

A Man on the Throne

Genesis 41 / Hebrews 7.23 - 8.1

Yuri GAGARIN > First MAN into SPACE > “I do NOT SEE God”
 Unfortunate OVERSIGHT > He is THERE to be SEEN

Our Understanding of Jesus is One MEASURE of our Spiritual MATURITY
 BABY Jesus in Manger > He Did Come in Humility > then Grew to Manhood
 GREAT TEACHER > True, None Greater > was NOT Primary Mission
 Miraculous HEALER >> AMAZING! > were SIGNS pointing to KINGDOM
 HANGING on Cross > True, No Greater Love, Salvation > NO Longer DEAD!
 Paul’s determination to concentrate on Christ crucified was not a determination
 to focus on Christ dying or dead, but to concentrate on the Christ who had died
 on the cross but is now alive and exalted as the Lord of all. C.E.B. Cranfield
 RISEN from Dead > Better, Alive, Living, God and Man > Still MORE Wonder!
 ASCENDED LORD > Where He is NOW > KING, Reigns, SOVEREIGN!!

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in
 Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
 was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven **and sits at the right hand of God the Father**
Almighty....

Ancient Practice > Highly Favored person seated on Right of King > HONOR
 HEAVENLY SESSION of Jesus > Judge on the Bench, Proceedings Underway
 Jesus ALWAYS DESERVED the GLORY and HONOR of DIVINE NATURE
 NOW > DOUBLY DESERVED thru TRIUMPH OVER Sin, Death, Satan

Book of GENESIS – GREAT Grandson of ABE > SON of JACOB > Joseph
 Joseph’s RISE to POWER UNLIKE anything in Long History of Human Race
 Joseph – like Daniel – NOTHING BAD is said of him in SCRIPTURE

1st Born SON of JACOB’S Favorite WIFE > RACHEL > Favored of 12 Sons

Favored BY GOD > DREAMS of GRANDUER > JEALOUS Brothers Attacked
Age 17 > BEATEN > Sold to SLAVERS >> Events > Promotion > Prison

JOURNEY of Joseph > Picture of Journey of Jesus > Way Down / Way Up

READ Portions from Genesis 41 > from PRISON to Pharaoh's PALACE

41:1 ...Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up. He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted--thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream. In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him...So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon ...Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." ...Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do... Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land...The reason the dream was given to Pharaoh in two forms is that the matter has been firmly decided by God, and God will do it soon...And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt... to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance...The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh

said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be in charge of my palace, and all my people are to submit to your orders. Only with respect to the throne will I be greater than you." So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt...Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ...And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities...Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure... When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world.

Genesis 42

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons..."I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die." Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

NEVER Explicitly called TYPE of Christ in N.T. > Never Says he IS NOT!

Thought of at least 12 Ways Joseph's Journey > Points to JESUS OUR LORD

What Joseph was to the men of his day, this and more would Jesus be to the world.

Derek Kidner

Joseph	Jesus
Beloved son of his father Jacob	Eternally Beloved Son of God
Rejected and abandoned by his brothers	‘He came to his own people, and they rejected him’ John 1.11
Sold for 20 pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites	Sold for 30 pieces of silver and handed over to the Gentiles
Thrown into a Prison	Placed into a Grave
Suffered with others in a Prison	Hung between two thieves on a Cross
Preached deliverance (to Butler) in Prison	Many Christians believe Jesus preached deliverance to ‘imprisoned spirits’ <i>(Blair not fully convinced of this!)</i>
From his ‘forgotten place’ of rejection was raised to ‘right hand of Pharaoh’	From ‘descent into hell’ was raised to the ‘right hand of God’
Pharaoh gives him the highest name in Egypt	God has given Him the Name that is above every name
From his throne he feeds the World	From His Throne He is the Bread of Life for the World
The brothers who betrayed him came humbly and received his blessing after their sincerity was demonstrated	Those who betrayed Him are received with grace and mercy through sincere repentance and genuine faith
From his throne he calls his brothers to enter and enjoy and a new land of abundant blessings	From the riches of His grace we now enter the fullness of life which is abundant and eternal
When he is forgotten by the Pharaoh, his people loose their blessings	Jesus lives forever in fellowship with Father and Spirit and our blessings are eternally secure in Him

We have now, therefore, to think of Jesus as seated on his throne, prime minister of the universe, the interpreter of his Father's will, the organ and executor of the divine decrees. On his head are many crowns; on his finger is the ring of sovereignty...

F.B. Meyer

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever. The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 7:23 - 8:1

1. Permanent: Living 2. Praying: Loving 3. Provides: Giving

1. Permanent: Living

Difference between CHRISTIANITY and OTHER RELIGIONS

PERSONAL Relationship with FOUNDER > LIVING! More than 2000 yrs

a. New and Better Covenant

PROBLEM with OLD Covenant > NOT with God, His Laws, or His Salvation
With COVENANT MEMBERS > Unable to LIVE UP to REQUIREMENTS

Some of BEST of OLD Covenant: PRIESTS, MEDIATE yet they FALL SHORT

PRIESTS of OLD COVENANT are WEAK

v. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak

PRIESTS of OLD COVENANT are SINFUL

v. 27 high priests...need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins

PRIESTS of OLD COVENANT are DYING

v. 23 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office

b. Perfect Qualifications

3 Word THEME of Book of HEBREWS > "JESUS IS BETTER!"
than ANGELS, ADAM, MOSES, SABBATH, SACRIFICE, OT HEROES

BEST of ALL > BETTER PRIEST – NOT from DYING LINE of AARON
LINE of Melchizedek > Bible records NO BEGINNING or END / ETERNAL

"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 5.6

Old Covenant Priests were WEAK > Jesus is INCOMPARABLY STRONG

v. 28 the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

OATH > God's ETERNAL DECREE: SON has HIGHEST PLACE, Right Hand

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill...You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery...Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. Psalm 2.6-12

Even Kings must Do Homage – KISS the SON > PROSTRATE Self before HIM

Old Covenant Priests were SINFUL > Jesus is INCOMPARABLY SINLESS
Vs. 26,27 Such a high priest meets our need-one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience

from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.
Hebrews 5.7-10

SINGAPORE > Young People face INTENSE Academic Pressure
STUDY Hard for BEST PLACEMENTS in HIGHER EDUCATION
Prestigious DEGREES will OPEN More DOORS > Salary, Benefits, Pleasures

Jesus HIGHEST AWARDS > BEST SCORES > School of Life > RED Diploma
“LEARNED OBEDIENCE thru SUFFERING” > Like JOSEPH >> MERIT

He had NO DISOBEDIENCE to UNLEARN > More & More RIGHTEOUS
We are CALLED to School of DISCIPLESHIP > Salvation seen in Obedience

Old Covenant Priests ALL DIE > Jesus has an INDESTRUCTABLE LIFE
v. 24 because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

c. Secure Position

Hebrews DESCRIBES Pieces of FURNITURE in Tabernacle / Temple

A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant.
Hebrews 9.2-4

ONE Obvious piece of FURNITURE that is CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT
VITAL Part of EVERY Home > Straightback, Swivels, Padded, Lazy Boy

NOTHING like COMING HOME from WORK > Get in YOUR CHAIR!
THAT is POINT > Work of Old Covenant Priest NEVER ENDS / NEVER SITS

AMAZING Feature JESUS' PRIESTHOOD: Can Enjoy CHAIR > Work DONE!
Jesus SITTING DOWN in Hebrews = Words in JOHN 'IT IS FINISHED'

MAIN POINT of ENTIRE LETTER > LOBS Hermeneutical SOFTBALL
DO You GET IT!! Have you MISSED IT! Right in FRONT of YOUR FACE!

8:1 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, *he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.* Hebrews 1.2

Other AMAZING Truth of Jesus Priesthood > He's Priest AND SACRIFICE!

The law...can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins... Hebrews 10.1-3

Theme 'JESUS IS BETTER' > 3 MORE Great Words "ONCE FOR ALL"

He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption... now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Hebrews 9.12,26

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Hebrews 10.10-12

2. Praying: Loving

WHAT is Jesus DOING on that LAZY-BOY in the SKY?

Probably NOT Lazy-Boy > Office SWIVEL Chair with WHEELS > BUSY

v. 25 He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

GREAT COMFORT > Time of NEED, DISTRESS, FEAR, UNCERTAINTY
PRAY! Sometimes when FEEL CANNOT PRAY > Know OTHERS Praying

WAITING to SEE DOCTORS > Get RESULTS for IMPORTANT TESTS

THOUGHTS Racing > WAVES of DOUBT and CONFIDENCE CRASHING!

BLESSING of PRAYER CHAINS > EMAILS, SKYPE, SMS Texting
UNCERTAINTY – Message Get Thru? Read It? Too Busy? Are they Praying?

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a. Ability: “he is able”

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3.20

Ancient conquerors over their vanquished foes

Sin...Death...Satan...Hell...ALL WILL Line up and BOW DOWN to HIM

Think of all the evil you can and realize it is only a matter of time until all these things line up as his footstool when his ultimate, final, irrevocable, and universal triumph is seen by all. Stuart Briscoe

b. Accomplishment: “to save completely”

He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1.6

c. Association: “those who come to God through Him”

KZ is Country where IMPORTANT > WHO you KNOW > THEY can HELP
Right CONNECTIONS Open Right DOORS for Right RESULTS

MAN in HEAVEN > MAN on THRONE > YOUR Name Written on His Hands

No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2.23

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Matthew 11.27

d. Accessibility: “He always lives”

Many who have BLESSED ME, PRAYED for Me > ON OTHER SIDE NOW
PASTORS - PROFESSORS - PRAYER WARRIORS > Received REWARD

God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Act 2.24

About the Son he says 'Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.'

Hebrews 1.8

e. Activity: “lives to intercede for them”

What is your PASSION > WHAT Charges your Batteries > Fires your DREAMS
That is THING YOU LIVE FOR > REASON you Get OUT OF BED in Morning

PURPOSE of Jesus is HIS PEOPLE > HE STEERS Ship of World to this END

I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16.18

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5.25

GOOD of His PEOPLE > GLORY of HIS NAME

Some PRODUCT GUARANTEES > Great CONFIDENCE in Product
Call 24 hrs. / 7 days Week > COLLECT Call > From ANYWHERE in World

SOMEONE will PICK-UP > From that CALL CENTER in INDIA > Help You!

JESUS Prayed for US while ON EARTH >

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. John 17.9

CLAIM > Loving Lord Jesus > Displayed Compassion and Goodness on Earth
WITH His CHURCH – and ME as MEMBER of it – NOW and FOREVER

Now IS – a MAN in Heaven – Man who LOVES Me and GAVE Self for Me

3. Provides: Giving

All of EGYPT fed by HAND of JOSEPH from Right Hand of Pharaoh

PHARAOH told Hungry Egyptians v.55 Go to Joseph and do what he tells you...

MAN on THRONE > Care for NATION > HEBREW on EGYPTIAN Throne

Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt. Genesis 41.45

GRAND VIZIER – Overseer of the Royal Estates > Egyptian TITLES
Became ONE OF THEM > They KNEW he was ONE FOR THEM

IDENTIFICATION > PRINCIPLE of INCARNATION > God becomes MAN
MAN in HEAVEN > BECAME Man to SAVE MAN > UNDERSTANDS

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2.16-18

UNLIKE JOSEPH > Merit AND Majesty > He is GOOD AND He is GOD

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4.14-16

MOST of Us Have Never seen Our political representative,

We MAY know his name, VERY LITTLE CHANCE He knows Ours

Principle of INCARNATION > Continues we Go into World in HIS NAME

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5.19,20

This is God's world, and he wants it back, and he's told us to get it for him.
David Thorson

CHURCH belongs to CHRIST its HEAD, Lord and Savior > NOT MAN!

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20.21

Great CONFIDENCE and JOY > MAN in HEAVEN, Enthroned, LOVES US

GREAT CALLING > BE that Man and Woman > POINT others to HEAVEN
Do NOT FEAR > Satan, Demons, Any Man when SERVING King Jesus

Only because all authority on earth belongs to Christ dare we go to all nations.
And only because all authority in heaven as well is his have we any hope of success.
John Stott

IF Joseph could FEED the NATION > How Much More one Greater than Joseph
ANOTHER – 3 Word PHRASE from HEBREWS 'HOW MUCH MORE!'

v. 26 Such a high priest meets our need

YURI GAGARIN did NOT SEE GOD > But a Deacon named Stephen DID!

...Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."
Acts 7:55-56

Did NOT have SPACE CAPSULE – Like COSMONAUT GAGARIN
Did NOT even have HIGH POWERED TELESCOPE

EYE of Faith > As GAVE LIFE > Saw The One who GAVE His Life for Him
NOT IMPASSIVELY SITTING > STANDING w/ Confidence & CONCERN

Dog Groomers in Shopping Mall > I Could NOT Hear, But THEY Could
Dog Whistle > NOT Up There > But right IN THERE – ANOTHER REALM

THRONE Room of God > PRESENCE of LORD JESUS NOW
Might be CLOSER than THINK > NOT at END of Outer Space / Never Found

If God Exalted Joseph > How MUCH MORE His Worthy Son > to Right Hand

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not
also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8.32
