

**Joseph Rises to Power**  
~Genesis 41: 41 – Genesis 41:52~

**Review: Genesis 41: 39-40**

**Genesis 41:41-45** <sup>41</sup>Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I now make you governor over all of Egypt.”  
<sup>42</sup>Then Pharaoh gave his special ring to Joseph. The royal seal was on this ring. Pharaoh also gave Joseph a fine linen robe and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup>Then he told Joseph to ride in his second chariot. Pharaoh’s officials said, “Let him be the governor over the whole land of Egypt!” <sup>44</sup>Then Pharaoh said to him, “I am Pharaoh, the king over everyone in Egypt, but no one else in Egypt can lift a hand or move a foot unless you say he can.” <sup>45</sup>Then Pharaoh gave Joseph another name, Zaphenath Paneah. He also gave Joseph a wife named Asenath. She was the daughter of Potiphera, a priest in the city of On. So Joseph became the governor over the whole country of Egypt.

- Joseph was given a ring.....symbolized royal favor, so was a token of that high office and great dignity to which he was promoted. He wore the royal seal on his finger authorizing him to transact the affairs of the government on behalf of Pharaoh.
- Joseph was given a fine linen robe...symbolized great position; worn by those in high office; expensive clothing
- Joseph was given a gold chain....badge of honor and dignity
- Joseph rode in Pharaoh’s chariot to show the people of Joseph’s position

**Compare Genesis 41: 41-45 with Genesis 37..** <sup>23</sup>When Joseph came to his brothers, they attacked him and tore off his long and beautiful coat. <sup>24</sup>Then they threw him into an empty well that was dry. .... <sup>28</sup>When the Midianite traders came by, the brothers took Joseph out of the well and sold him to the traders for 20 pieces of silver. The traders took him to Egypt. .... <sup>31</sup>The brothers killed a goat and put the goat’s blood on Joseph’s beautiful coat. <sup>32</sup>Then the brothers showed the coat to their father. And the brothers said, “We found this coat. Is this Joseph’s coat?” <sup>33</sup>His father saw the coat and knew that it was Joseph’s. He said, “Yes, that is his! Maybe some wild animal has killed him. My son Joseph has been eaten by a wild animal!”

- The Clothing
- The Treatment
- The Acceptance

**Verse 46** <sup>46</sup> Joseph was 30 years old when he began serving the king of Egypt. He traveled throughout the country of Egypt.

- Pharaoh recognized the Spirit of God in him, his wisdom, and leadership skills....thus he gave Joseph responsibility for the advancement and survival of Egypt.
- Do the church; church(es) trust young adults with leadership positions?

**Joseph's family: Verse 50-52** <sup>50</sup> Joseph's wife, Asenath, was the daughter of Potiphera, the priest in the city of On. Before the first year of hunger came, Joseph and Asenath had two sons. <sup>51</sup> Joseph named the first son Manasseh. He was given this name because Joseph said, "God made me forget all my hard work and everything back home in my father's house." <sup>52</sup> Joseph named the second son Ephraim. Joseph gave him this name because he said, "I had great troubles, but God has made me successful in everything."

- What were the meaning of the names of Joseph's sons?
- Do you have a story of deliverance, victory from your past?                      Are you giving God the praise for what He did in your life?

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