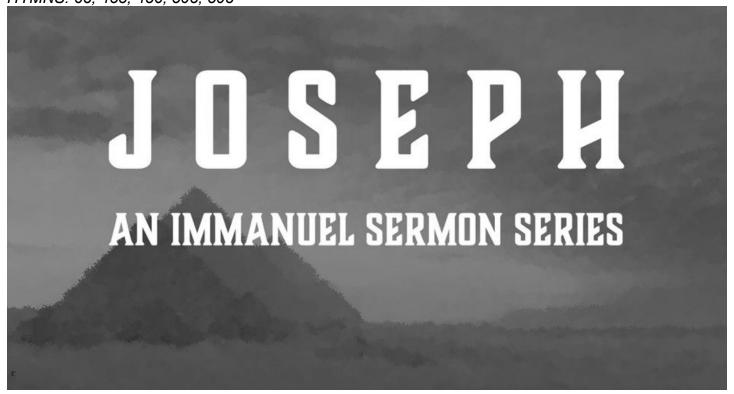
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GENESIS 37

The Providence of God

"Thus we come to know that it is no blind chance, dark destiny, no unreasonable or malign will, nor any undetectable natural force which governs mankind and the world, but that the governance of all things rests in the hands of an almighty God and a merciful Father. Certainly, faith is necessary to understand this." (Herman Bavinck, *The Wonderful Works of God*)

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (Genesis 50:20)

The Background (Genesis 12-36)

The LORD had graciously established a	with Abraham and his
offspring (Genesis 12, 15, 17-18).	
Abraham's family was marked by generational	(Genesis 12-36).

The Set Up (Genesis 37:1-11)

Joseph's brothers were angry that Joseph was Jacob's favorite. They		
Joseph, and they were	of Joseph.	
The reader must decide if Joseph is " and cocky."	and righteous" or	
The Crime (Genesis 37:12-30)		
Jacob's ten older sons conspired to	Joseph.	
Reuben intervened (with	motives) to save Joseph's life.	
Judah suggested that they	Joseph to the Midianites.	
The Cover Up (Genesis 37:31-36)		
Jacob's ten older sons	to their father about Joseph (just like Jacob	
had lied to his father).		
The Gospel		
Joseph was taken to	and God was	
him (Genesis 37:17, 39:2, Acts 7:9).		
Joseph was kept alive so that	family could be kept alive so that the	
could be born in t	the fullness of time (Genesis 45:5-8, 50:20, Psalm	
105:16-17, Matthew 1:1, Galatians 4:4-5).		
Joseph experienced many things that	would later experience	
(Matthew 26:4, 26:15, 27:1-2, 26:63, Acts 2:23).		