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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 righteous" or
"_____ and cocky."

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 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).