

Lesson VI.

ISRAEL OPPRESSED IN EGYPT

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Exodus 1: 1-14. Vs. 5-14 only printed, as recommended by the International S.S. Lesson Committee. Memory Verses, 8, 9, 13, 14.

Golden Text—God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant.—Exod. 2: 24.



5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Ja'cob were seventy souls : for Jo'seph was in E'gypt *already*.

6 And Jo'seph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Is'rael were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty ; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over E'gypt, which knew not Jo'seph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Is'rael *are* more and mightier than we :

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them ; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pha'raoh treasure cities, Pi'thom and Raam'ses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied

and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Is'rael.

13 And the E'gyptians made the children of Is'rael to serve with rigour :

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field : all their service wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Joseph and all the twelve sons of Jacob were dead, their children and grandchildren lived on happily in the land of Egypt as one great family. They were called "the children of Israel." And God blessed them and made the children of Israel so many that the country was full of them. And God made this people strong and powerful and rich.

After a long time all the people who had known Joseph were dead, and there was now a new king on the throne of Egypt who had not even heard of him. One day the new king Pharaoh said to his friends, "These people do not really belong to our country,

and they are getting so many and so strong that perhaps some day they will become our enemies and will rise up and fight against us, and so get away back to their own land taking their goods with them. Now let us see if we can kill them with hard work."

So the children of Israel were taken away from the pleasant work of minding sheep, and the Egyptians set them to the making of bricks and the building of great cities. And to make their lives more miserable, the king set hard and cruel task-masters over them, who beat them if for an instant they should stop working ; and they were very unhappy indeed. Every day they were required to