

Lesson II.

JOSEPH IN PRISON

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Genesis 39 : 20-40 : 15. Verses 20-23 and ch. 40 : 1-8 printed, as recommended by the International S.S. Lesson Committee. Memory Verses, 21-23.

Golden Text—But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy.—Gen. 39 : 21.



where Jo'seph was bound. 4 And the captain of the guard charged Jo'seph with them, and he served them : and they continued a season in ward.

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of E'gypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Jo'seph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pha'raoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day ?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Jo'seph said unto them, *Do not* interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The merchants who had bought Joseph from his brothers took him far away into Egypt and sold him for a slave to an officer named Potiphar. And God went with Joseph and helped him to do his work so well that his master trusted him with everything that he had.

But his master's wife was a wicked woman and she hated Joseph and at last persuaded her husband to put him in prison. But God

20 And Jo'seph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound : and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Jo'seph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Jo'seph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison ; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it*.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand ; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

Ch. 40 : 1 And it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of E'gypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of E'gypt.

2 And Pha'raoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place

was with Joseph in the prison and made the keeper friendly to him so that Joseph was given full charge of all the other prisoners. One day two new prisoners were brought in. They were the king's chief butler and baker, who were charged with plotting against the king's life. The keeper gave them also into Joseph's care.

One morning Joseph found that each of the two men had had a strange dream, which