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Second Quarter.
 Lesson IV. APR. 28. Gen. 47: 1-12.
JOSEPH AND HIS FATHER.
 GOLDEN TEXT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.—Eph. 6: 2.

1. Joseph's visits to his father.—Having made himself known to his brothers, Joseph told them to hasten back home and tell his father of all his glory, and bring him down without delay to see it. And, as soon as it became known through the palace of Pharaoh, that Joseph's brothers had come, there was great satisfaction; and the king charged Joseph to do as he had proposed, and send for his father without delay.

2. The journey into Egypt.—Immediately the father and sons prepare to go down into Egypt.
 Their numbers.—Joseph and his descendants, who are named in chap. 46, numbered 70, including his sons' wives. 68 are first named, then four more, Jacob and Joseph and his two sons are added. Doubtless many perished on the caravan, and the number, making quite a caravan.

3. The journey to Goshen.—The journey was about 350 miles along the usual caravan route, but it was a long, hard journey for old men, with women and children and flocks and herds.
 III. The Ministry of the Father.—The king, Pharaoh, who had heard of the land of Goshen, Joseph went forth in his royal chariot and met his father, and there was a true oriental meeting.

4. Honoring Parents.—Joseph illustrated the fifth commandment, which was given in its present form on Sinai, more than 200 years later. The promise was fulfilled in him, for he lived long and happily in the land which the Lord God gave him.
 IV. Joseph's presents to his brothers.—The king of Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have heard that you are a true prophet. I will give you the land of Goshen, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt."

5. The king's interrogation.—The king's interrogation corresponded precisely with what Joseph had anticipated (chap. 45: 23, 24), and their answers accorded with their previous instructions. It was an answer which left them no room to hope for any higher place than to be rulers over his cattle.
 Shepherds as an Abomination.—The king's interrogation corresponded precisely with what Joseph had anticipated (chap. 45: 23, 24), and their answers accorded with their previous instructions. It was an answer which left them no room to hope for any higher place than to be rulers over his cattle.

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