

JOSEPH: THE ELEVATION OF A LEADER

Genesis 41:37-57

INTRODUCTION

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

PROPOSITION

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

QUALIFICATIONS • POSITION • AUTHORITY • COMMISSION

I. _____ OF A LEADER (VV. 38-39)

- A. “One in whom the _____ _____ _____ _____.” (v. 38)

B. One God hath “_____” (v. 39) (seen the vision)

C. Discreet: “There is none so _____” (ability to choose)

D. Wise: “There is none so _____.” (ability to understand and use what is known.)

II. _____ OF A LEADER (V. 40)

A. “Thou shalt _____ over my house...”

1. Be – *hayah* – be / exist / commit / continue

2. House – *bayith* – house / family / temple

B. “According to thy word shall all my _____ be _____.”

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 _____ will I be greater than thou.”

1. Throne – *kisay* – throne / seat / final _____

2. Greater – *gadal* – more important

III. _____ OF A LEADER (VV. 41-43)

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

1. “Pharaoh took off his _____ (signet) from his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s hand...” (v. 41)

a. Ring – signet / sign / proof

b. Hand – authority / representative

2. “Pharaoh arrayed him in vestures of fine _____.” (v. 42)

a. Vestures – *shesh* – white cotton

b. Fine linen

3. Pharaoh put “a _____ about his neck.” (v. 42)

4. Pharaoh “made him to ride in the _____.” (v. 43)

5. “They cried before him, ‘Bow the knee...’” (v. 43)

6. Pharaoh “made him _____ over all the land of Egypt.” (v. 43)

IV. _____ 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”

- _____ – *nashah* – forget / remit / remove
- _____ – *amal* – toil / wearying effort / sorrow / wickedness
- _____ – “ye are of your father the devil.”

2. Ephraim – double _____ (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:

- _____ of the leader
- _____ of the leader
- _____ of the leader
- _____ of the leader.