

# JOSEPH: THE ELEVATION OF A LEADER

Genesis 41:37-57

## INTRODUCTION

- Pharaoh had a dream.
  - Seven good years – plenty
  - Seven bad years – famine
- “What God is about to do He shows unto Pharaoh.”
- God gave Pharaoh a plan for the kingdom.

## PROPOSITION

- Pharaoh set out to choose the man to implement the plan.
- He looked at four characteristics of the man.
- These are four essentials for the elevation of a leader:

**QUALIFICATIONS • POSITION • AUTHORITY • COMMISSION**

### I. QUALIFICATIONS OF A LEADER (VV. 38-39)

- A. “One in whom the spirit of God is.” (v. 38)

- B. One God hath “shown thee all this” (v. 39) (seen the vision)
- C. Discreet: “There is none so discreet...” (ability to choose)
- D. Wise: “There is none so wise.” (ability to understand and use what is known.)

## II. POSITION OF A LEADER (V. 40)

### A. “Thou shalt be over my house...”

- 1. Be – *hayah* – be / exist / commit / continue
- 2. House – *bayith* – house / family / temple

### B. “According to thy word shall all my people be ruled.”

- 1. Word – *peh* – mouth: “means of blowing a word, appointment, command”
- 2. People – *am* – people / tribe / troops
- 3. Ruled – *nashaq* – be ordered / managed

### C. “Only in the throne will I be greater than thou.”

- 1. Throne – *kisay* – throne / seat / final authority
- 2. Greater – *gadal* – more important

### III. AUTHORITY OF A LEADER (VV. 41-43)

#### A. “I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.” (v. 41)

1. “Pharaoh took off his ring (signet) from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand...” (v. 41)
  - a. Ring – signet / sign / proof
  - b. Hand – authority / representation
2. “Pharaoh arrayed him in vestures of fine linen.” (v. 42)
  - a. Vestures – *shesh* – white cotton
  - b. Fine linen
3. Pharaoh put “a gold chain about his neck.” (v. 42)
4. Pharaoh “made him to ride in the second chariot.” (v. 43)
5. “They cried before him, ‘Bow the knee...’” (v. 43)
6. Pharaoh “made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.” (v. 43)

### IV. COMMISSION OF A LEADER

- “Went out from Pharaoh” throughout all the land of Egypt
- Effected the harvest

- Prepared for the famine
- A. “Gather corn” – harvest (v. 50)**
- “And Joseph gathered corn...” – that of which bread is made.
- B. “Bear sons” – father (v. 50)**
1. Manasseh – “Causing to forget”
    - Forget – *nashah* – forget / remit / remove
    - Toil – *amal* – toil / wearying effort / sorrow / wickedness
    - Father’s house – “ye are of your father the devil.”
  2. Ephraim – double fruitful (in the land of my affliction)
    - “Ephrath” – fruitful (also) a second name for Bethlehem (Psalm 132:6)
    - “Ephraim” – “double fruitful” – “worthy of double honor”

## CONCLUSION

Our situation today is very much like that of the Pharaoh-King with the new leader, Joseph.

- Pharaoh had a dream.
- He founded and built a “spiritual house.”

- He saw the future.
- He found a man to help him lead.

Today we set in that leader and release the Father to oversee and counsel the leader and to raise up and release other sons and daughters.

We have considered:

- Qualifications of the leader
- Position of the leader
- Authority of the leader
- Commission of the leader.