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Sunday School Lesson.

LESSON VII.—NOVEMBER 14, 1880

JOSEPH THE WISE RULES.—Gen. 41: 41-57.

TIME.—Joseph was released from prison and promoted to the second place in the kingdom, B. C. 1716, when he was 30 years old.

EXPLANATORY.

Pharaoh. A general name for the king of Egypt. Apophis was probably then the Pharaoh of Egypt. I have set thee over all the land. This appears too greatly at variance with probability to be tolerated, even in a romance. In the East, however, this is all different; and an advancement so great and so abrupt is still, although not common, of sufficiently frequent occurrence, that instances more or less analogous would, in the reading of this history, occur to every Eastern mind.

In the East, the seal alone has the effect which we give to both the seal and the signature. People in the East do not sign their names. They have seals in which their names and titles are engraven, and with which they make an impression with thick ink on all occasions for which we use the signature. To give a man your seal, is therefore to give him the use of that authority and power which your signature possesses. Vestures of fine linen. Denoted the rank and station to which he was exalted, as it appears that dresses of this fine fabric were only allowed to be worn by people of the highest rank and distinction in Egypt. Put a gold chain about his neck. This was a badge of office worn in Egypt by the judge and the prime minister. It had a similar use in Persia and Babylonia (Dan 5: 7).

Made him to ride in the second chariot. Thus arrayed, Joseph is placed in Pharaoh's second chariot (next to Pharaoh's), and in the midst of a splendid procession conducted through the city of Heliopolis. That music attended this procession is highly probable. The Egyptian band consisted of the harp, the single and double pipe, the flute, guitar and tambourine. Bow the knee. The heralds that went before him cried, Abreck! This word Abreck, according to the best authorities, signifies pure spice. It was intended, then, to signify that Joseph was not recognized as a native Egyptian,—that he was no longer a foreigner, but as one born in the land.

Zaphnath-paaneah. It was not unusual in ancient times to give new names to persons on particular occasions. Zaphnath is he who receiveth. Neith, i. e., the inventor of the art of weaving, and the goddess of wisdom. Paaneah. This name means he who flies from (avoids) pollution, especially adultery. So that the first name conferred by Pharaoh upon Joseph commemorated the divine wisdom to which he owed his exaltation, and the second his innocence of the crime for which he had so long suffered imprisonment. Asepath. Either "devoted to Neith," the Egyptian Minerva, or compounded of the two names Isis and Neith. Poti-pherah. The priests were the highest and most privileged class in Egypt. Intermarriage with this caste at once determined the social position of the wondrous foreigner. Heliopolis was the Rome and Oxford of ancient Egypt, the capital of its hierarchy and its university, the centre of its religion and learning.

Went throughout all the land. Made an immediate survey to determine the site and size of the storehouses required for the different quarters of the country.

The earth brought forth by handfuls. That is, in vast abundance. This, or even more than this productivity, is not at this day unusual in Egypt. There was not a place in the then known world so well adapted to the production of corn (grain) as Egypt. This plenty was occasioned by the annual rising of the waters of the Nile, to an unusual height. The waters deposit on the land a rich loam which they bring down with them from the mountains above. It is this deposit which may be considered as constituting the wealth of Egypt.

And he gathered up all the food. During the seven years of plenty Joseph gathered up all the surplus food and placed it in granaries. By what means the government obtained possession of the corn, we are not informed. Some are of the opinion that the surplus corn was bought up by Joseph, which might be done, at a time of such abundance, at a comparatively small cost.

Unto Joseph were born two sons...Manasseh. The first son he called MANASSEH, which means forgetting—or forgetfulness. "For God, said he, hath made me to forget all my toil, and all my father's house." It does not mean that these things were obliterated from his mind—for the very act is one of remembrance. He cherished no resentful remembrances against those who had been the instruments of his affliction. The memory of his troubles was comparatively lost in the happiness that had now succeeded.

The name of the second...Ephraim. Which means fruitfulness. No man ever more occasion than Joseph to know the fruitfulness of affliction. God cuts even to the quick the branches of the vine that he will bear much fruit. We may search history, we may explore the knowledge and experience of our own lives, in vain, for any instance of much fruit for God or for man having been yielded by unafflicted men. For God hath caused, &c. It is a beautiful and interesting circumstance in the history of Joseph, that he has God ever before his eyes.

The seven years of dearth began to come. That famine has frequently occurred in Egypt, is notoriously a matter of history. As the plenty was occasioned by extensive and unusual overflowings of the river, so the dearth was occasioned partly by the failure of the overflow and partly by the prevalence of the south-east wind. The rise of the water much below the usual mark would prevent the sowing of a sufficient quantity of grain, and the prevail-

ence of the south-east wind would tend to destroy even that which was sown, after it came up. In all lands. The neighboring countries, Canaan, and probably parts of Syria, Arabia and Africa.

Joseph opened all the storehouses. The granaries are frequently represented on the monuments. They appear to have been public buildings, usually of vast extent, and divided into vaults, some of which had arched roofs. Sold unto the Egyptians. The money he obtained for the corn he brought into Pharaoh's house (chap 47: 14), thus enriching the king's exchequer to a very considerable extent. But money soon failed, and the Egyptians came to Joseph for food, saying, Give us bread" (chap 47: 15). He replied by offering them bread in lieu of their cattle; and "they brought their cattle unto Joseph." But the cattle, too, failed. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field. It may be asked, would they not have been more generous to have given them food, and allow them to retain their flocks and herds? That provision was made for the most indigent, we cannot doubt. These transactions originated in the proposals of the people themselves, and Joseph only agreed to their own terms. To have supplied the people with corn when their cattle were disposed of, without an equivalent, would have been injurious both to themselves and to the interests of the state. To give food to a people tends to destroy their independence of mind, and to foster habits of indolence. The country was divided into many districts or provinces, in consequence of which the supreme power was comparatively feeble. He did not reduce them to a state of slavery, or take away their land from them. On the contrary, he gave them corn on the condition that henceforth they should till the land as tenants of the crown, paying to Pharaoh one-fifth of the produce (chap 47: 23, 24). All this was done for the general good (to make them one strong nation), to which each particular person in his turn was obliged to contribute.

CASTOR OIL FOR AXLES.—Castor oil is undoubtedly the best, and therefore the cheapest, for iron axles, which should always be wiped clean. Col. Curtis informs us that his market wagon would run only twenty miles before requiring to be greased when lard was used, but with castor oil it ran sixty miles, and was good for twenty more—big difference, and worth remembering. He further remarks that a wheel well lubricated will turn one-half easier, and wear as long again, a gain of 150 per cent., by the liberal use of oil.

Hardly any one who has a large acquaintance or who reads the obituary or death notices in the public prints, can fail to have noticed how fatal a disease congestion of the lungs is, especially in this city. It really seems sometimes as if it caused half of all the deaths that occur. Each fall it appears to grow more dangerous. This season it has been very virulent, owing, probably, to sudden changes. Congestion of the lungs invariably begins with a cold, to which scarcely anybody attaches any importance, and the cold is neglected until it results in the painful, and always alarming disease. "Only a cold!" echoed the renowned Abernethy. "A cold is always to be feared." Colds have killed more men than battles have. There seems to be no way of guarding against congestion of the lungs. One person is as subject as another to it. Rugged constitution, vigorous health, general attention to hygienic laws, have no power to prevent it. Congestion of the lungs slays a giant as quickly as it slays a pigmy; an accomplished athlete as quickly as a puny invalid. One meets this morning a friend flushed with youth—energy. Within a few days he is dead. Congestion of the lungs has cut him down. Persons who care to live—and the fact that they do live shows that they can—cannot be too watchful of the beginnings of congestion of the lungs, which is one of the most insidious and formidable foes of human existence. Mr. Fell was the inventor of Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, which is so deservedly popular everywhere, says: With all offering any argument to enforce my opinion, I most positively assert as fact, so long as the patient continues to breathe, no matter how languidly, though abandoned by the physician, the case is by no means hopeless. Fellows' Hypophosphites administered with cod liver oil, as directed, will act beneficially and effectively. It excites the movement of the secretions, stimulates the nerves and muscles into action, and develops the process of expectoration, cleaning out the tubes and air passages, induces appetite, strengthens and restores the sufferer to health. Let the reader, whether physician or layman, reflect, that this is written not for mere mercenary considerations, but the writer has known many cases, has witnessed many cases treated by his Syrup, and has treated several himself with his Syrup, in no single instance unsuccessfully, all were restored to health, and in several instances they were pronounced beyond the possibility of recovery by attending physicians.

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