*Seeing Jesus In The Old Testament*

Savior Of The World

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Text: Genesis 50:20; Mark 10:45 Scripture Reading: Luke 9:22

## Intro

1. After Jacob’s death, Joseph told his brothers who were afraid, “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive” (Genesis 50:20)
2. Jesus foretold His death to His apostles, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day” (Luke 9:22).
3. He also said to the apostles when they asked about being great in the Kingdom, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
4. This is the great message of the Joseph story: a world-wide catastrophic famine was coming, and God appointed a savior. By two dreams God showed seventeen-year-old Joseph—and his family—that he was the one.
5. This is the great message of the gospel: by one man, Adam, sin entered the world (Romans 5:12-21) and throughout the message of the prophets God showed His people – and the world – that He appointed a Savior, Jesus, (Acts 3:19-24) who would be the cure for sin so that men may not die but have eternal life (Romans 5:12-21).
6. Despite being from the tribe of Judah Jesus has a lot of similarities with Jospeh and his circumstances.
7. Let’s look into the Old Testament to see Jesus and focus our eyes and hearts on our Savior!

#### Joseph & Jesus: Subject to God’s Plan

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| **Joseph** | | **Jesus** | |
| **Especially loved by his father** | **Genesis 37:3** | **Especially loved by His Father** | **Matthew 3:17** |
| **Predicted to be a ruler** | **Genesis 37:5-11** | **Predicted to be the Ruler** | **Luke 1:31-33** |
| **Disbelieved by his brothers** | **Genesis 37:8** | **Disbelieved by his brothers** | **John 7:1-5** |
| **Plotted against** | **Genesis 37:18-20** | **Plotted against** | **Matthew 26:1-16** |
| **Stripped of his garment** | **Genesis 37:23** | **Stripped of His garments** | **Matthew 27:35** |
| **Sold for price of a slave (20 shekels of silver)** | **Genesis 37:28** | **Sold for price of a slave (30 pieces of silver)** | **Matthew 26:15** |
| **Privileged son, slave, exaltation** | **Genesis 37-41** | **Privileged Son, bond-servant, exaltation** | **Philippians 2:5-11** |
| **Endowed with wisdom** | **Genesis 39:1-4** | **Endowed with wisdom** | **Luke 2:52** |
| **Resisted strong temptation** | **Genesis 39:7-10** | **Resisted strong temptation** | **Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15** |
| **Condemned with two criminals** | **Genesis 40:1-3** | **Condemned with two criminals** | **Matthew 27:38** |
| **One criminal died; one criminal lived** | **Genesis 40:21-22** | **One criminal died; one criminal lived** | **Luke 23:39-43 (one lived in Paradise)** |
| **Men bowed to him** | **Genesis 41:43** | **Men bowed to Him** | **Philippians 2:10** |
| **Not recognized by his brethren** | **Genesis 42:8** | **Not recognized by His brethren** | **John 1:11** |
| **Subject to God’s plan** | **Genesis 45:5-8; 50:20** | **Subject to God’s plan** | **Acts 2:22-23** |

* 1. Subject to God’s plan:
     1. Jospeh:
        1. Twice, Joseph recognized that it was God Who sent him to Egypt and that the purpose was to save many lives.
        2. Genesis 45:5-8:
           1. Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.
           2. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.
           3. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.
           4. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
        3. Genesis 50:20: “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”
     2. Jesus:
        1. Jesus said many times that He came to do the will of His father Who sent Him.
        2. John 6:40: “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”
        3. John 12:49: “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”
        4. Acts 2:22-23: Peter said, “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”
  2. God had a plan to save His people in the time of Joseph to keep His promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:13-14), and had a plan to save the whole world from their sins through Jesus! (Matthew 1:20-21; John 1:29)

#### Joseph & Jesus: Saviors of the World

* 1. Joseph was chosen to be the savior of all the land:
     1. Joseph would save his family, the family of Abraham.
        1. God chose Abraham to be a blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:3), and in Joseph this began to be fulfilled.
        2. This is why in Genesis 41:57 we read that “The people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.”
        3. God chose Joseph, the descendant of Abraham, to bless many nations.
     2. “All the earth” (Genesis 41:57) translates in the Hebrew *(H776 eh'-rets)* to “all the land.”
        1. Sometimes it refers to land in general, sometimes to the Promised Land, sometimes to a nation, and sometimes to the earth in general.
        2. Context decides how it should be translated in each case.
        3. The context here shows that the famine extended at least across all of Egypt, the Sinai, and into Palestine.
        4. There is a range of versions that all highlight the very wide breadth of Joseph’s saving work: KJV, NKJV “all countries,” “all lands;” ESV, NAS95 “all the earth;” NET “every country,” “throughout the earth;” NIV84 “all the countries,” “all the world;” NIV11 “all the world, “everywhere.”
     3. Thus, in Joseph we see a type—a dim picture—of the coming Savior of the world who would ultimately bring salvation to people from all lands and places across the globe.
  2. Jesus was chosen to be the Savior of the world:
     1. The salvation that Jesus brought was for people spread all over the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).
     2. This is why at the birth of Jesus in Luke 2:30-32, Simeon sang:

1. “For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
2. Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
3. A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel.”
   * 1. God had prepared a Savior for the Gentiles and Israel. That is why the apostle John continually raises our eyes to see that Jesus is a worldwide Savior.
        1. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
        2. “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.” (I John 2:1-2).
        3. “We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world” (I John 4:14).
     2. Because of Jesus’ willingness to offer up Himself as a “sacrifice for sins for all time,” He secured all saints’ future relationship with God and to live eternally with Him in Heaven! (I Peter 2:24; 3:18; 1:3-4)
     3. Jesus saves all those who obey Him! (Hebrews 5:8-9)
   1. God preserved His people, Israel, from famine through Joseph, a savior from Egypt.
   2. God saved the world from sin, Gentile and Israel, through His own Son, Jesus, the Savior of the world!

#### Joseph & Jesus: Preservers of Life

* 1. Joseph preserved life for a time:
     1. While Joseph provided food for a famine lasting seven years, and even a place for his family to relocate, his salvation points to the great salvation of Jesus who will provide an eternal rest of blessedness and goodness for his people forever (Genesis 50:20).
     2. Jospeh didn’t live forever and his role of savior was just for a time.
  2. Jesus preserved life forever:
     1. At the end of time when Jew & Gentile alike who have believed in Jesus and obeyed Him receive the invitation to “Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34), we will see why John is able to call Jesus “the Savior of the world” (John 4:42; I John 4:14).
     2. While Joseph saved “the world” in a limited since, Jesus has gone on to prepare a home in Heaven where all saints from all over the world will be with Him forever (John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
  3. God preserved the world from famine through Joseph, a preserver of life for a limited time and limited place.
  4. God preserves His people, Gentile and Israel, through His own Son, Jesus, Who preserves life for all time!

## Conclusion

1. Living Out of Gratitude to the Savior.
   1. Just as the people coming in to Egypt for food and life submitted to Joseph, so we must remember the Great Savior and submit to Him.
      1. “AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH” (Mark 12:30).
   2. We must never forget that God appointed Jesus to be the Savior of the World, and the only Savior:
      1. “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6).
   3. Jesus has saved us from more than simply dying in this body; he has saved us from captivity to sin, eternal death, and Satan.
   4. The Savior of the world does not adapt Himself to the untold religious and philosophical viewpoints of the world.
   5. All of our beliefs, actions, and ideas (no matter how popular they may be in the world) must be laid down before Him. We submit entirely to Him (Romans 8:28-30):
2. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
3. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined ***to become conformed to the image of His Son***, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;
4. and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
5. We show our gratitude to Jesus by obeying Him! (Unbelievers become believers; Believers stay faithful)
6. To the unbelievers, repent and obey Jesus in baptism to have your sins washed away! (Acts 22:16)
7. To believers in sin, repent and seek forgiveness and the refreshing that only comes from Jesus! (Acts 3:19)