

# REDEMPTION

— ONE AUTHOR. ONE STORY. ONE SAVIOR. —

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MATTHEW 13:9

## “Providence in the Pit”

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### INTRO – Playlist vs. Album vs. Singles

**Matthew 13:9** *He who has ears, let him hear.*

*This point might make your toes curl up inside your shoes, but the narratives of the Bible are ambiguous. Just to be clear, I'm not saying that the Bible is false, untrue, misleading, or culturally confined. But its stories are ambiguous. Perhaps you remember being introduced to literary tools in your high school English class—simile, metaphor, figurative language, rhyme, rhythm, analogy, and so on. Think of ambiguity as a literary tool. Biblical authors use ambiguity as a way of inviting you to the party. If you're reading a story that lays everything out plain and simple, with the moral overtly stated and the villains and heroes clearly labeled, there is not much work left for you, the reader, to do. But the Bible is not interested in disinterested readers. The Author wants to suck you in.... When an author intentionally withholds information, he does it because the story is actually better that way. Ambiguity is the biblical author's way of winking at his readers. When you and I are able to read between the lines and discern motives, connections, and desires without that information being overtly stated, it's a win-win for both the author and us.... Biblical narratives read like real life. **Chad Ashby**, “Bible Narratives are often Gloriously Ambiguous”*

**Let's Start with the Story of Joseph Genesis 37-50... Have you connected the Dots? How does this relate to the Bible's overarching theme of Redemption:**

*“Redemption is the gracious act of God whereby He delivers His people from the guilt, power, and consequences of sin through the payment of the ransom price of Christ's blood, thereby securing their forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal inheritance.” – Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology*

**BIG STORYLINE...God often brings His people through painful providences in order to preserve His promises and point us to His Son.**

## The Pit, the Prison, and the Palace

**Genesis 37:1-4** *Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.<sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son*

of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, **they hated him** and could not speak peacefully to him.

**Genesis 37:5-11...Joseph was a Dreamer, not a visionary (had two dreams from God)**

**Genesis 37:12-17...Joseph was sent to check on his brothers (with his Robe of many Colors)**

**Genesis 37:18-36...The Dreamer was thrown into the Pit & sold into slavery in Egypt**

**Genesis 38...Joseph story is rudely interrupted by a story of his brother Judah's story**

**Genesis 39...Joseph was handsome and Potiphar's Wife noticed → Prison**

**Genesis 40...Joseph was put in charge...then Interprets Cupbearer & Baker Dreams...Forgotten**

**Genesis 41...After TWO YEARS → Pharaoh had a dream & Joseph interprets → Palace**

**God's Promises do NOT exempt us from Suffering! The Lord was with Joseph!**

**Acts 14:22** *strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.*

## **The Providence Behind the Pain**

**Genesis 42...Joseph's Brothers affected by the Famine go to Egypt for food...bowed before Joseph**

**[22 YEARS LATER...His Dreams Came True!]**

**Genesis 42-44...Joseph recognizes them, but they did not recognize him, then he tests them!**

**Genesis 45:1-8** *Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, **for God sent me before you to preserve life.** <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> **And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.** <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.*

**Sovereignty (God Reigns) vs. Providence (God Reigns with Purpose) = Tapestry**

**Genesis 50:15-20** *When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the*

*transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.” And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> **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.***

**Psalm 105:16-17** When **he summoned a famine** on the land and broke all supply of bread, <sup>17</sup> **he had sent** a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

## The Promise Beyond Joseph

Have you connected the Dots? Is Joseph the hero? Is the message simply that if we remain faithful like Joseph, God will make us successful in our own "Egypt"?

**Genesis 3:14-15** The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and **between your offspring and her offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Who is this offspring? Abraham? Isaac? Jacob? Joseph?...

**Genesis 44:18-34**...one of the longest textual speeches in Genesis....After planting a Silver Cup and threatening to imprison Benjamin... WHO offers himself in Benjamin's place? JUDAH!

**Genesis 49:8-10** Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. <sup>9</sup> Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

A King is coming --- a Lion! Joseph preserved Judah, Judah gave us David, David gave us Christ!

**Revelation 5:5** “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, **has conquered**, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

The Worst Evil ever committed was the Slaughtering of the Son of God “Lamb” ... Herod meant evil, Pilate meant evil, Judas meant evil, Crowds meant evil, Satan meant evil... BUT GOD Meant it for Good! Our **Redemption!**

Acts 4:27-28