

Sermon Notes

Intro: Welcome back to the “book of the king”! (Gen 37-50)

Preparing the way for Jesus, God’s ultimate saviour-king

FAQ: A few helpful Qs to address:

a) Why keep talking about “King”, Joseph isn’t even called one, is he?!

Joseph=God’s Chosen Ruler NOW (Gen 37:7-8, 41:43, 44:8) } 2 Portraits
 Judah=God’s Chosen Ruler TO COME (Gen 49:8-10)
 Starting to fulfill the royal promises (Gen 17:6, 17:16, 35:11)

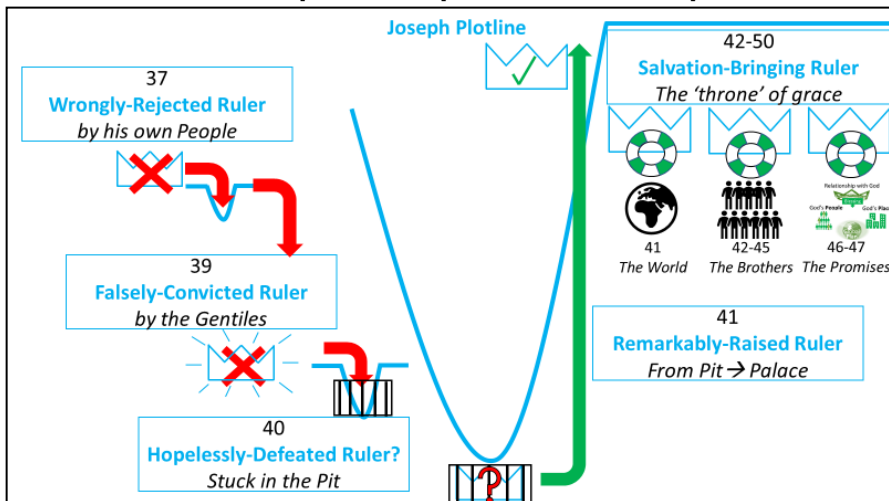
b) Why keep saying Joseph is a picture (“type”) of Jesus? The New Testament doesn’t say he’s a type of Jesus, does it?

Acts 7:9-16&51-53 [cf. Matthew 21:37-38] [Gen 49:8]

c) But surely Joseph can’t be a picture of Jesus! E.g. he’s just human, he doesn’t die & rise from dead, he falsely pretends to his brothers!

Type=Like&unlike (Gen 22:13-14, Exodus 12:1-3, John 1:29; Heb 10:1-4)

PLOT RECAP: The shape of Joseph’s life is the shape of Jesus’ life

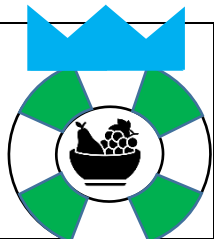


Fixing a Family, not just a Famine

Genesis 42-45

1. This family is famished... but God put Joseph in place to generously provide for them (42:1-5; 43:1-2; 45:7-11)



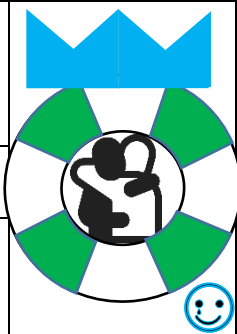






NB. How big a deal is this famine?

The Brothers' 1 st Journey	The Brothers' 2 nd journey		
42	43	44-45	
From famine & fear... (42:1-5)	From famine & fear... (43:1-18)	...& more fear... (44:13-14)	
...to feast! (42:25-35)	...to feast! (43:34)	...to feast! (45:11, 17-23)	

But there's a whole lot more going on...! Why all the complexity?

2. This family is fractured...but God put Joseph in place to graciously convict & reconcile them (42:15-24; 43:34, 44:10-17, 45:1-7)

NB. How fractured is family? Favouritism, envy, near fratricide

The Brothers' 1 st Journey	The Brothers' 2 nd journey	
42	43-44	45
 <p style="text-align: center;">I'll test if you are honest men</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Come Dine With Me</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Benjamin</i> favoured</p>	
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Simeon</i> Others free</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Benjamin</i> Others free</p>	
 <p style="text-align: center;">We are guilty for Joseph</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">We are all guilty for Joseph</p> 	

➔ Reconciled: to Joseph, to God, to each other

3. Implications for us



a) Like Joseph, God's ultimate ruler Jesus is lovingly determined to deal with our sin not just our stomachs

(e.g. Mark 2:1-12 – To paralytic: 'your sins are forgiven')

b) Like the brothers, if we want to be reconciled to God we need to be honest about how we've treated his king (we've rejected Jesus' rule)

(Luke 18:9-14 – Tax collector: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner')

c) When we are honest to God about our sin, we find the loving arms of Jesus wide open to welcome and forgive us

(Luke 15:1-24: - 'bring quickly the best robe...')

d) Which can (and should) lead to genuine repentance and reconciliation with one another in the family of God

(Matt. 18:21-25 – 'should you not have mercy on your fellow servant?')