

Joseph – Family Reconciliation and Preservation

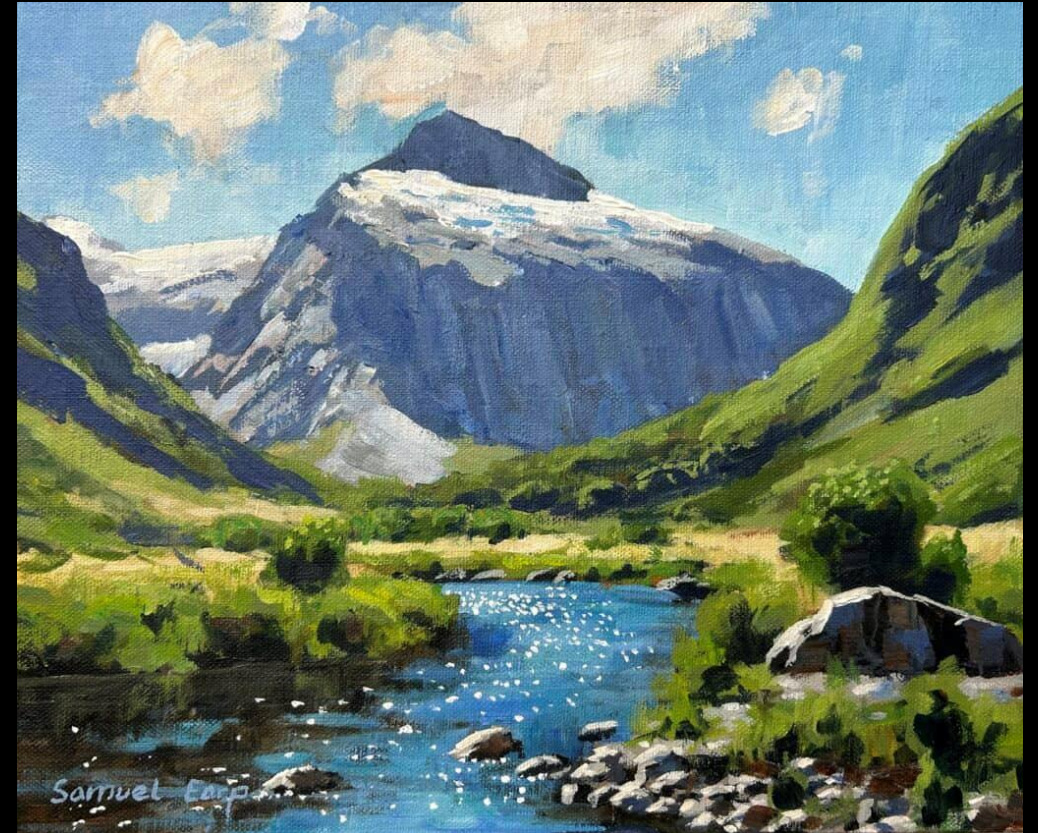
Genesis 42-45; 46:28-30

Introduction

Broad Brush



Fine Brush



Genesis 42 - Providential Pressure Sets The Stage For Family Reconciliation And Messianic Blessing

- **I. (:1-5) Providential Pressure Drives Jacob's Sons To Egypt For Self-Preservation**
 - A. (:1-2) Egypt is the Only Option to Obtain Grain
 - B. (:3) Jacob's Ten Brothers Dispatched to Egypt
 - C. (:4) Benjamin Retained at Home
 - D. (:5) Sons of Israel Arrive in Egypt with Other Nations to Buy Grain
- **II. (:6-20) Providential Pressure Turns The Tables On Joseph's Brothers**
 - A. (:6) Fulfillment of Joseph's Dream – His Brothers Come and Bow Down
 - B. (:7-12) False Charge of Spying Levied Against His Brothers (Parallel to how they had treated Joseph)
 - C. (:13-16) Formulating the Litmus Test of Their Honesty
 - D. (:17-20) Fine Tuning the Test

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- **III. (:21-28) Providential Pressure Stirs The Guilty Consciences Of Joseph's Brothers**
 - A. (:21-23) Confession of Guilt
 - B. (:24) Compassion of Joseph
 - C. (:25-26) Charge of Joseph
 - D. (:27-28) Cry of Despair
- **IV. (:29-38) Providential Pressure Forces Jacob To Put Benjamin In Jeopardy**
 - A. (:29-34) Sad Report of the Demand to Send Benjamin to Egypt
 - B. (:35) Surprising Revelation that Increases the Sense of Danger
 - C. (:36) Stinging Rebuke from a Desperate Father Who is Facing Additional Loss
 - D. (:37-38) Stubborn Reluctance to Release Benjamin to Journey to Egypt

Genesis 43 - God's Merciful Love And Provision Far Surpass Our Fears And Anxious Expectations – Preparation For Conviction And Repentance

- **I. (:1-15) Mission Of Desperation**
 - A. (:1-2) Providential Pressure Forces the Family's Hand
 - B. (:3-7) Primary Problem – Show-stopper must be addressed
 - C. (:8-10) Persuasive Points Argued by Judah
 - D. (:11-15) Practical Preparation Instructed by Israel
- **II. (:16-24) Fear Of Retribution**
 - A. (:16-17) Planned Celebration
 - B. (:18) Anxious Speculation
 - C. (:19-22) Defensive Explanation
 - D. (:23-24) Comforting Reassurance
- **III. (:25-34) Renewal Of Interaction**
 - A. (:25-26) Interaction Reflects Respectful Submission
 - B. (:27-30) Interaction Stirs Hidden Emotions
 - C. (:31-34) Interaction Centers Around Communal Feast

Genesis 44 -Family Reconciliation Requires Transforming Repentance

- **I. (:1-12) Capture Of Benjamin In Joseph's Trap Sets Up The Ultimate Test**
 - A. (:1-2) Setting the Trap
 - B. (:3-6) Springing the Trap
 - C. (:7-12) Searching the Sacks
- **II. (:13-17) Confession Of Judah And The Brothers Before Joseph Demonstrates Family Solidarity**
 - A. (:13-14) Returning to Joseph to Confess Their Crime
 - B. (:15-17) Receiving Joseph's Judgment Upon Their Confession
- **III. (:18-34) Counterproposal Of Judah To Be Enslaved As A Substitute For Benjamin Proves Their Unselfish Love**
 - A. (:18) Respectful Approach
 - B. (:19-21) Unique Beloved Status of Benjamin
 - C. (:22-24) Unconditional Demand of Joseph
 - D. (:25-29) Unacceptable Dilemma Facing Jacob
 - E. (:30-32) Unfortunate Consequences of Returning Home Without Benjamin
 - F. (:33-34) Ultimate Request to Serve as a Substitute for Benjamin

Genesis 45 - Providential Reconciliation Blessed By God With Abundant Provision And Inward Transformation

- **I. (:1-15) Emotional Reconciliation Between Joseph And His Brothers**
 - A. (:1-3) Revealing Himself to His Brothers with a Heart of Love and Forgiveness
 - B. (:4-8) Reassuring His Brothers that He Harbors No Bitterness Because of His Confidence in God's Sovereignty
 - C. (:9-13) Reporting Back to Jacob the Grace of God Who Abundantly Provides
 - D. (:14-15) Restoring Family Affections with Genuine Emotion and Intimacy
- **II. (:16-24) Abundant Provision — Pharaoh's Blessing And Charge To Joseph**
 - A. (:16-20) Blessing Ordered
 - B. (:21-24) Charge Obeyed
- **III. (:25-28) Transforming Revival In The Heart Of Jacob**
 - A. (:25) Return of Joseph's Brothers to Jacob to Bring the Good News
 - B. (:26-27) Revival of Jacob's Heart — Transformation From Despair to Hope

Genesis 46:28-30

- ²⁸ Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out *the way* before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. ²⁹ Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

1) Josephs suffering: A Picture of Christs Humiliation

Joseph

- Joseph is sold into slavery
- Endured years of affliction
- Despised and rejected

Christ

- Sold by Judas
- Endured affliction throughout his ministry and at the cross
- Despised and rejected by men

Brothers

- Humbled by their affliction in the famine
- Humbled by their conscience
- Humbled by the providences of God

2) Joseph's Exaltation: Foreshadowing Christ's Lordship

Joseph

- Joseph was exalted to Highest position in Egypt (Gen 44:18)
- The people of the land and brothers bow to Joseph (Gen 42:6, 43:26,28)
- Even as a ruler he showed great humility

Christ

- Jesus is Exalted (Phil 2:9)
- All the kingdoms will bow to Christ
- Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God
- Jesus as a ruler shows great humility

3) Providence and Sovereignty

Joseph

- Josephs revelation from God fulfilled
- Joseph had sovereignty over the land
- Joseph showed mercy
- Sovereignty is governed by wisdom
- Sovereignty is governed by justice and mercy
- God Sovereignly orchestrated the events of Josephs life to bring about salvation



Christ

- Revelation of Jesus is fulfilled
- Jesus has sovereignty over all the earth and heaven (Psalm 21:4)
- Jesus shows us mercy
- Christ governs with wisdom
- Christ is just and merciful
- God Sovereignly orchestrated the events of Jesus life to bring about salvation



4) Redemptive Purpose

- **Redemption**: Defined is the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil, it can be a purchase or to buy out

Joseph

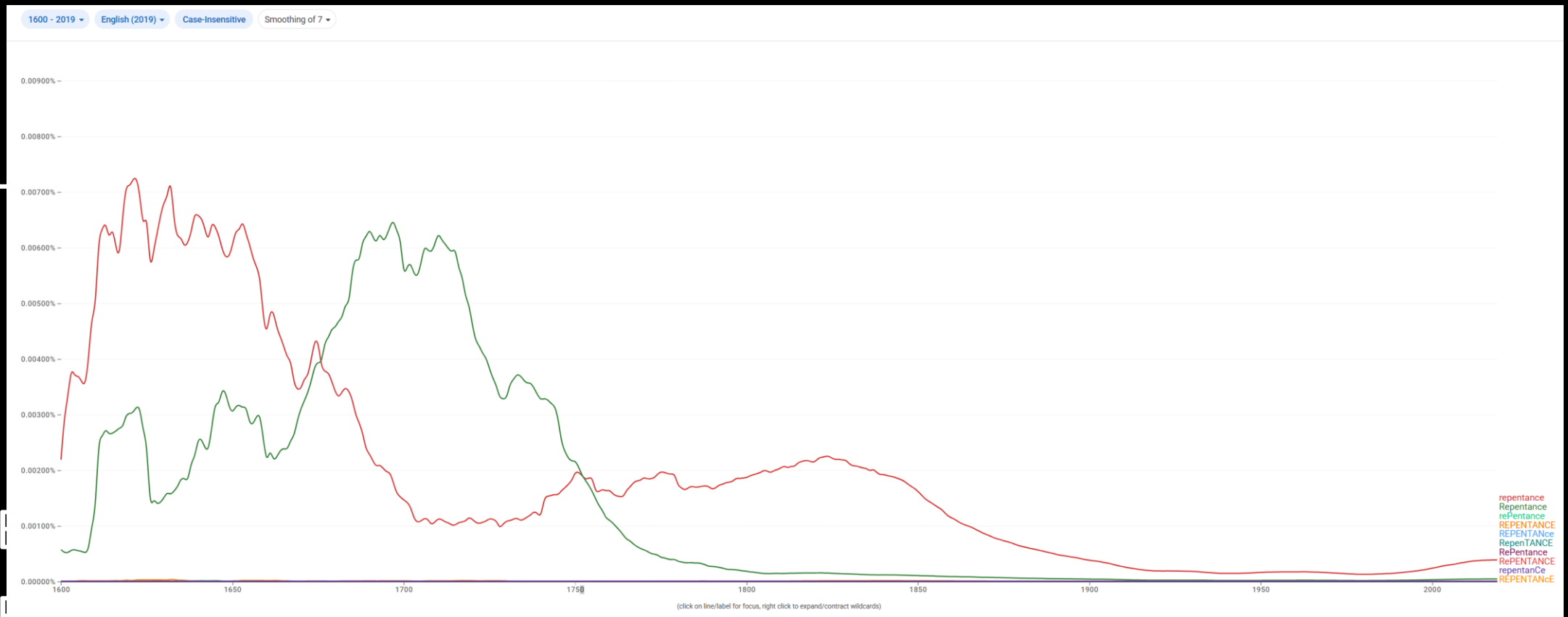
- Redeemed his family from the famine
- Physical act of providing food, water and land
- Redeemed by the sovereign plan of God
- Family started a new in Goshen

Christ

- Redeemed us from Sin and the penalty of sin
- Christ Redeems us from Hell and separation from God
- Christ Redeems us by the sovereign plan of God
- Christ makes us new creation in Him

5) Repentance Tests by Joseph to the Brothers

- **Repentance: Godly sorrow for ones sin and resolve to turn from it, sincere regret or remorse.**



• repentance

5) Repentance Leading to Forgiveness

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Brothers

- Guilt & Confession (Genesis 42)
 - "We are truly guilty concerning our brother" (Genesis 42:21).
- Fear & Sorrow (Genesis 42-43):
 - Their fear of Joseph and deep sorrow, particularly Reuben's earlier warnings, show their internal distress over their past actions.
- Changed Actions (Genesis 44):
 - The crucial test comes when Joseph frames Benjamin. Instead of abandoning Benjamin as they had Joseph, Judah passionately pleads for Benjamin's life, offering himself as a slave in his place.
- Vulnerability & Reconciliation (Genesis 45):
 - This selfless act of intercession by Judah, along with their changed concern for their father and each other, demonstrates their complete transformation, leading Joseph to reveal himself and forgive them.

6) Forgiveness: A Picture of Christ's Grace

- **Forgiveness** - is a deliberate, verbal promise to let go of anger, bitterness, and vengeance, affirming undeserved love by declaring an offender forgiven

Joseph

- Joseph tenderly forgives his brothers
- Joseph was tempted
- Joseph wept multiple times – over sin, and seeing his father

Christ

- Jesus tenderly forgives those who are His
- Christ was tempted and, in every way, (Matt 4)
- Jesus wept and lamented over the sins of the people

7) Reconciliation: A Picture of Christ's Grace

- **Restoration /Reconciliation-** the action of returning something to a former owner, place, or condition

Brothers

- Reconciled with their brother who they offended
- They moved all their families to be under Josephs protection
- Given the message to proclaim: "He is alive"

Joseph

- Reconciled with his brothers
- Instructed them to come live under his protection in Goshen

Christ

- Jesus reconciles us to God the father – thru his life death and resurrection (2 Cor 5:17-21)
- Instructs all believers that we are to proclaim, "He is alive" (2 Cor 5:17-21)

8) Salvation (Provisions)

Salvation: Divine act of being saved from harm, ruin, or loss. Delivered from the power and curse of sin. The word carries the idea of victory, health, or preservation.

Joseph

- Saved his family from death from famine
- Provided them food and water
- Provided them land perfect for their family

Christ

- Jesus saves us from eternal death
- Jesus is and provides us bread of life
- Jesus is and provides the living water
- Jesus has provided us a future heaven and earth

Applications

- Are you humble? Or does pride overpower your mind and heart?
- Do you believe in the current and future reign of Jesus Christ
- Do you believe in Gods sovereignty over History and Salvation – I mean we might say it with our words but do we truly believe it in our actions and mind.
- Have you truly been redeemed and reconciled to God in your own life?
- Do you go to Christ for your spiritual provisions? Living bread and water
- Do you regularly repent and confess your sins to God
- Is your heart prepared to eagerly forgive others?
- Are you forgiven of your sins before a Holy God?

