

Berean Lesson Leaf.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. FIRST YEAR—1878—MAY. SECOND QUARTER: TWELVE LESSONS FROM GENESIS.

SABBATH, May 4.—**LESSON V.—Joseph Exalted.**—Gen. xli. 37-49.

Leader. 37. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

School. 38. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? Job xxxii. 8.

L. 39. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

S. 40. Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

L. 41. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. Dan. vi. 3.

S. 42. And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; Esth. iii. 10.

L. 43. And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. Esth. vi. 9.

S. 44. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

L. 45. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneh; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

S. 46. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

L. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

S. 47. And in the seven piteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

L. 48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

S. 49. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. Judges vii. 12; Psa. lxxviii. 27.

TOPIC—From prison to palace.

Golden Text—For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Psa. lxxxiv. 11.

Home Readings.

M. Gen. xli. 37-49.

Tu. Psa. cv. 1-24.

W. Dan. ii. 30-49.

Th. Psa. lxxviii.

F. Dan. v. 1-29.

S. Mark xli. 1-14.

Ss. 1 Kings iii. 1-15.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Psa. cxlii. 7.	Acts vi. 5.	Esther ix. 4.
Acts xli. 7-17.	Gen. i. 29.	Num. iv. 3.
Esther vi. 10-11.	Isa. xlii. 7.	Luke iii. 23.
Acts vii. 10.	Dan. v. 29.	Dan. i. 7.
2 Sam. v. 4.		

[Read Gen. xl. ; xli., 1-36, introductory to lesson.]

Outline:

- I. THE PRISONER FREED, v. 37, 38;
 - II. THE WORD OF THE WISE, v. 39;
 - III. LORD OVER THE REALM, v. 40-45;
 - IV. PLENTY INSTEAD OF POVERTY, v. 40-49.
- Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. Whence had Pharaoh taken Joseph?
How long had he been in prison?
What "thing" was good in the eyes of Pharaoh? v. 37.
Who helped Joseph to the interpretation of the dream?
Did the king realize that Joseph spoke as God directed? v. 38.
To what, then, did Joseph owe his prosperity? [His faithfulness and trust in God.]
2. Why did Pharaoh pronounce the answer good? v. 39.
Whence do we receive true wisdom? Jas. i. 5.

What is said in Prov. i. 7?

3. What position of honor was given to Joseph? v. 40.
- What marks of his favor did Pharaoh bestow? v. 41, 42.
- What public honor was accorded to Joseph? v. 43.
- Can you mention any other instance of like honor being given by a king? Esther vi. 10.
- What new name was given to Joseph? v. 45.
- What is the meaning of this name? [There are different opinions. Supposed by many to be, "Sustainer of the age," or, "Life Sustainer."]
- What name is promised to him that overcometh? Rev. iii. 12.

4. How was Pharaoh's dream fulfilled? v. 47.
- How old was Joseph at this time? v. 46.
- What wise plan did Joseph carry out, in order to secure the land against the coming famine? v. 48.
- Where do we learn from this lesson—
1. That best thoughts come from purest minds?
2. That God is honored by our reliance upon him?
3. That those who know most of God and his ways will be the most wise and discreet?
4. That the Lord has purposes of good toward us even when our way seems the darkest?

N.B.—Verses marked with a hand, thus [41], are the "Selected Verses."