

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 I. **JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT** October 6, 1901
Genesis 37: 12-36. Only vs. 23-33 printed, as recommended by the International Lesson Committee. Commit to memory vs. 26-28. Read Gen. 35: 1-15; 37: 1-36.

23 And it came to pass, when Jo'seph was come out to his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they heardken unto him; and there passed by; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Jo'seph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Jo'seph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

31 And they took Jo'seph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Jo'seph is without doubt in rent in pieces.

Revised Version—1 Omit out; 2 The; 3 The; 4 Travelling company of Ishmaelites; 5 Ishmaelites; 6 Omit and; 7 Heardken unto him; 8 And there passed by; 9 He-goat; 10 Not; 11 Torn.

GOLDEN TEXT
Acts 7: 9. The patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him.

DAILY READINGS
M. — Gen. 37: 1-11. Joseph loved and hated.
T. — Gen. 37: 12-22. } Joseph sold into Egypt.
W. — Gen. 37: 23-36. }
Th. — Gen. 39: 1-6. Joseph finds favor.
F. — Gen. 42: 14-22. Sin remembered.
S. — Job 5: 6-17. Affliction for good.
S. — Psalm 31: 1-15. In God's hand.

CATECHISM
Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?
A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his

body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

TIME AND PLACE
Ten or eleven years after Jacob's return from Padan-aram, or about B.C. 1729, Isaac 168 years old, Jacob 108, Joseph about 17. The place, Hebron, the home of Isaac and now also of Jacob.

LESSON PLAN
I. Conspiracy, 12-22.
By his brethren, to do away with Joseph.

II. Treachery, 23-28.
Against Joseph, by selling him; against Reuben, by doing it behind his back.

III. Deception, 29-35.
Making believe to their father that Joseph was dead.

IV. Bondage, 36.
To Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.
LESSON HYMNS
Book of Praise, 583; 96 (Ps. Sel.); 277; 509; 293; 514.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links When Jacob met Esau, they met as brothers. (ch. 33: 1-16.) Then Jacob remained for some time at Shechem (v. 18), but trouble having arisen between his family and the people of that place,

he went up to Bethel at the command of God (35: 1). As he was journeying Benjamin was born and the beloved Rachel died at Ephrath. Finally he came to Hebron. Here Isaac died. (35: 27-29.) In the lapse of