

“Preparation for Famine” (Genesis 41)

Big Idea: God exalted Joseph as the nations’ savior from famine.

- I. The Account in This Text
 - a. Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams when no one else can. (verses 1–36)
 - b. In response, Pharaoh exalts Joseph as sovereign and savior. (verses 37–45)

Isaiah 49:6–7

- c. In fruitfulness or famine, Joseph rules as a wise savior. (verses 46–57)

- II. The Applications of This Text

- a. Hints of Christ’s Power

- 1. Christ as Prophet and Mediator

- Isaiah 11:1–5; 59:20–21

- 2. Christ as Sovereign Ruler

- Daniel 7:13–14; 1 Corinthians 15:27–28; Revelation 3:12; Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 2:7–12

Conclusion of Part 1: Christ wisely and tenderly exercises his sovereignty for salvation. (Matthew 11:27–30; John 10:1–4, 10–15, 27–29; Revelation 7:9–10, 13–17)

- b. Hope for Christ’s People [Beginning of Part 2]

- 1. World powers are at God’s disposal for the good of his people.

- Daniel 4:34–35, 37

- 2. By God’s grace, we share not only Christ’s sufferings but also his glory.

- James 1:12; Romans 8:9–11, 14–18; Colossians 1:27; 2 Timothy 2:10–12a
Isaiah 61:1–3, 10; 62:2–3; Revelation 2:26–27; 3:8–13, 21
1 Corinthians 4:8–16; 1 Corinthians 3:21–22