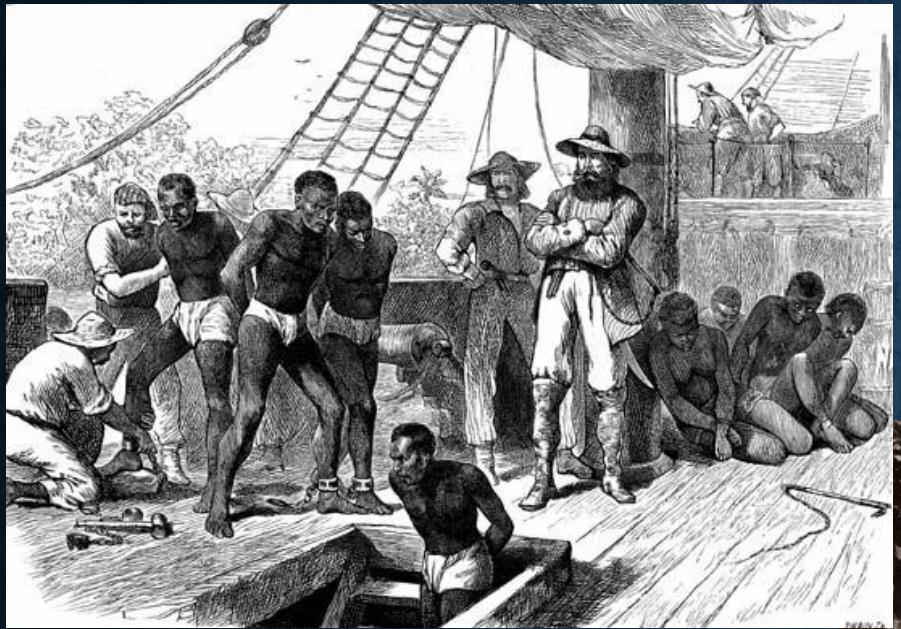


THE PRICE TO PAY

Genesis 47:13–31





Gen 47:13-31

¹³ There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine. ¹⁴ Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in Egypt and Canaan in payment for the grain they were buying, and he brought it to Pharaoh's palace. ¹⁵ When the money of the people of Egypt and Canaan was gone, all Egypt came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? Our money is all gone."

¹⁶ "Then bring your livestock," said Joseph. "I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone." ¹⁷ So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their sheep and goats, their cattle and donkeys. And he brought them through that year with food in exchange for all their livestock.

¹⁸ When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, "We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land.

¹⁹ Why should we perish before your eyes—we and our land as well? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we with our land will be in bondage to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate.”

²⁰ So Joseph bought all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. The Egyptians, one and all, sold their fields, because the famine was too severe for them. The land became Pharaoh’s, ²¹ and Joseph reduced the people to servitude, from one end of Egypt to the other. ²² However, he did not buy the land of the priests, because they received a regular allotment from Pharaoh and had food enough from the allotment Pharaoh gave them. That is why they did not sell their land.

²³ Joseph said to the people, “Now that I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh, here is seed for you so you can plant the ground. ²⁴ But when the crop comes in, give a fifth of it to Pharaoh. The other four-fifths you may keep as seed for the fields and as food for yourselves and your households and your children.”

²⁵ “You have saved our lives,” they said. “May we find favor in the eyes of our lord; we will be in bondage to Pharaoh.”

²⁶ So Joseph established it as a law concerning land in Egypt—still in force today—that a fifth of the produce belongs to Pharaoh. It was only the land of the priests that did not become Pharaoh's.

²⁷ Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number.

²⁸ Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven.

²⁹ When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called for his son Joseph and said to him, “If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise that you will show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt,³⁰ but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried.”

“I will do as you say,” he said.

³¹ “Swear to me,” he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

The Price to Pay for Salvation

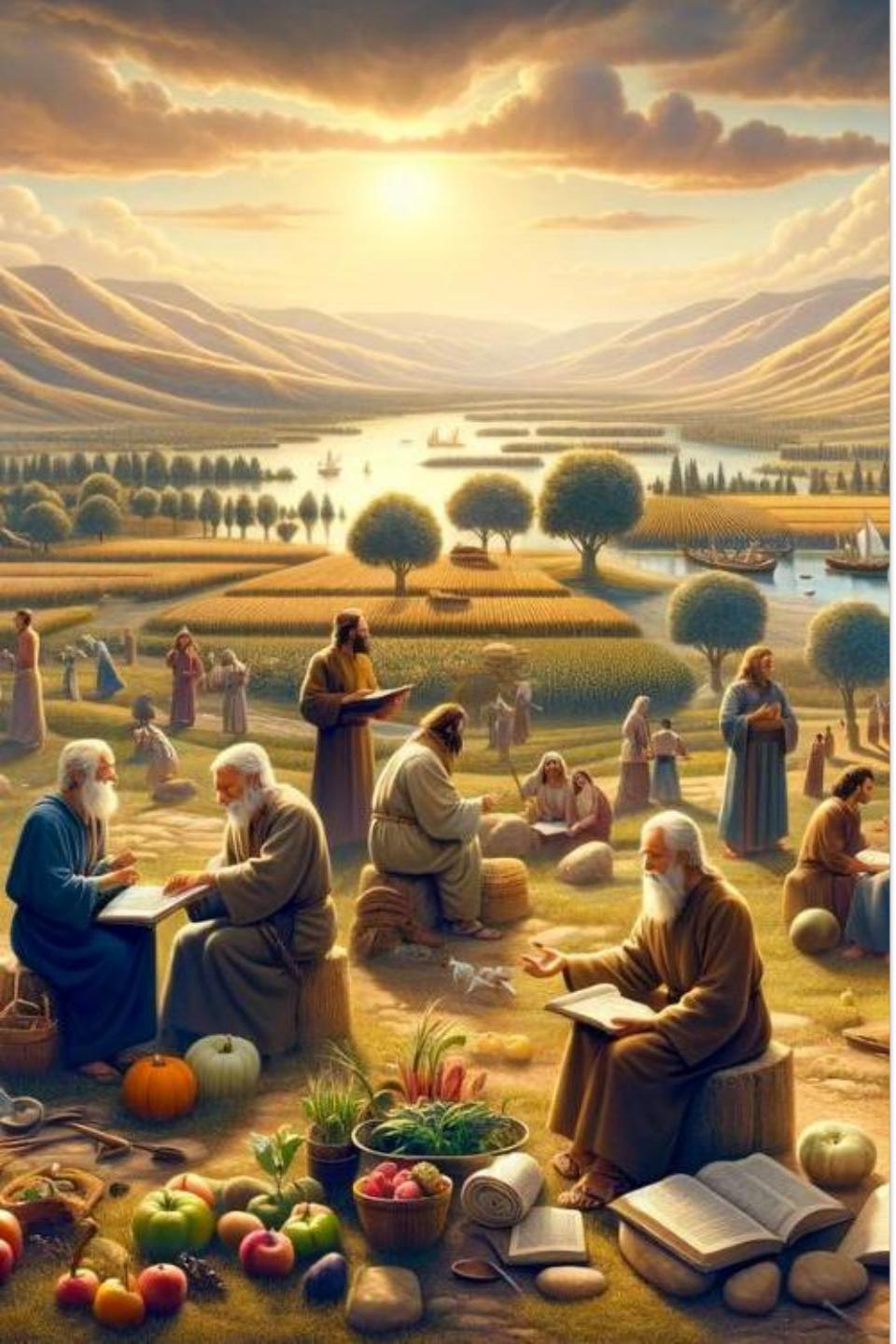
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Land - A World Selling Itself to Survive

- Severe famine: no food in all the land.
- Egyptians give money → livestock → land → themselves.
- Human desperation reveals spiritual poverty – a broken world
 - *everyone pays a price just to exist*





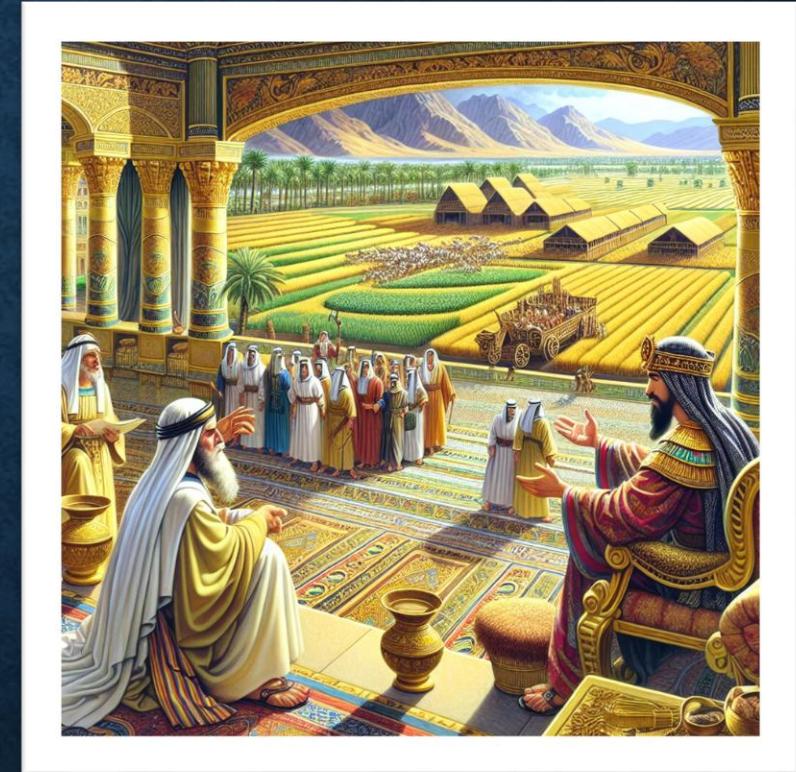
Land - Israelites Prosper in Goshen

v27b, “They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number.”

- Goshen becomes a picture of grace in a world of judgment.
- God preserves His covenant people, making all things work together.

Land - The Irony of Priests

- Priests of Egypt receive food allotment from Pharaoh.
 - Worldly privileges often are given to those who have status and positions, who are famous or powerful.
- **What will you pledge your allegiance ?**
- to survive – Egyptians paid everything, Priests paid nothing, Israelite prospered; but none found Salvation.



The Promised Land - Jacob's Last Request



v28, Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years, and the years of his life were 147

- Gen 46:4, "... I will surely bring you back again."
- Jacob says: 'Do not bury me in Egypt... carry me out of Egypt and bury me where my fathers are buried.'

The Promised Land - Jacob's Last Request

- Burial request = Statement of faith
- Hebrews 11:21, (c.f. 47:31)
 - "By faith Jacob, when he was dying.... and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff."



The Land of Paradise - Christ Pays the Price



- Egypt paid everything yet gained only survival.
- Christ paid His life and gives eternal life.

1 Peter 1:18-19,

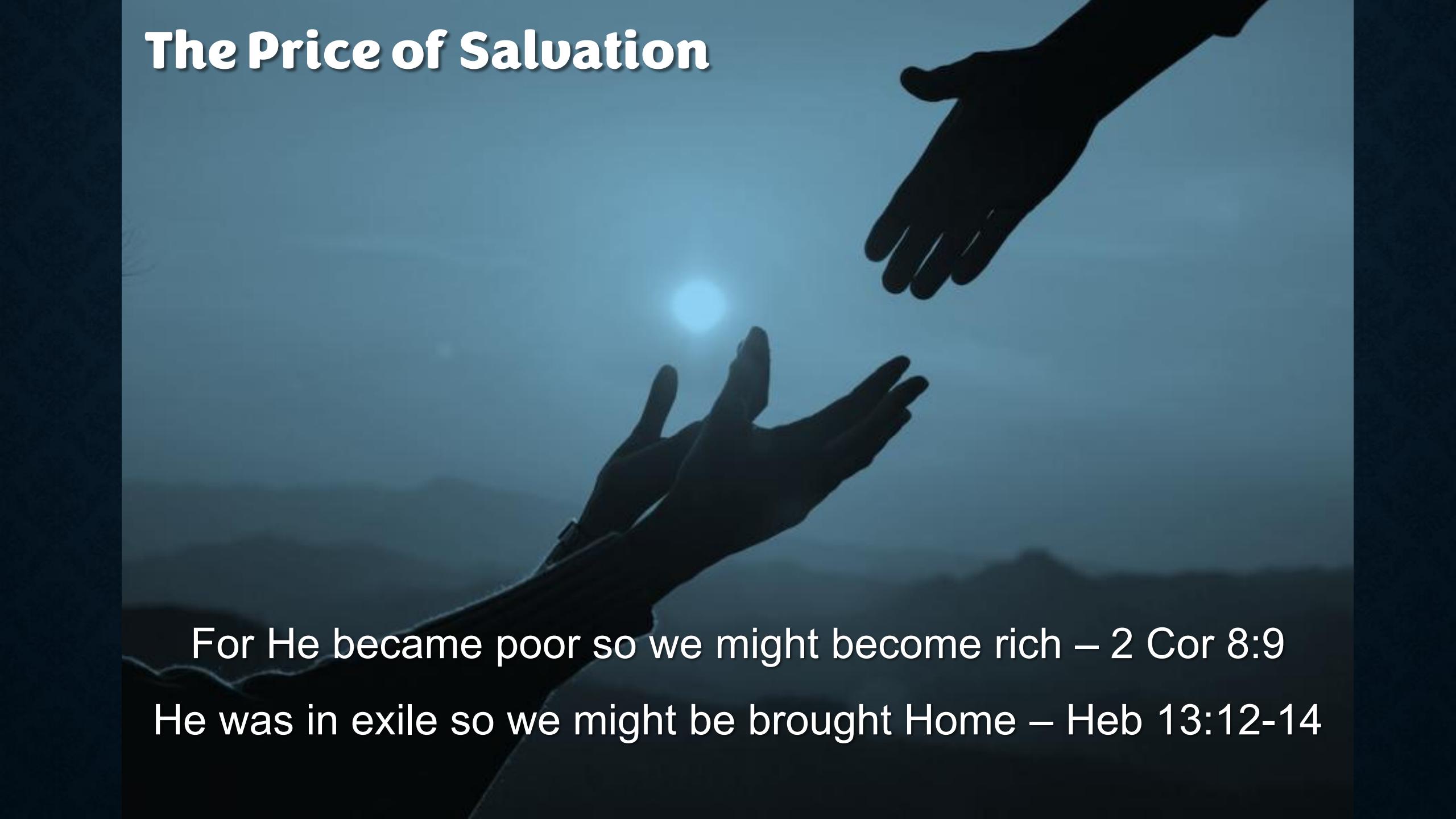
- "... it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed .. but with the precious blood of Christ,..."

The Land of Paradise - Christ will bring us home

- John 14 – 'I go to prepare a place for you.'

Revelation 21: New Heaven & new Earth

The Price of Salvation



For He became poor so we might become rich – 2 Cor 8:9

He was in exile so we might be brought Home – Heb 13:12-14

What Price have You Paid ?

