
3. Promotion through Persecution: To the Palace Through the Pit
 - a. For Israel [OT] (Exodus – David – Exile – Restoration) (Gen 48:16)
 - b. In Christ [NT] (Humiliation – Death – Burial – Resurrection) (Heb 2:9)
 - c. For the Church [NT] (Humiliation – Tribulation – Exaltation) (Rev 12:11)
4. A Source Text on the Sovereignty of God for the Good of His Elect (50:20 cp. Rom 8:28)
5. If this is the Gospel, What Can Separate Us From the Love of God? (Rom 8:35–36)
 - a. Affliction? Distress? Persecution? Famine? Nakedness? Peril? Sword?
 - b. Rather: *In all these things . . . we are more than conquerors* (Rom 8:37a)
6. How? Through Him Who Loved Us (Rom 8:37b)
7. I am Persuaded: "What Goes Down . . . Must Come Up" (Rom 8:38–39 cp. Matt 2:15)
 - a. Not Death . . . Life . . . Angels . . . Rulers . . . Present Things . . . Future Things . . . Powers . . . Height . . . Depth . . . Nor Any Other Creature . . . will be able . . .