

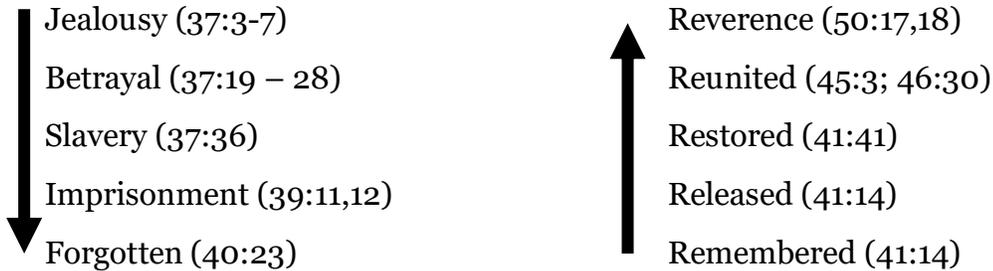


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*“You intended evil to me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:20*

I. The Background

A. Joseph went through many trials and tribulations



B. God protected and strengthened His people in Egypt through Joseph’s care (46:2-4)
70 people entered Egypt (46:27)

430 years later – at least 30,000 and possibly up to 2 million depart Egypt

C. The death of Jacob was the final test (49:33)

D. Joseph’s brothers fell down in front of Joseph as the Lord told him (50:16 – 18;37:6-8)

II. The “But God” Moment (Gen. 50:19 – 20)

A. You don’t have to fear when God is in control! (Do not fear—365x)

B. I am NOT God – I am not in control!

C. You intended evil for me, but God INTENDED good for many (Rom. 8:28)

1. Character development
2. Faith strengthening/testing
3. Testimony to lead others to Christ
4. Life and hope for the lost

III. The “But God” Lessons for Today

A. God does NOT take us OUT, BUT GOD takes us through the trials and tribulations

B. The world rewards the powerful, BUT GOD rewards the faithful (Gen. 39:21)

C. Man makes plans, BUT GOD is sovereign (Isa. 55:8,9; Prov. 16:9,21)