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The Elijah Principle

1Ki 18:31-38 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: (32) And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. (33) And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood...

The Elijah Principle

1Ki 18:31-38 ...(34) And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. (35) And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. (36) And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word...

The Elijah Principle

1Ki 18:31-38 ...(37) Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. (38) Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

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Initial Call of Joseph

Gen 37:5-10 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. (6) And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: (7) For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. (8) And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?..

Initial Call of Joseph

Gen 37:5-10 ... And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. (9) And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. (10) And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

The Initial Call...

- ...led Moses to take matters into his own hands to liberate his brothers
- ...of David resulting in his anointing and victory over Goliath.
- ...of Jesus manifested in God sending Him to earth

Joseph's Test in the Wilderness

Gen 37:26-28 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? (27) Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. (28) Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

Joseph Learned Administration as a Slave

Gen 39:1-4 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. (2) And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. (3) And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. (4) And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

Joseph Refined Administration in Prison

Gen 39:20-23 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. (21) But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. (22) And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. (23) The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

Testing in the Wilderness...

- ...for Moses began when he fled Pharaoh to tend sheep in the Wilderness.
- ...for David began when Saul's jealousy drove David into the wilderness where he learned guerilla warfare.
- ...for Jesus began with the flight to Egypt.

The Wilderness as a Teacher

- Joseph learns administrative skills, with Israel learning agriculture in Egypt.
- Moses learns how to lead and feed sheep in a wilderness
- David learns how to engage in guerilla warfare, assembling a core group

Joseph Delivers God's People

Gen 41:14-16 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. (15) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. (16) And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

Joseph Delivers a Word of Knowledge

Gen 41:25-32 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do... ...(29) Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: (30) And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; (31) And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

Joseph Delivers a Word of Wisdom

Gen 41:33-36 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. (34) Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. (35) And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. (36) And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

From Prisoner to Prime Minister

Gen 41:37-40 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. (38) And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? (39) And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed 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.

Deliverance of God's People...

- ...happened when God called out to Moses from the burning bush.
- ...happened when God began to install David as King, delivering Saul's household into his hand.

Deliverance of God's People...

- ...happened when Jesus began His earthly ministry, reaching fulfillment in the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.
- ➤ Jesus Christ delivered us from our sins at the First Coming, and delivers the earth from evil at His Second Coming

Jesus Christ

- > Was sent by God to earth.
- His earthly sojourn was time in the wilderness
- The Cross and Resurrerction are our deliverance

Jesus Christ Fulfills the Covenants

- The Seed of the Woman (Adamic Covenant)
- > The Son of Abraham
- > The Prophet Like Unto Moses
- > The Son of David

Jesus Christ is the Messiah

What Does it Mean for Us Today

- When did God Call you?
- ➤ When did you enter the wilderness?
- What have you learned?
- What do you believe concerning your rise towards your destiny?

