**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

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