

II. Two parallels

a. Both Joseph and Jesus secure salvation through suffering.

i. Genesis 50:20

ii. 1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 28:20

iii. In the story of Joseph and the sin of his brothers we are being prepared to see the glory of Jesus – HIS submission, HIS humility, and HIS faithfulness – as He saves the very ones who were seeking to destroy Him!

b. Neither Joseph nor Jesus deserved to suffer.

i. Genesis 39, 40

ii. Philippians 2:5-8, Matthew 21:32

iii. “Jesus Christ is the final and ultimate and perfect Righteous One (Acts 7:52). It looked to others as if His life was going so badly that He must be a sinner. But in the end, all the sin against Him, and all the suffering He endured in perfect righteousness, led to His vindication and, because of it, to our salvation. If Joseph is amazing in his steadfastness, Jesus is ten thousand times more amazing, because He experienced ten thousand times more suffering and deserved it ten thousand times less, and was perfectly steadfast, faithful, and righteous through it all.” (from John Piper’s sermon “The Sale of Joseph and the Son of God” which can be downloaded at www.desiringgod.org)

III. A prophecy

- a. Genesis 49:8-10

- b. Hebrews 7:14, Revelation 5:5, 9-10

- c. Here, the story of Joseph doesn't merely whisper the name of Jesus, it SHOUTS the name of Jesus, the promised seed from the tribe of Judah – a tribe that never would have survived if God had not sent Joseph to Egypt!

How does Jesus *exceed or outdo Joseph*?

- **Joseph** was sent by God to save Egypt and his own family; **Jesus** was sent by God to save the whole world.
- **Joseph** was blameless; **Jesus** was sinless.
- **Joseph** was stripped, enslaved, and imprisoned; **Jesus** was whipped beyond recognition, brutally tortured, and suffocated to death on a cross.
- **Joseph** was thrown into a pit; **Jesus** was thrown into a grave.
- **Joseph** provided grain to the Egyptian people; **Jesus** is the Bread of Life for *all* people.
- **Joseph** offered salvation from starvation resulting in prolonged life; **Jesus** offers salvation from sin resulting in eternal life.
- **Joseph** graciously provided for his family's physical needs; **Jesus** graciously provides for His family's *deepest* needs.
- **Joseph** married a Gentile bride; **Jesus** *died* for His Gentile bride.
- **Joseph** preserved the promised seed; **Jesus** IS the promised seed.
- **Joseph** was exalted to second in command over Egypt; **Jesus** is exalted to first in command over *all*.
- The brothers bowed down to prince **Joseph**; every knee will bow down to **King Jesus!**