

Joseph — Seer of Egypt

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- A. JOSEPH THE MAN (Genesis 37–50)
 - 1. Significant Traits of Character: Diligence, Leadership, Chastity
 - 2. A slave, imprisoned — but free.
 - 3. Of Royal Lineage: Heir to the covenant.
 - 4. The Birthright, a double-portion. (1 Chron 5:1–2).
 - 5. Joseph’s coat. (Gen 37:3–35; Alma 46:23–26) *κιτονά ποικιλον* = LXX = “embroidered undergarment”
 - a. Great were the covenants of the Lord unto Joseph
 - b. Great were the prophecies of Joseph

- B. JOSEPH — SEER OF EGYPT
 - 1. The “Joseph Scroll” among the mummies (as was the Book of Abraham)
 - a. At least partially translated by Joseph Smith, but never published
 - b. Oliver Cowdery’s comment: Contained information about the Godhead, Enoch’s pillar, judgment day.
 - 2. Joseph’s Prophecies: (2 Ne 4:1–2; Gen 50:24–26, compare the JST)
 - a. Dreams as a youth
 - 1. Above his brethren
 - b. An interpreter of dreams
 - 1. The butler’s dream
 - 2. The baker’s dream
 - 3. Pharaoh’s dream
 - c. Israel to be delivered from Egypt
 - 1. Moses and Aaron (2 Ne 3; Gen 50, JST)
 - 2. “Take my bones with you” (Gen 50:24–25; Ex 13:19)
 - d. Joseph’s descendants in the last days
 - 1. Promised a posterity — His seed never to perish from the earth (2 Ne 25:21)
 - 2. Nephites and Lamanites (2 Ne 3–4)
 - 3. A choice seer “like unto me” — Joseph Smith
 - A spokesman to be provided for the choice seer (Sidney Rigdon)
 - 4. Joseph’s seed to have prominence forever. (Gen 48:7–11 [JST]; D&C 133:30–34)

- C. AMERICA — LAND OF JOSEPH
 - 1. This land an inheritance for the family of Joseph (3 Ne 15:12–13)
 - 2. Joseph Smith: “No man knows my history.” Explanation by Brigham Young.
 - 3. Joseph Smith: Heir to the throne of Joseph?