

AdSS24- You thought evil, but God meant good

- (1) Background: Jacob reunited with Joseph in Egypt
- (2) Jacob promoted to glory. (Gen 49:33)



(3) Fear of Joseph's brothers. (Gen 50:14-21)

Gen 50:

”19 And Joseph said unto them, Fe a í not: foí $a^{1/2}$ I in the place of God?”

“20 But as foí you, ye thought evil against me; *buī* God meant it unto good, to bíing to pass, as *īī* is this day, to save much people alive.”



Source: <https://www.biblword.net/what-can-we-learn-from-the-life-of-joseph/>

GOD IS OUR JUDGE

Daily Devotions on the Attributes of God

Source: <https://www.itdyer.com/god-is-our-judge/>

(4) Comments:

- (a) Joseph never intended to use his power against his brothers.
- (b) Joseph was conscious that God was the one who judged and avenged, not him.

“Icaí →ot: roí a^{1/2} | i→ t^c
place of God?”

(Gc→ 50:19)

(c) Joseph understood that God ruled over all circumstances including *evil* ones.

(d) He saw that his brothers intended evil to come upon him by throwing him into a pit and selling him to slave traders.

(e) But God ruled over the event for good for Joseph to go ahead to Egypt and subsequently become Prime Minister to save Jacob and family from famine.

“yc t'kougkt' cvil agai → 'st' mc; *buī* God meant it unto good” (Gen 50:20)

(5) Joseph

Source: <https://www.alamy.com/joseph-sold-as-a-slave-image184217172.html>



Source: <http://ubdavid.org/bible/characters1/characters1-6.html>

“Ye thought evil”

“God meant it unto good”

Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/367113807100173155/>

(6) Slavery in Egypt

Source: <https://www.jewishnews.co.uk/the-bible-says-what-how-does-the-torah-tackles-slavery/>



“Ye thought evil”



Source: <https://www.jewishpress.com/indepth/opinions/leaving-egypt-to-cross-the-metaphorical-seas/2019/04/25/>

“God meant it unto good”

(7) Apostle Paul

Source: <https://jesusfootprints.wordpress.com/2015/09/19/from-trials-to-triumph/>



“Ye thought evil”



Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/205124957998103547/>



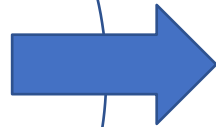
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(8) Jesus Christ

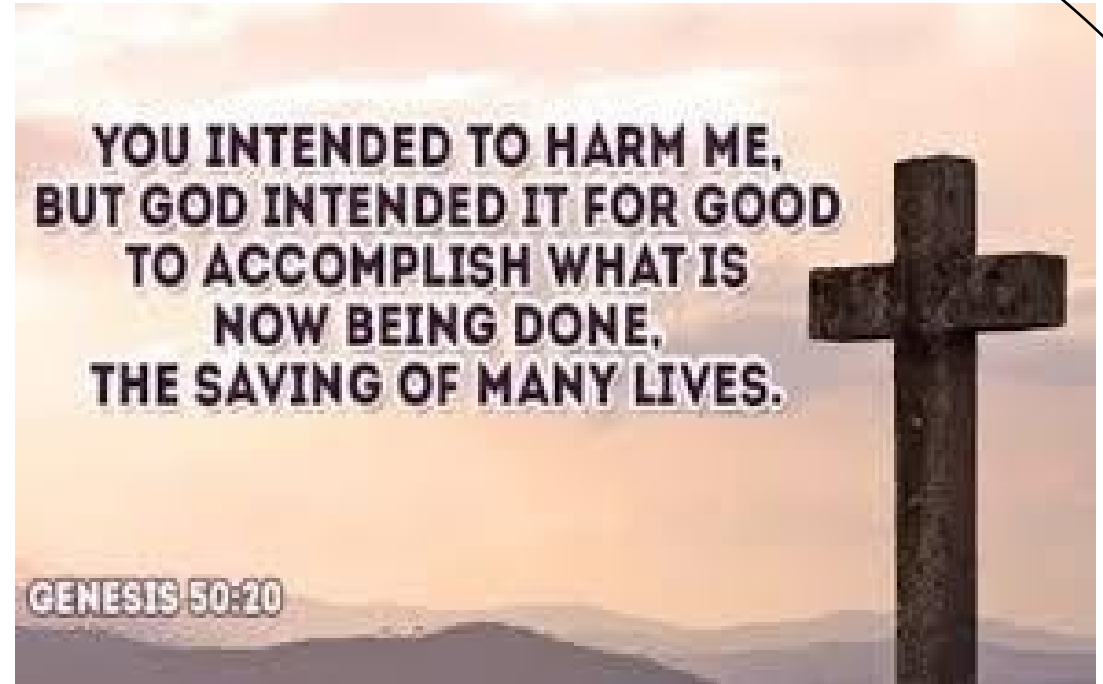
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“Ye thought evil”



Source: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/genesis/50-20.html>



“God meant it unto good”

(9) Spiritual Lessons:

(a) Our lives: Contemplate whether “Ye thought evil, but God meant good” applies to our lives.

We are bullied, oppressed \longrightarrow leads to a good outcome.

(a) We should not be fearful because God is in control even of the difficult circumstances.

(b) Personal sharing:

- Job S1
- Job S2

(d) Our part:

- (i) Close walk with God in prayer and reading the Word.
- (ii) Do things which please God.
- (iii) Flee from sin.
- (iv) Don't take revenge.



Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary

Topic: The Lord
rejects Saul

Date: 10 July 2022
(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

Venue: Sanctuary