

At the suggestion of the International Lesson Committee, where the verses in the Lesson passage exceed a dozen, only a portion is printed, but comment is given on the whole passage. This arrangement will be continued only to the close of the present year, after which the whole Lesson Passage will again be printed, as formerly.

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Lives of the Patriarchs

LESSON CALENDAR: FOURTH QUARTER

1. October 6.....Joseph Sold into Egypt. Gen. 37: 12-36.
2. October 13.....Joseph in Prison. Gen. 39: 20 to 40: 15.
3. October 20.....Joseph Exalted. Gen. 41: 38-49.
4. October 27.....Joseph and His Brethren. Gen. 45: 1-15.
5. November 3.....Death of Joseph. Gen. 50: 15-26.
6. November 10.....Israel Oppressed in Egypt. Ex. 1: 1-14.
7. November 17.....The Childhood of Moses. Ex. 2: 1-10.
8. November 24.....World's Temperance Lesson. Isa. 5: 8-30.
9. December 1.....The Call of Moses. Ex. 3: 1-12.
10. December 8.....Moses and Pharaoh. Ex. 11: 1-10.
11. December 15.....The Passover. Ex. 12: 1-17.
12. December 22.....The Passage of the Red Sea. Ex. 14: 13-27. Or, Christmas Lesson. Isa. 9: 1-7.
13. December 29.....REVIEW. Read Psalm 105.

Lesson V.

DEATH OF JOSEPH

November 3, 1901

Genesis 50: 15-26. Commit to memory vs. 18-21. Read Gen. chs. 48-50.

15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, *Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.*

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Revised Version—It may be that Joseph will; ¹For; ²Born; ³But; ⁴Up.

GOLDEN TEXT

Ps. 90: 12. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

DAILY READINGS

- M.—Gen. 50: 15-26. Death of Joseph.
T.—Exodus 13: 17-22. Joseph's command fulfilled.
W.—Joshua 24: 26-33. Burial in Shechem.
Th.—Psalm 37: 27-40. A peaceful end.
F.—Prov. 4: 7-18. A shining light.
S.—Psalm 90: 1-12. Numbering our days.
S.—2 Peter 1: 1-11. An abundant entrance.

CATECHISM

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.
23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

¹ Fully; ² Message; ³ Transgression; ⁴ That; ⁵ Meant;

TIME AND PLACE

Jacob lived for about 17 years after his removal into Egypt, when he died at the age of 147. Joseph died 44 years later, or B.C. 1635. Place, Egypt, either one of its capital cities or the land of Goshen.

LESSON PLAN

I. Joseph Survives his Father, 15 (a). Having joined with his brethren in burying him in Canaan.

II. Forgives his Brethren, 15 (b)-21. Who were still afraid that their guilt would overtake them.

III. Dies in Old Age, Honor and Hope, 22-26. Having taken oath of the people to carry his bones with them when they should leave Egypt and its bondage.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 593; 90 (Ps. Sel.); 342; 588; 333; 521.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—When Jacob learned that Joseph was still alive and ruler of Egypt, his heart fainted within him for amazement (Gen. 45: 26); but when he saw the wagons

and presents that Joseph sent down to him, he made up his mind to go down to him to Egypt (27, 28). At the beginning of his journey the Lord spoke to him in words