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SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 37:1-40:23
- Acts 3:6-7; 19:4-6,12
- Deut. 11:24-25; 28:12-14
- Zechariah 8:13-17
- Proverbs 11:23-31
- Matthew 5:14-16
- II Corinthians 6:14-15
- I Corinthians 15:33-34
- Amos 2:6-3:8

INFLUENCING ATMOSPHERES

- Blessed to be a Blessing
- Commanding Atmospheres
- Authority for Obedience
- The Power of an Ambassador
- Imparting Transformation
- Influencing Culture
- Who you are Matters!
- Prepared to Take the Lead
- Be the Head and not the Tail

THEME: Even the ungodly can be blessed by association with us!

“The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. **And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.** So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. **So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD**

blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance." Genesis 39:2-6 NKJV

OUTCOME: Be faithful and obedient and you establish authority
"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. **He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.** Acts 7:9-10

"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours...No man shall be able to stand against you..."
Deuteronomy 11:24-25

"And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them." Deuteronomy 28:13 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. We begin now with the area of Scripture that just might be the deepest and richest prophetic soil in the entire bible—the narratives about the life of Joseph.
2. Joseph brings his father a **bad report about his brother while they were tending the flocks.**
3. **Israel (Jacob)** loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age through Rachel (his favorite).
4. Jacob gives Joseph a special robe.
5. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.
6. Joseph's has two dreams that make his brothers hate him even more: **"Your sheaves of corn gathered round mine and bowed down to mine; and the sun and moon and eleven stars bowed down to me.'**
7. Even Jacob questioned him, "will your mother and I bow down to you? (Of course in the end this all happens just as in the dreams.)
8. Joseph is then sent to check on His **brothers pasturing the flock** in Shechem?

9. His brothers plot to kill him and **Reuben** convinces them to not take his life.
10. Reuben recommends they throw him into this cistern so he can rescue him later and take him back to his father.
11. Instead they sell him to the **Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver** who then take him to Egypt.
12. The brothers take his fancy robe and put goat blood on it to show Jacob so they can convince him Joseph was killed by a wild animal.
13. Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

SHIFT GEARS—ALL EYES ON JUDAH—Oh Boy!

14. Judah leaves his brothers, meets the daughter of a Canaanite man, marries her and has a son, Er.
15. Er, his firstborn, eventually marries Tamar.
16. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the LORD's sight; so the LORD put him to death.
17. Judah tells his 2nd born Onan to **Sleep with his brother's wife and fulfill your duty to her as a brother-in-law to raise up offspring for your brother.** [The Law of the Levirate marriage— See Deut. 25:5-10, also see the question posed to Y'shua in

Matthew 22:23-33; “Whose wife of the seven will she be?” (V. 28)]

18. But Onan knew that the child would not be his; so whenever he slept with his brother’s wife, he **spilled his semen** on the ground to avoid providing offspring for his brother.
19. What he did was wicked in the LORD’s sight; so the LORD put him to death also.
20. So Er, the firstborn is dead, and now Onan the second born is dead—Move onto the 3rd son!
21. But the third son is too young, so Judah tells Tamar to wait until **Shelah** grows up... But he REALLY does not want to give his third son for fear he will die too, just like his brothers.
22. So Tamar goes to live in her father’s household.
23. And when Shelah was grown and still not given to her...she plots a way to have children!
24. This is what she does after Judah’s wife dies (her ex-mother in law)—What Drama!
25. After Judah had recovered from his grief, he goes to Timnah on sheep-shearing business. Tamar hears he is coming so she disguises herself as a prostitute and positions herself so he would encounter her on the way.
26. She was not happy that Shelah had now grown up, yet she had not given to him as his wife.

27. Judah fornicates with her and in exchange he promises to send her a goat. Tamar requests his **seal and its cord, and his staff that she can hold onto as a guarantee.**
28. Judah sends the goat when he gets back home so he can get his pledge back from the woman and finds there hasn't been any shrine-prostitutes in the area.
29. Judah decides to let whoever she was to keep what she has and forget the whole thing, so he does not get exposed.
30. About three months later Judah was told, 'Your daughter-in-law Tamar is guilty of prostitution, and as a result she is now pregnant.' Judah says to, 'Bring her out and let her be burned to death!'
31. As she was being brought out, she sends a message to her father-in-law. 'I am pregnant by the man who owns these (and she shows the **seal and cord and staff**). He did not sleep with her again. **MIND YOU Y'SHUA COMES FROM THE LINE OF JUDAH!**
32. Twins are born as a result (like Jacob and Esau), and there is BIRTH CONTROVERSY. Zerah sticks his hand out first and is "tagged" with a scarlet thread, but then he draws back and Perez come out first!

NOW BACK TO JOSEPH

33. Yahweh was with Joseph in EVERYTHING and he prospered
34. Potiphar saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.
35. Joseph found favor and was made overseer of Potiphar's house, and all that he had he put under his authority.
36. ***From the time Joseph was made overseer of the Egyptian's house Yahweh blessed Potiphar for Joseph's sake;** and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field.
37. ***NOTICE THIS WAS JUST LIKE JACOB AND LABAN:** "Laban said to him, "Do me this favor. I've discovered by a divine sign that the LORD has blessed me because of you," Genesis 30:27
38. **STAYING RIGHTEOUS!** Potiphar's wife attempts to seduce Joseph multiple times and he refuses to participate. He realizes what favor he has and resists over and over again to violate his master's trust **nor to sin against Yahweh.**
39. Joseph is falsely accused and imprisoned, but again Yahweh prospers him and Joseph finds great favor with the warden.
40. **Again Joseph is put in charge and the** warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

41. THE DREAMS THAT SET THE STAGE FOR JOSEPH'S GREAT PROPHETIC CALL LATER ON! (JOSEPH'S 2ND DREAM ENCOUNTER)

1ST (The 2 dreams showing all bowing to him—sheaves of grain and the sun, moon and stars)

2nd (The 2 dreams, one of the baker, one of the cupbearer)

3rd (The 2 dreams that tortured Pharaoh)

42. Pharaoh's chief cupbearer [wine] and chief baker [bread] wind up **in the same prison** with Joseph and they are assigned to Joseph who is IN CHARGE!

43. The two men have dreams the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own [opposite meanings].

44. Joseph notices their dejection the next morning and their anxiety as they have no one to interpret their dreams.

45. In steps Joseph **"Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."**

46. INTERPRETATIONS: The chief cupbearer's dream means that within three days Pharaoh will **lift up his head and restore him to his position.** [KEY FAITH GLITCH—*"But when all goes well with you, remember me and show me kindness; mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this prison. I don't deserve being put in a dungeon."*]

47. The chief baker's dream means that within three days Pharaoh will **lift off his head and impale him body on a pole. And the birds will eat away his flesh.'**
48. Three days later was **Pharaoh's birthday** [think release of prisoner on birthday like the offer to release Yahshua or Barabbas.]
49. The **chief cupbearer** is restored to his position, and **the chief baker is impaled** just as Joseph said to them in his interpretation.
50. **The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him."** [for now]

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

1. By Association

A. TAKING COMMAND OF THE ATMOSPHERE

- (1) JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR: "The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. **So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and**

all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance." Genesis 39:2-6 NKJV

(2) JOSEPH AND THE PRISON WARDEN: "Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. **But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.** And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper." Genesis 39:20-23 NKJV

(3) WHY WAS JOSEPH ABLE TO GAIN THE FAVOR?

"Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles. **He gave Joseph wisdom**

and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. Acts 7:9-10

B. AUTHORITY FOR OBEDIENCE

- (1) THE POWER OF AN AMBASSADOR: **“Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours:** from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. **No man shall be able to stand against you;** the LORD your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you.”

Deuteronomy 11:24-25 NKJV

- (2) JOSHUA: “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.” Joshua 1:3

NKJV

- (3) YOU CAN ASSUME YOU ARE IN CHARGE IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES IF: “And the LORD will make **you the head and not the tail;** you shall be above only, and not be beneath, **if you heed the commandments** of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.” Deuteronomy 28:13 NKJV

- (4) IF YOU ARE CAREFUL TO OBSERVE...**“The LORD will open to you His good treasure,** the heavens, to give the

rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, **if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.** So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them." Deuteronomy 28:12-14 NKJV

C. WE'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE

- (1) JACOB AND LABAN: "Laban said to him, "Do me this favor. I've discovered by a divine sign that the LORD has blessed me because of you," Genesis 30:27 CEB
- (2) Laban was shown by Yahweh that he was blessed because of his partnership with Jacob. We are called to bring blessings to others as we live our lives with Virtue and Love. Our alignment brings blessings to them which then brings blessings back on us.

IMPARTING TRANSFORMATION

2. **By Proximity to the Anointing**

A. BY TOUCH

- (1) BY Y'SHUA: "Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, **came from behind and touched the border of His garment.** And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " But Jesus said, **"Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."** Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, **"Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."**" Luke 8:43-48 NKJVM [Of course there are many instances in which Y'shua touched those who were then healed.]
- (2) BY PETER: "Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." Acts 3:6-7 NKJV

(3) BY PAUL: “Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when **Paul had laid hands on them**, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.” Acts 19:4-6 NKJV

B. BY TRANSFERENCE

(1) PAUL’S GARMENTS: “so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.” Acts 19:12 NKJV

YOU ARE CALLED TO INFLUENCE CULTURE, NOT BE INFLUENCED BY IT

3. By Witness

A. WHO YOU ARE MATTERS!

(1) BE THE BLESSING: “And it shall come to pass That just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, **So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing.** Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.’ Zechariah 8:13

- (2) BE THE TRUTH: These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the **truth to his neighbor**; Give judgment in your gates for **truth, justice, and peace**; Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' Says the LORD.'" Zechariah 8:16-17 NKJV
- (3) BE RIGHTEOUS: "**The desire of the righteous is only good**, But the expectation of the wicked is wrath. **There is one who scatters, yet increases more**; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. **The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself**. The people will curse him who withholds grain, **But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. He who earnestly seeks good finds favor**, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil. He who trusts in his riches will fall, **But the righteous will flourish like foliage**. He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart. **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise**. If the **righteous will be recompensed [compensated] on the earth**, How much more the ungodly and the sinner." Proverbs 11:23-31 NKJV

(4) BE THE LIGHT! ““You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**” Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV

B. BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE LEAD

(1) YOU ARE THE HEAD: “And the LORD will make **you the head and not the tail**; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, **if you heed the commandments** of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.” Deuteronomy 28:13 NKJV

(2) BE ON GUARD: “Do not be unequally **yoked** together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” II Corinthians 6:14-15 NKJV

(3) DON'T BE FOOLED: “Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.” **Awake to righteousness**, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.” I Corinthians 15:33-34 NKJV

Questions & Discussion

1. What was it about Joseph that made him so effective?
 - A. What favor did he enjoy in the midst of trials?
 - B. What was his one error in judgement, seemingly?
2. What does it mean to be an ambassador?
 - A. What is an Embassy?
 - B. What gives an Embassy and its Ambassadors authority?
 - C. When an ambassador exits an embassy, what authority does he carry with him? Who does he represent? What is the nature of the ground in which he stands?
3. Discuss how Peter, Paul and Y'shua imparted transformation
4. What do you need to do to insure you are not being influenced by the culture around you?

5. **Prophetic Ideas for Discussion**

- A. Go back and review the entire narrative of Joseph and notice how there are always three roles, "people-roles" (sun—moon—stars).
- B. There is always (1) Yahweh, a King, or another leader, like Potiphar or the prison warden. (2) a Joseph or an in between and (3) someone to serve or minister to.

- C. Notice Joseph's role as the "go between", or in other words, the one who is put in charge to institute the directives of the "leader".
- D. There is always a King (head), a Priest (minister to the people), and a Prophet (the go between) in Yahweh's prophetic structure. For instance, in the Church there is the (1) King of Kings (2) Apostle (3) Prophet
- E. In our government there are three branches: (1) Executive/king/enforcer of law (2) Legislative, the representatives of the people and is the maker of law (3) the Judicial, the go between, between the enforcer of law and the people.
- F. **Israel** [Jacob] sends **Joseph** to check on his **brothers**. "*Go now and see about the **welfare of your brothers** and the **welfare of the flock**, and bring word back to me.*" Brothers are pastoring the flock and Joseph is sent (the sent one) to them *Joseph oversees the welfare of both his brothers and the Flock.
- G. Brothers (pastors)—Flock (people)—Joseph (prophet)