

Sermon Notes

The One who Willingly Steps in to Save

Genesis 43-44

Intro: great authors give clues about where the plot is going...

...God does the same in Scripture...using history itself!!!

Gen 37-50 Recap: "The Book of the King"

Main Plot: royal portrait 1: **Joseph** – the SHAPE of the king to come

Joseph & his amazing technicolour...**Suffering!** → Rise → Rule → **Save**

Subplot: royal portrait 2: **Judah** – the LINE of the king to come (49:8)

Judah & his amazing, miraculous...**Substitution!** → **Save**

1. With the lives of God's promised family at stake, Judah pledges to protect his brother at cost to himself (43v1-10)

Q. How did this servant leader emerge from selfish Judah?!

A. Miracle of God's sovereign grace in a rotten line!! (cf. 38:17)

Rotten line (38) →

← Royal line (49)

2. With Israel's life at stake, Judah substitutes himself for his brother, willingly taking his place (44v18-34)

Rotten line (38) →

Substitute Saviour (44)

← Royal line (49)

3. Which provides the final piece of the gospel jigsaw in Genesis... (22:8, 13-14)

...in the portrait of Joseph-like king (trapped by circumstance?!)

...in the portrait of substitute sacrifice (God provides...a lamb?!)

Conclusion: the true substitute saviour-king has now arrived!

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord." (Joh 10:11,18)

"Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered... I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain (Rev 5:5-6 Esv)