

## Lesson XI.

## JOSEPH BEFORE PHARAOH

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Genesis 47 : 1-12. Study Genesis 46 : 28 to 47 : 12, 28-31—Memory Verses, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—All things work together for good to them that love God.—Romans 8 : 28.

1 Then Jo'seph came and told Phar'aoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Ca'naan ; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Go'shen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Phar'aoh.

3 And Phar'aoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation ? And they said unto Phar'aoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Phar'aoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come ; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks ; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Ca'naan : now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Go'shen.

5 And Phar'aoh spake unto Jo'seph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee :

6 The land of E'gypt *is* before thee ; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell ; in the land of Go'shen let them dwell : and if thou knowest *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Jo'seph brought in Ja'cob his father, and set him before Phar'aoh : and Ja'cob blessed Phar'aoh.

8 And Phar'aoh said unto Ja'cob, How old *art* thou ?

9 And Ja'cob said unto Phar'aoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years : few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Ja'cob blessed Phar'aoh, and went out from before Phar'aoh.

11 And Jo'seph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of E'gypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ram'ses, as Phar'aoh had commanded.

12 And Jo'seph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jacob knew that Joseph was alive he made haste to go to him. So the sons gathered all their possessions together, and, with their wives and their little children, journeyed with their old father into Egypt. While they were yet a long way off, Joseph came riding to meet them in his chariot, and he threw his arms round his father's neck and wept for joy at seeing him again.

Then Joseph brought his father and brothers into the land of Goshen, and, leaving the rest of them there, he hurried with five of the brothers to tell Pharaoh that they had arrived. And Pharaoh spoke kindly to them and asked them what their occupation was. And they answered, as Joseph had bidden them, that they were shepherds and

had come to Egypt because, on account of the famine, there was no food for their flocks in Canaan. And they begged Pharaoh to let them live in the land of Goshen.

Then Pharaoh turned to Joseph and said, "The whole land of Egypt is before thee ; choose the best part of it, even the land of Goshen, for your father and brothers to live in." Pharaoh also told Joseph, that, if any of his brothers were good and diligent men, he might appoint them to take care of the king's cattle.

Afterwards, Joseph brought his father in to see the king. And the old man blessed Pharaoh, and thanked him for all his kindness to him and his sons. Pharaoh asked Jacob how old he was, and Jacob answered, "I am