

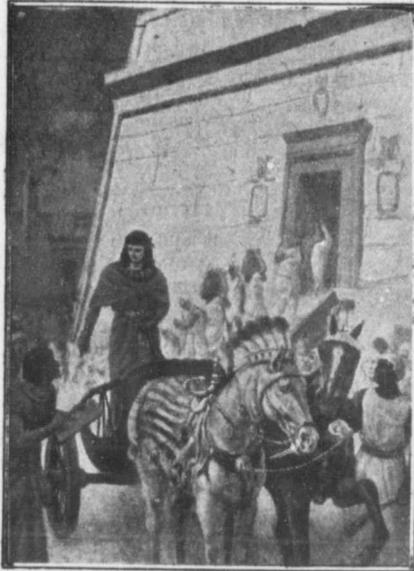
Lesson X.

JOSEPH MADE RULER OF EGYPT

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Genesis 41 : 33-44. *Scripture Memory Verse, Rev. 22 : 5.

Golden Text—He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.—Luke 16 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).



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33 Now therefore let Phar'aoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of E'gypt.

34 Let Phar'aoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of E'gypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Phar'aoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of E'gypt ; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Phar'aoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Phar'aoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is* ?

39 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou *art* :

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.

41 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, See, I have set thee over all the land of E'gypt.

42 And Phar'aoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jo'seph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck ;

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 E'gypt.

44 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, I am Phar'aoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The merchantmen brought Joseph down to Egypt and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, bought Joseph for a slave. Joseph served his master faithfully, and the Lord was with him and helped him in all that he did. Potiphar loved Joseph, but his wicked wife hated the young Hebrew lad. She told a lie about him, and caused his master to put him in prison. The keeper of the prison loved Joseph because he was so true and faithful, and after a while he gave him charge of all the other prisoners.

Now it happened that Pharaoh's chief butler and his chief baker had offended

Pharaoh king of Egypt and had been cast into prison, and Joseph had charge of them. These men each dreamed a dream. They told their dreams to Joseph, and God gave him wisdom so that he was able to tell them the meaning of their dreams, and they promised in return that they would tell Pharaoh about him when they got out of prison, and perhaps Pharaoh would let Joseph out also.

One night Pharaoh dreamed some dreams which troubled him. He called all the wise men of his kingdom and asked them to tell him the meaning of his dreams, but not one of his wise men knew what the dreams meant.

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