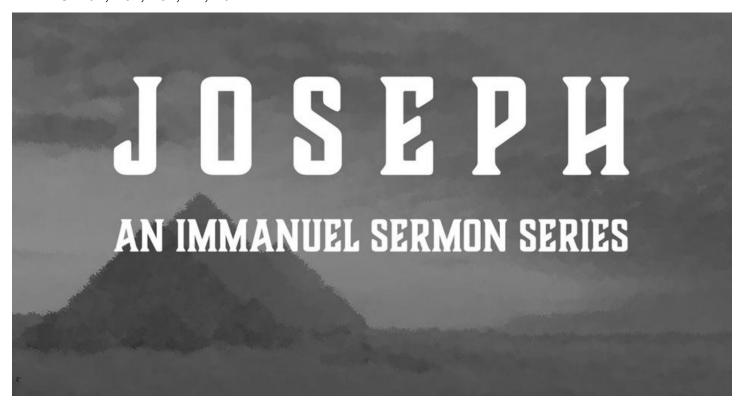
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GENESIS 47

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 (0 | enesis 37-46) | | | |
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| Joseph | his brothers | , and the breakthro | ough moment came whe | n Judah offered to |
| take Benjamin's plac | e in prison (Genesis | 43-46). | | |
| Joseph | his id | dentity to his brothe | ers and was | with his |
| father and family as | they moved to Egypt | t to escape the fam | nine (Genesis 45-46). | |
| A Tale of Two Natio | ns (47) | | | |
| Joseph's brothers m | et Pharaoh and were | e granted favor to b | oe | in the best |
| part of the land of Eq | gypt (Genesis 47:1-6 | , Genesis 15:13). | | |
| Hebrews 11:13-16). | _ met Pharaoh and b | olessed him twice (| Genesis 47:7-10, Gene | sis 46:3-4, |
| | promise to return hir -31, Hebrews 11:21) | | | after he |
| God's Sovereignty | (Genesis 47) | | | |
| Pharaoh prospered a Genesis 12:3). | as Joseph took | m | neasures to save the Eg | yptians (47:14-25 |
| God's people prospe multiplied (Genesis | | pc | ossession in the land an | d were fruitful and |
| The Gospel | | | | |
| Jesus is our | | who lays down | his life for his sheep (Jo | ohn 1:29; 10:2-14) |
| If you are in | , you | are Abraham's offs | spring and | to promise |
| (Galatians 3:23-29). | | | | |