

Lesson I.

JOSEPH SOLD INTO EGYPT

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Genesis 37 : 12-36. Verses 23-33 only printed, as recommended by the International S.S. Lesson Committee. Memory Verses, 26-28.

Golden Text—The patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him.—Acts 7 : 9.



into E'gypt. 29 And Reu'ben returned unto the pit ; and, behold, Jo'seph *was* not in the pit ; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said; The child *is* not ; and I, whither shall I go ?

31 And they took Jo'seph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood ;

32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father ; and said, This have we found : know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat ; an evil beast hath devoured him ; Jo'seph is without doubt rent in pieces.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob had twelve sons, but the one he loved best was little Joseph, for whom he made a coat of many colors. Because of this and also because he was more upright than themselves, his elder brothers hated Joseph. But they hated him most of all for his strange dreams ; for the boy had more than once dreamed that he was made head of the family.

One day when the elder sons were away

in Shechem feeding their flocks, Jacob called Joseph and said, "Go and see if you can find your brothers, and bring me word how they are getting on." So Joseph put on his pretty coat and set out on his errand. But he did not find his brothers at Shechem, and as he was wandering in search of them, a man told him that they had moved farther on into Dothan. So Joseph followed them there, and about noon he caught sight of them.

23 And it came to pass, when Jo'seph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colours that *was* on him ;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ish'meelites came from Gil'ead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to E'gypt.

26 And Ju'dah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'meelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mid'-ianites merchantmen ; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ish'meelites for twenty *pieces* of silver : and they brought Jo'seph