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## **“The Government”**

### **Joseph (Part 19)**

**“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end...” (Isaiah 9:6-7)**

### **Corruption Inc.**

**Genesis 47:13-26 – (13) “Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine. (14) And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh’s house. (15) And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, ‘Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone.’ (16) And Joseph answered, ‘Give your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.’ (17) So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year. (18) And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, ‘We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord’s. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. (19) Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.’ (20) So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh’s. (21) As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. (22) Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land. (23) Then Joseph said to the people, ‘Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. (24) And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.’ (25) And they said, ‘You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.’**

**(26) So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this**

day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's."

### **Observations:**

- (1) Population control is the chief objective of government**
- (2) People in positions of power tend to do whatever they can to stay in power even if they did not start that way.**
- (3) The more people are irresponsible; the more government assumes ownership of their lives.**
- (4) State religion is human government is sheep's clothing.**
- (5) There are noble leaders in government, but they will never transform these corruptible institutions.**

### **Under New Management**

"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.'" (Revelation 11:15)

### **Until then, how do I respond to human governance?**

"(Jesus) said to them, '... render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'" (Luke 20:25)

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." (Romans 13:1-2)

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