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GENESIS 47

The Providence of God

“Providence is not a minor theme in the Scriptures. It is not merely an implied truth, deduced from a handful of obscure passages. The doctrine of divine providence is the soundtrack of Scripture. It is everywhere present even when we are not consciously aware of it—like the book of Esther, where God’s name is never mentioned, but everything from a beauty contest (2:18) to a king’s insomnia (6:1-3) serve to advance God’s purposes. God does not merely turn hard situations for our good; he ordains hard situations for our good.” *(Kevin DeYoung, Daily Doctrine)*

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 37-46)

Joseph _____ his brothers, and the breakthrough moment came when Judah offered to take Benjamin's place in prison (Genesis 43-46).

Joseph _____ his identity to his brothers and was _____ with his father and family as they moved to Egypt to escape the famine (Genesis 45-46).

A Tale of Two Nations (47)

Joseph's brothers met Pharaoh and were granted favor to be _____ in the best part of the land of Egypt (Genesis 47:1-6, Genesis 15:13).

_____ met Pharaoh and blessed him twice (Genesis 47:7-10, Genesis 46:3-4, Hebrews 11:13-16).

Jacob made Joseph promise to return him to the _____ after he died (Genesis 47:27-31, Hebrews 11:21).

God's Sovereignty (Genesis 47)

Pharaoh prospered as Joseph took _____ measures to save the Egyptians (47:14-25, Genesis 12:3).

God's people prospered as they _____ possession in the land and were fruitful and multiplied (Genesis 47:27-28).

The Gospel

Jesus is our _____ who lays down his life for his sheep (John 1:29; 10:2-14)

If you are in _____, you are Abraham's offspring and _____ to promise (Galatians 3:23-29).