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Colors

Gold - Pharaoh's Promotion of Joseph

Gen. 41:39 "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

There are over a hundred parallels between the life of Joseph and the life of Jesus Christ. In the above scene we have Pharaoh promoting Joseph to be the second ruler in the land of Egypt. Egypt was to be governed by the word of Joseph. In making this promotion Pharaoh placed a gold chain about the neck of Joseph. This is symbolic of making Joseph a ruler or king over the land of Egypt.

Before Joseph became ruler over the land of Egypt several things happened to him:

1. Joseph was Jacob's (his father) favorite son.
2. Jacob had given Joseph a coat of many colors. This coat ended up dipped in the blood of a lamb.
3. Joseph's brethren plotted to kill Joseph, because they envied and hated him.
4. Joseph's brethren sold Joseph into bondage in Egypt.
5. Joseph was put in prison in Egypt even though he had done nothing wrong.
6. Joseph had the gift of prophecy which God had given to him.
7. Joseph was raised up out of prison and brought before Pharaoh and there he was made the second ruler in the land.
8. As the second ruler, Joseph saved his brethren from famine.
9. Joseph provided the best of dwelling places for his brethren in the land of Egypt – the land of Goshen.
10. Joseph ruled over all the land of Egypt.

Now we notice the parallels of Christ's ascension to be king over the Kingdom of God:

1. Christ is the favorite Son of the Father and the only begotten Son:

a. John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

b. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

c. John 3:18 "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

d. Heb. 11:17 "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son."

e. 1 John 4:9 "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

2. Christ was given, not a coat of many colors, but a people out of every nation, people, tongue and kindred: Rev. 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." This people ended up dipped in the blood of the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ).

3. The Jews ended up plotting to kill Jesus because they envied him and hated him:

a. Mark 11:18 "And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine."

b. Mark 14:1 "After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death."

c. Mark 14:11 "And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him."

d. Luke 22:2 "And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people."

e. Matt. 27:17 "Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him."

4. Christ was sold for thirty pieces of silver:

a. Mat. 26:15 "And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."

b. Mat. 27:3 "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was

condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,"

c. Mat. 27:9 "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;"

5. Christ was taken from prison and judgment: Isa. 53:8 "He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken."

6. Jesus prophesied of many things while walking on earth.

7. God raised up Christ from the dead: Rom. 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." God, also made Christ to be King: Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

8. As the Son of God, Christ saved his people from sin:

a. Luke 1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,"

b. Gal. 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"

c. 1 Pet. 1:18 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;"

d. Rev. 5:9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"

9. Christ has provided the best of dwelling places for his people while they sojourn here in this life – the Kingdom of God: Luke 16:16 "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

10. Christ rules, not only over his church, but over all the earth:

a. Rev. 12:5 "And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

b. Rev. 19:15 "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

c. Rev. 2:26 "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father."