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OPPORTUNITY IS EVERYWHERE

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a coat of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. GENESIS 37:3-4

God made coats for Adam and Eve in the Garden. The Hebrew definition of coat means to cover as a shirt or garment. In dreams a coat represents your exterior presentation or appearance to the world—your IDENTITY. It's subconsciously how you want to be seen—or what you use to conceal the real you.

Colors represent vibrational energy or divine power—a sign of something spiritually spectacular. Each particular color identifies a different forte of gifting that influences your life. The 'coat of many colors' represented the SPECTACULAR future Jacob envisioned for his son. God confirmed it to Joseph in dreams depicting him as a leader of his family—and he believed it.

Jacob gave Joseph a 'coat of many colors' as a sign of his love. Yet it's only when his brothers actually SAW the coat that they perceived the full meaning of their doting father's attention toward their younger brother. They became incensed with jealousy—none of them had ever received a coat like that!

Although Jacob loved Joseph, he's concerned for the well-being of ALL his sons. That's why he called on his seventeen year old son to "see about the WELFARE of his brothers' and the welfare of the flock, and bring word back to him." But his brothers' despised him. They wanted him dead, but sold him into slavery instead. Bloodying Joseph's coat they gave it to their father with the pretense that a wild beast devoured his son.

=LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In Egypt, Joseph was sold to ... Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard. (At the home of Potiphar) Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. GENESIS 39

Joseph's entire world changed around him—but not his dream. No one could ever take it from him. Potiphar saw it as WISDOM and promoted him to overseer. Although it seems incredible that Joseph should lose another coat—he does and its ambiguous statement puts him in prison.

Prison life never hampered Joseph's spirit. He believed he's exactly where God wanted him to be. Captivity allowed him to interpret the dreams of other prisoners. Interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's butler and cook offered an opportunity to eventually be remembered—he's finally taken before the Pharaoh to interpret a dream that baffled even the wisest men of the kingdom.

The seed of greatness in Joseph manifested
in a SPECTACULAR PLAN that spared Egypt from catastrophe.

=PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you.

Pharaoh perceived the character and anointing of a man of God. He arrayed Joseph as Governor of Egypt and placed the insignia ring and coat on him to identify Joseph's leadership role as TOP RULER under him.

The famine brought prosperity and riches to Pharaoh. Joseph established the first welfare system. His plan of assistance was solely for the people's benefit—never to bind them in sustained helplessness but to provide them the opportunity to prosper.

Joseph knew what being poor and dependent meant. Before becoming Governor, Joseph trained for leadership as a SLAVE overseeing Potiphar's house and as a PRISONER overseeing Potiphar's jailhouse. But it's his heritage in the house of Israel that taught him to have a FATHER'S HEART—a genuine concern for the WELFARE of others.

God planned for Egypt's prosperity and employed Joseph to accomplish it.
Pharaoh looked to him as a father; Egyptians called him Governor.

=JOSEPH ANOINTING

A Joseph Anointing is the outworking of spiritual wisdom to bring forth economic prosperity—even in dire situations. It's the ability to recognize opportunity and know what to do next. They hold a measure of rule that accurately discerns times and seasons in the marketplace. When they're in charge they literally change the playing field—what's meant to destroy a family or nation MIRACULOUSLY turns into an opportunity for the manifestation of Divine Providence.

Joseph's blueprint for relief and restoration is significant. The famine caused the world's economy to spiral downwards. Through the opportunistic wisdom of Joseph, Egypt became the hub of a world market system. Yet Joseph's primary objective targeted the welfare of the people—knowing it would benefit his family as well.

Religious systems and welfare agencies benefit with a 'Joseph Anointing.' Joseph never minimized the POTENTIAL of people by targeting and aiding their symptoms—they're all starving. People sold their land and finally themselves to the Government just to stay alive.

Joseph dealt with the cause—financially sustaining their present problem by giving them bread would only make them continually 'dependent' on Governmental assistance. He promoted 'self-sufficiency' by giving them SEED TO PLANT to make their own bread. With the simple SHIFT in focus he ignited a powerful space—he opened the portal of opportunity for the people to prosper and buy back their land.

Joseph's plan eliminated governmental assistance and generated national prosperity.

=PEOPLE OF DESTINY

And it shall be in that day, says the LORD, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; and I will clothe him with your robe and will strengthen him with your belt, and I will commit your responsibility (authority or government) into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. The key to the House of David I will lay on his shoulders; so he shall open and no one will shut, and he shall shut and no one will open. I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place; and he will become a glorious throne to his father's house. ISAIAH 22:20-23

Eliakim was the highest ranking administrative official of the palace. He negotiated with a leader of the Assyrians during the reign of Hezekiah. Eliakim acted as a prime minister and like Joseph made decisions that only the king could overrule. He's someone the people could depend upon like a FATHER—a PEG in the structure of the kingdom.

Eliakim was a person of destiny—he CHOSE to make a difference. He bears the noble character of a man of God with the calling and gifting to function in the House of

God. He's faithful and trustworthy—someone who truly promoted the well-being of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

God CLOTHED Eliakim. This coat is the same Hebrew word for the garments of the Priesthood—symbolizing authority and rule. He's also given a key as a sign of power. Eliakim used the key—he made DECISIONS that opened doors of opportunity.

Jesus gave keys of authority to Peter saying, "... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." The Apostle John saw Jesus give keys to the Church. Keys open the doors of opportunity. Fathers are keys in His House.

Decisions access opportunity just like keys open doors —that means your CHOICES hold the power to open or close doors.

=CLOTHED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before the angels. BOOK OF REVELATION

God already identified who you are in Him—an overcomer. He intended for you to prevail. Clothing you in righteousness transferred His Identity and all His Power to you.

Everyone has problems in life—you can't avoid them. Great men like Joseph and Eliakim developed their skills by making their problems an opportunity to overcome. Opportunity often appears in the form of challenges.

Forgiveness is one of the first steps to rising above desperate situations. If you forgive, then you open the door to see more opportunity. It starts with those who spitefully use you ... see them as your potential friend instead of your enemy ... perceive his virtues instead of shortcomings ... sense his kindness instead of meanness ... notice thoughtfulness instead of selfishness or rudeness—and open the door for his LIBERATION and yours at the same time.

=COME UNDER SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Some of you came from dysfunctional or abusive families but that doesn't define who you are. Like Joseph, your PROBLEMS never define you. Neither can anyone take YOUR dream away from you.

Sometimes the things happening to you overshadow your dream to the extent that it becomes more of a vague memory. Maybe you sensed it was really for you at the time... but it slipped out of your reach while dealing with all the other day to day cares of life.

Joseph held onto his dream—so can you!

God created you and equipped you to powerfully deal with all your problems. That may be why they show up in the first place—so you can deal with them. And dealing with them makes all the difference—you learn how to make wise decisions that open new doors. It's an opportunity to change course and finally get out of your rut in life.

“What was meant for evil, God means for good.” Today let God overturn the plans of the wicked. Expect Divine Providence!

You can expect OPPORTUNITY everywhere!

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