The Kingdom Shown to Joseph

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The following seems to be a multi-faceted prophecy (Ecclesiastes 1:9 and 3:15) pertaining to Joseph, king of Egypt son of Jacob, Mormon prophet Joseph Smith Jr., and perhaps even the second coming of Moses (see 2 Nephi 3, the Book of Mormon).

1 Man has turned the earth into a waste and destroyed the hearts of multitudes. The world is vanity. Life itself is vanity. It has no meaning just as the earth does not have meaning or purpose. Life and earth are lovers in a realm of pain and destruction. No more is existence a reliable thing a righteous man can trust.

2 When the wind blows upon the trees, it reflects the destruction to come upon the seed of men. The east wind is coming to give meaning to life and earth again.

3 The messenger of the LORD appeared unto Joseph saying, “Here I Am!” When Joseph turned he saw the messenger of the LORD standing in a flame of fire. And Joseph cried out and said, “I am a dead man. For my eyes have seen the glory of the king of heaven!” And immediately the strength of Joseph left him and he fell to the ground as a dead man.

4 The messenger of the LORD touched Joseph saying, “Joseph, Joseph, stand up on your feet as a man and do not fear. For you have been chosen from among all your brethren; yes, even from all the sons of men which dwell on the earth, to be a chosen branch unto the LORD. And through your seed all the nations shall be blessed with the fruit of bounty: where the wine shall overflow the vats; and where the milk shall overflow unto the dung hills.”

5 After Joseph had arisen to his feet the LORD said, “Look! The handiwork of the LORD!” And suddenly a strange vision appeared before Joseph. And Joseph began to quake very much, for terrible to behold was the vision which the LORD had opened unto him.
6 And the messenger of the LORD said unto Joseph, “This is the kingdom which I have created for my own purpose and it is very great. Is it not marvelous to behold?” And the vision multiplied before Joseph eyes. And Joseph said, “What is the meaning of this, my Lord? It is great to behold and marvelous in my eyes.” And the LORD said, “These are lands upon which my seed abide. The land on which you stand is one land among all of the lands which I have created by my own hand. And I set them on nothing for I the LORD am the foundation of them.”

7 “Look, the lands which number more than the sands of the sea. And this is my work and my great glory: to give unto my children that which I have prepared for them, yes, even all I possess.” And Joseph said, “How great and mighty is the LORD, full of wisdom and strength and mercy: for I have never at any time considered that this could be.” And Joseph fell down and worshiped the LORD.

8 And the LORD said, “Joseph if you are faithful to the LORD all the days of your life and walk circumspectly before my face, you shall be lifted up, even to the throne of God, and you shall be a master workman in all wisdom, yes, even in all of the hidden wisdom which is the LORD's. And you shall inherit, with your faithful seed with you, the glory of the LORD. And you shall have great joy. For the LORD delights to give his children the works of his hands. And you shall sit in my throne, yes, even the throne of God. And you shall be my son and I shall be your father, forever. Yes, even forever and ever.”

9 And Joseph fell on his face and cried out, “Depart from me Lord for I am not worthy to be called to such a great honor.” And the LORD said unto Joseph, “The LORD has seen your great faithfulness. You are more faithful than any of the sons of men upon on the face of the whole earth. For the LORD casts the proud to the dust and exalts the humble. The power of the wicked shall be completely destroyed; yet the LORD delights in the throne of the faithful.”

10 And the LORD said, “Look up.” And when Joseph had looked up, he beheld a great multitude which had the appearance of the sons of men. And they shone like the sun. And every one of them had a golden crown on his head. And they were singing and praising God around his glorious
throne. And there was one in the midst of the throne which had a name written on him, and his name was Eukamiel, which means wisdom of God.

11 And the LORD said unto Joseph, “Joseph, my son, these are those who have glorified my name. They shall be my sons forever. And at the latter time you shall rise from the dust and take your inheritance in the midst of my holy congregation forever. Even forever and ever. Amen.”

[This concludes The Kingdom Shown to Joseph.]