

## **Psalm 105:16-23**

### **Psalms of Theology: Covenant, Part 2**

**Types, shadows, and rhythms starts to emerge**

**Big Idea: God sovereignly governs history, suffering, and human action to advance His covenant promises and begin salvation through His chosen servant.**

#### **1. God ordains His purposes through providence (16-17)**

- “he summoned a famine on the land”
- The famine was not accidental (41:25)
- Natural events are under divine authority
- God prepares provision before crisis
  - “Sent a man before them, Joseph”
- here is a rhythm — God prepares deliverance before judgment falls
- God’s preparations often precedes our awareness
- What may appear chaotic may already be under God’s sovereign direction

#### **2. God advances redemption through the His suffering servant (18-19)**

- Joseph suffered unjustly (37,38, 39, 40)
- Betrayed by his brothers
- Sold into slavery
- Imprisoned while innocent
- Forgotten
- God’s word was being fulfilled through suffering
- “Until the time that his word came true”
- God had given Joseph a dream in 37, and maybe confidence in that is what kept Joseph humble and faithful
- God’s purposes often are recognized through suffering
- Affliction does not indicate divine abandonment (39:2;39:21)

#### **3. God exalts His servant for the salvation of others (20-22)**

- the prisoner becomes the ruler
- He would be the one who save many including his family
- Humiliation to exaltation is a rhythm
- Joseph was 30 (41:46) (type)

#### **4. God preserves His covenant people through His chosen servant (23)**

- Egypt became a refuge in the famine (42:56-47)
- God’s covenant people survived
- Covenant line remained intact

This sets up:

- Israel’s multiplication
- The exodus
- The formation of a nation
- The coming Messiah

God sovereignly directs history.

God uses suffering to accomplish His purposes

God exalts His chosen servant for salvation.

God preserves His covenant people to fulfill His promises

Genesis 50: 19-21

