



JACOB AND HIS HOUSEHOLD GOING TO EGYPT.



DEATH OF JACOB.

JACOB AND HIS HOUSEHOLD.

This picture is a graphic illustration of a caravan in the desert. Jacob's whole household as they crossed the desert numbered seventy souls. What a contrast between this little band that went down and the great multitude that came out from Egypt, numbering about 3,000,000 souls. Surely the promise made to Jacob was fulfilled, "Fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will surely bring thee up again." They set out "with their cattle and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan," that they might dwell in Egypt with Joseph, the man next to the king.

EGYPTIAN MUMMY CASE.

This singular looking cut is an illustration of the mummy cases or coffins of the Egyptians. They were made of wood covered with a sort of papiermache plaster and brilliantly decorated with pictures in red, blue, yellow, green, and other primary colours. You will remember that both Jacob and Joseph were embalmed and carried up with the people of Israel into Canaan. Jacob was buried in the cave of Machpelah, where his body still rests, and Joseph, according to the Scripture narrative, in a lonely tomb near Jacob's Well, though the Moslems say his body was afterwards removed to the cave of Machpelah, at Hebron.



EGYPTIAN MUMMY CASE.

The kind of religion that doesn't cost anything is not the kind the good Samaritan had.

An Indignant Scholar.

Such a horrid geography lesson!
Cities and mountains and lakes;
And the longest, crookedest rivers,
Just wriggling about like snakes.

I tell you, I wish Columbus
Hadn't heard the earth was a ball,
And started to find new countries
That folks didn't need at all.

Now wouldn't it be too lovely
If all that you had to find out
Was just about Spain and England,
And a few other lands thereabout?

And the rest of the maps were printed
With pink and yellow, to say,
"All this is an unknown region,
Where bogies and fairies stay?"

But what is the use of wishing,
Since Columbus sailed over here,
And men keep hunting and exploring
And finding more things every year?

Now, show me the Yampah River,
And tell me where does it flow?
And how do you bound Montana,
And Utah and Mexico?
Phrenological Journal.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS.

B.C. 1690-1636.] **LESSON VI.** [May 6.

JOSEPH'S LAST DAYS.

Gen. 50. 14-26. Memory verses, 24-26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—Prov. 4. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. Fear, v. 14-18.
2. Forgiveness, v. 19-21.
3. Faith, v. 22-26.

TIME.—From verse 14 to verse 21, B.C. 1690, soon after the events of last lesson. Verse 26, the death of Joseph, B.C. 1635.

RULER.—Pharaoh, one of the dynasty of the "Shepherd King."

CONNECTING LINKS.—1. Joseph's invitation to his father and brothers (Gen. 45. 16-24). 2. The descent into Egypt (Gen. 46. 1-34). 3. Jacob and Pharaoh (Gen. 47. 1-12). 4. The years of famine (Gen. 47. 13-27). 5. The close of Jacob's life (Gen. 47. 28; 48. 22). 6. The last words of Jacob (Gen. 49. 1-32). 7. The death and burial of Jacob (Gen. 49. 33-50.—13.)

EXPLANATIONS.—"Peradventure"—Perhaps. "Requite us all the evil"—Revenge

or punishment for their wrong done in selling Joseph as a slave. "Fell down before his face"—As had been foretold in Joseph's dream (Gen. 37. 6-9). "Am I in the place of God?"—Punishment of sin is the right of God only. "God meant it unto good"—And so overruled the evil act. "Upon Joseph's knees"—Thus being adopted as his own. "God will surely visit you"—A prophecy fulfilled one hundred and fifty-six years after. "Carry up my bones"—He commanded them to keep his body unburied until they should return to their own land, thus showing his own faith and encouraging their faith. also. "Embalmed"—By a process whereby the body was kept without decay. "In a coffin"—Probably of stone.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Joseph's last days.—Gen. 50. 14-26.
- Tu. The burial of Jacob.—Gen. 50. 1-13.
- W. Joseph's command obeyed.—Exod. 13. 17-22.
- Th. Burial in Shechem.—Josh. 24. 29-33.
- F. Forgiveness.—Matt. 5. 43-48.
- S. Peace for the upright.—Psalm 37. 25-37.
- Su. The path of the just.—Prov. 4. 10-18.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. To forgive those who have wronged us?
 2. That God can overrule wickedness?
 3. That God's promises may always be trusted?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What did Joseph's brethren fear after their father's death? "Joseph's revenge."
2. What did they beseech from him? "Forgiveness."
3. How did Joseph treat them? "He spoke kindly to them."
4. How old was Joseph when he died? "One hundred and ten years."
5. What did he command the Israelites? "To carry his bones back to Canaan."
6. What is the Golden Text? "The path of the just," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The grace of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What have we then to do in repentance? We must think on our transgressions, confess both our sins and our sinfulness to God, and strive to amend our life by the help of the Holy Spirit.

What is conversion? The turning to God in repentance and in faith.

The spirit that put the apple in Adam's hand was the same that put Christ on the cross.

"I would give anything if I had a musical ear." "Why don't you take quinine?" "Quinine?" "Certainly: that will make your ears sing."

DEATH OF JACOB.

The above picture shows the death scene as the venerable patriarch Jacob calls his sons around him to give them the blessing as recorded in the forty-ninth chapter of Genesis. These blessings had a wonderful significance, describing the characteristics of the twelve tribes as they settled in the land of promise four hundred years afterwards.

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