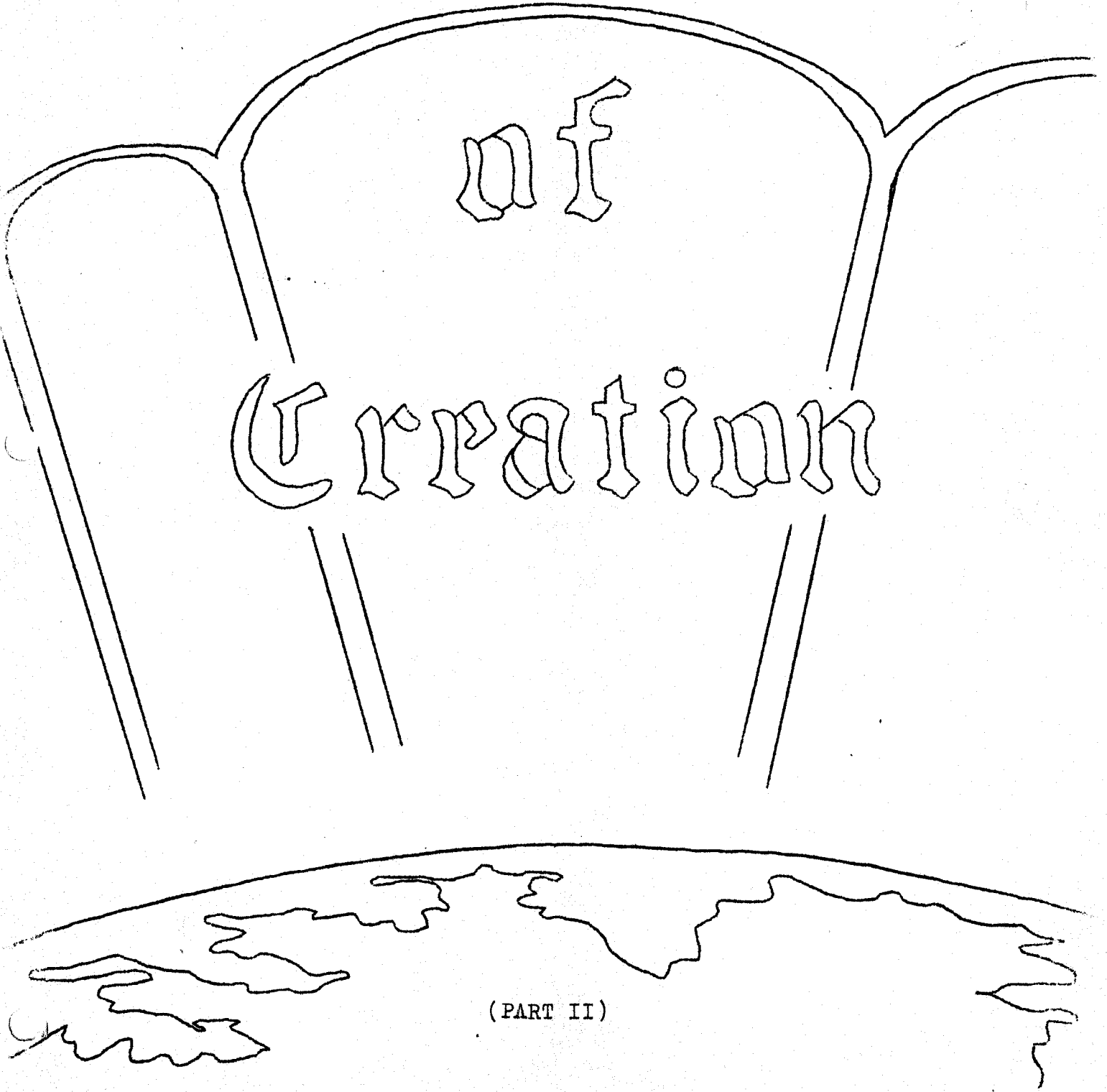


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(PART II)

MELCHICEDEC, PRIEST AND KING
Lesson 25

Memory Text: "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
Psalm 110:4

It seems that Melchisedec was one of the Shepherd Kings who went into Egypt and helped build the Great Pyramid. The city which he ruled was called Salem, which means "peace." Not only was Melchisedec the King of Salem, he also blessed the people and tried to teach them of God's ways. He was priest and king.

We do not know very much about Melchisedec. The Bible does not tell who his father was. We are not sure when he began to be a priest, or whether other priests took his place when he died. As far as the Bible is concerned, he may as well have been "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." Hebrews 7:3. These facts are not important in our study of Melchisedec.

What is important is that Abraham paid tithes to him. Genesis 14:20. This means that Abraham gave Melchisedec one-tenth of his spoils, which he won in battle.

What a wonderful man this priest of God must have been! If Abraham, God's friend, gave gifts to him and desired to be blessed of him, we can be sure that Melchisedec was very pleasing to Jehovah.

In the kingdom, the 144,001 will be like Melchisedec. They will rule the world like kings; they will bless the people and teach them of God's ways. They will act as priests and kings. Just as there was none like Melchisedec before him, so there has never been anyone like the 144,001 before them. Just as there was no one like Melchisedec after him, so there will never be anyone like the 144,001 after them. They alone will be like Jesus, living in heaven closest to God.

The LORD wanted the story of Melchisedec written in the Bible

MELCHISEDEC, PRIEST AND KING
Lesson 25



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who are the 144,001? Revelation 21:2, John 10:14, Revelation 7:4, Hebrews 12:23, Romans 8:17, and Matthew 23:8.
2. Were there other priests in the Bible besides Melchisedec? Numbers 18:1-7; I Samuel 1:9, 2:20, 3:1-10; Mark 14:1, 10, 43, 47, 53; and Mark 15:1, 3, 10, 31.
3. Were there other kings in the Bible besides Melchisedec? I Samuel 10:19-24; I Samuel 16:1-13; I Kings 2:12; and Jeremiah 34:21.
4. Were there other priestly kings in the Bible besides Melchisedec?
5. Was Aaron or Melchisedec a sacrificing priest?
6. Was Aaron or Melchisedec a reigning priest?
7. Which will the 144,001 anointed saints be -- sacrificing representatives of God or reigning representatives of God?

JOB'S ADVERSITY AND RESTITUTION
Lesson 26

Memory Text: "The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."
Job 1:21

There are many interesting stories in the Bible; it is the favorite story book of boys and girls all over the world. But it is more than that. There are many true facts in the Bible; it tells facts of history, geography, and science which help students all over the world. But it is more than that. The Bible teaches us what God wants us to do, and this is the most important reason that every person all over the world should read and study and try to understand this Most Wonderful Book.

The story of Job is a fascinating story to read, but its greatest value is that it explains God's plan for man.

Job lived when Abraham did, and Melchisedec. He lived in the land of Uz. He was a rich man and had many friends. He loved God, and God loved him.

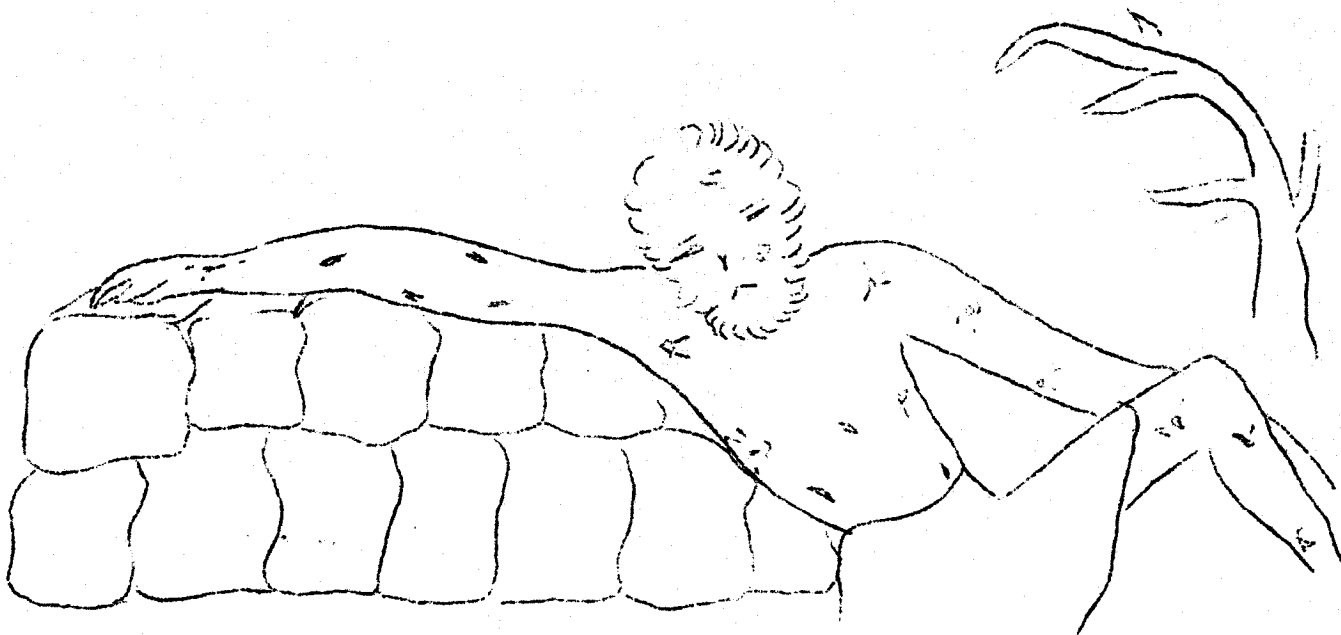
One day, Job's sons and daughters were having a party. A storm arose, and there was thunder and lightning. The servants were in the fields caring for the animals.

Job was not with his children in their merrymaking. A servant ran to Job with terrible news: "Some wicked men have stolen your oxen and your asses. They killed all the servants who were watching them -- all but me."

Before Job could think what to do about that tragedy, another servant came running: "The lightning has caused a terrible fire. All your sheep have been burned, and the servants who were caring for them."

In this awful confusion, more dreadful news arrived. Could it be possible? "Your camels have been stolen, and the men who fed

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Look at the lessons you have read in this book. What was the most important thing you learned in the different lessons. Which stories made you think of God's greatness? Which stories reminded you of what you should do and what you should not do? Which stories taught you facts you never knew before? Which stories told of truths from the Bible which most people do not know? Which stories made you love God more? Which stories helped you know God better? Which stories related to your school work?
2. Did Job ever find happiness again? Job 42:12, 13, 15.
3. Job's life was first happy, then sad, then happy. Is this true of the history of mankind -- Genesis through Revelation? Explain.
4. Acts 3:19-23 speaks of the "Times of Restitution." What is "restitution"? Did Job have a time of restitution in his life? Explain.
5. Did God's chosen people have times of restitution in their lives? Leviticus 25:13.
6. When do "Times of Restitution" take place for all the world?

SEEKING A BRIDE FOR ISAAC
Lesson 27

Memory Text: "The LORD...will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way."
Genesis 24:40

Abraham was like God when he obeyed God's command to put his son to death. God put His son Jesus to death so that all the world might live in the kingdom.

Abraham's son Isaac was like Jehovah's Son Jesus. Very important promises were made concerning these very important sons. Genesis 22:18, Genesis 3:15. When God told Abraham to raise Isaac from the altar -- he should not kill him, after all, it was like Jesus being raised from the dead.

Abraham sent Eliezer, his servant, to choose a bride for Isaac. This is the way God uses His Holy Spirit -- His holy power, His holy influence -- to find the 144,000 people who will work with Jesus in the heavenly kingdom. The Bible calls this group of people "the Bride of Christ" because he is their loved one, he is the one they desire to please.

Rebecca, the lovely bride found for Isaac, was caring for her father's sheep when Eliezer met her. The Bride of Christ people are usually found caring for others whom the Bible describes as sheep. Mark 6:34; Isaiah 53:6; John 21:16. If we say that some people are like sheep, we mean that they are humble and obedient.

Rebecca and her sheep were found at a well. In the Bible, water is often used to show we must clean our characters by getting to know Jesus and God better. Water is like cleaning a man's whole life, not just his hands and face and body. Water is like Truth which shows a man how to wash away his sins. Water is like the Bible which tells the Truth about washing away sin.

Rebecca was told she would be the mother of thousands of millions.

SEEKING A BRIDE FOR ISAAC
Lesson 27



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who was Abraham like?
2. Which son was put to death and then raised to life?
3. Which son was almost put to death but then allowed to live?
4. Why didn't Isaac choose his own bride?
5. What does the word SPIRIT mean:
 - a. "When that boy loses a game, he shows a very bad spirit."
 - b. "I feel sorry for the SPIRIT of fear which that little girl feels."
 - c. "That man is so loving and kind that I think he has much of God's SPIRIT."
6. Do you know a child who is "quiet as a mouse"?
Do you know a child who is "noisy as a magpie"?
Do you know a child who is "meek as a lamb"?
7. Was Rebecca slow about following Eliezer? Genesis 24:20, 28, 55-58, 61.
8. Does God expect the Bride of Christ to leave anyone or anything to be with the Heavenly Bridegroom?
9. What gifts are given to the Bride?
10. What did Rebecca leave when she went to be with Isaac?
11. What gifts were given to her?

JACOB'S LADDER DREAM
Lesson 28

Memory Text: "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I loved less."
Romans 9:13 (See Strong's Concordance)

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers, but they did not look alike and they did not act alike. Esau was a strong, athletic boy. He enjoyed hunting more than anything else in the world. God's people did not interest him. He made friends with people who did not love God. Jacob was quiet and gentle. He often thought of God and God's promises. As he cared for the cattle near his home, he knew he would rather, have God's blessing than anything else in this world.

One day, Esau was very, very, VERY hungry when he came home from hunting venison. He smelled some delicious food cooking. He looked and saw that Jacob was making some red bean soup. Oh, but it looked good!

Esau said, "I am so hungry that I feel sick. I would give anything for a bowl of your soup, Jacob."

Jacob looked at his brother. "Anything?" he asked.

Esau nodded. "Yes, anything," he said again.

Jacob asked Esau, "Would you even give me the birthright blessing from God, which is yours because you are the oldest son?"

Esau laughed. "What good is a birthright blessing from God or anyone else if I die from hunger now?"

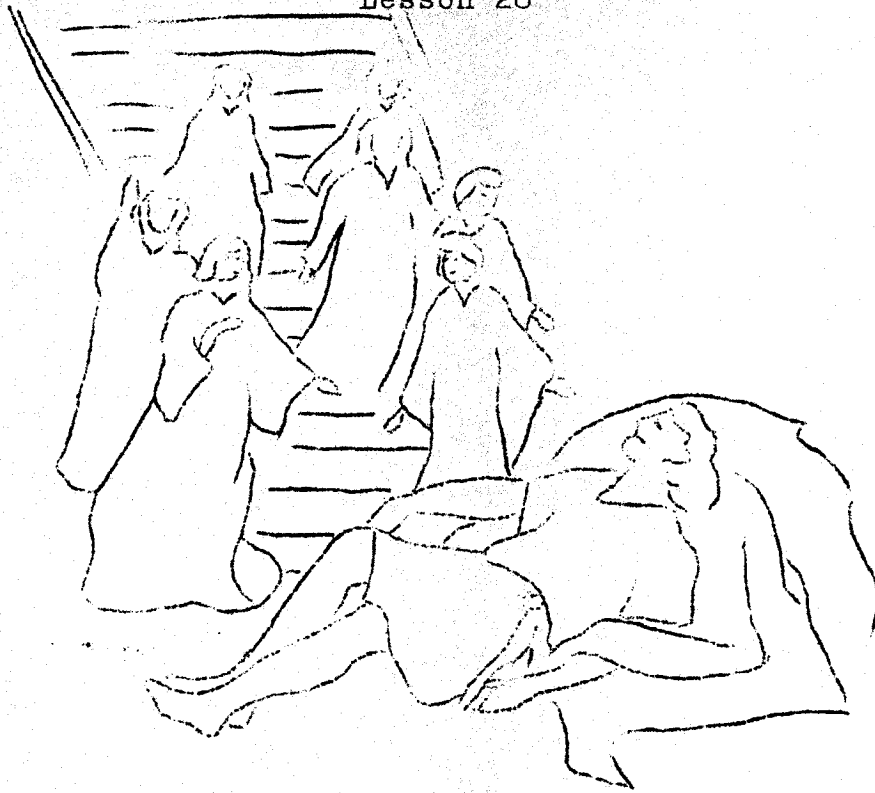
And so Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. He did not care about God's promises. He did not want to bless all the world.

But one day Esau worried about what he had done. He was not sorry that he had given up the blessing from God. Yet, what if Jacob would be richer than himself? What if Jacob would treat him as a servant? He must kill Jacob!

Jacob had to run away, but he had a beautiful dream that told him God was with him.

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JACOB'S LADDER DREAM
Lesson 28



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Which of the boys would be his father's favorite?
2. Which of the boys would be his mother's favorite?
3. What is venison?
4. What is pottage?
5. What are lentiles?
6. Which boy loved God?
7. Which boy did God love?
8. Why did Jacob leave his father Isaac's home? Genesis 27:41-28:2.
9. Where did Jacob have his dream? Genesis 28:10,11.
10. What was Jacob's dream? Genesis 28:12.
11. What did God tell Jacob in this dream? Genesis 28:13-15.
12. What two places did the dream-ladder connect?
13. When and how will all the people of earth be friends of God and His heavenly beings?

Memory Text: "I will go down to Sheol to my son mourning."
Genesis 37:35 (Revised version)

Have you ever thought about God's kingdom on earth? What would you ask Abraham if you would see him, or Isaac, or Jacob, or Joseph? Would you ask Jacob if he was very lonely for his mother when he ran away from home? Would you ask him if he stopped being lonely when he found a new home and married two wives and had twelve little sons running around his tents?

Just think! Twelve boys! Reuben was kind but not wise. Simeon was very clever but not very kind. Each one of the twelve was different, and the son Jacob loved most was little Joseph.

How do you think Joseph's older brothers felt? Weren't they just as good as the beloved little fellow? Why should their father give him such a beautiful coat? Really, wasn't Joseph bragging too much? He said that he would bless them one day! What a hateful boy he was!

Cruel Simeon and Levi and the rest of the older brothers decided to get rid of Joseph. They sold him as a slave to some merchants passing by; but they wanted their father to think that an animal killed the young man. To prove their story, they showed Joseph's coat all torn and bloody.

Poor Jacob! His favorite son dead! Nothing seemed happy or pleasant any more. No one could comfort him. Heart-broken and bitter, he cried, "I will mourn for my son Joseph until I join him in Sheol."

Where is Sheol? Sheol is a Hebrew word which means "the grave." Sometimes Bible translators write the English word "hell" when they see the Hebrew word "Sheol." It does not make any difference to a good student of the Bible.

JOSEPH'S COAT IDENTIFIED
Lesson 29



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Was Joseph really killed by a wild beast? Genesis 37:27, 28, 36.
2. One of the dictionary meanings of the word "hell" is a "place that is covered or hidden." Have you ever seen a casket put in a place that is covered or hidden? What do you call that place?
3. Some people think that hell (Sheol) is a place where devils with pitch-forks keep a fire burning to punish wicked people after they are dead. We know this is not true, and here is a way to prove it:

Read the following scriptures.

First, read the scripture as it is in the Bible.

Then, read the scripture using the word "Sheol" instead of "hell."

Next, read "place of devils and burning fire" instead of the word "hell."

Finally, use the word "grave" instead of "hell."

Psalm 16:10, Ezekiel 32:27, Amos 9:2, II Samuel 22:6, Job 11:8, Proverbs 15:11.

The above scriptures used the English word "hell" instead of the Hebrew word "Sheol."

If "Sheol" meant "a place of devils and burning fire," how would you explain the next scriptures?

Genesis 37:35, I Kings 2:6, Job 14:13, Psalm 49:14, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Genesis 44:31.

Memory Text: "Jealousy is cruel as the grave (Sheol)."
Songs of Solomon 8:6

Jacob, or Israel, as he was now called, loved Joseph more than all his other children. This made the other sons and daughters hate Joseph; they were jealous of him. It is not wise to shower our love on one person if it makes others feel bad to be forgotten. But neither is it pleasing to the Lord to become jealous of others. We should thank Him for the blessings we do have instead of being jealous when someone has a blessing we don't have.

Israel made Joseph a coat of many colors, and gave it to him to show how much he loved him. The jealous brothers were so angry, they would not speak kindly to Joseph.

The brothers thought their life would be much happier if Joseph were out of their way. They dared not kill him because of their father. What could they do?

One day some merchants travelled along the road on their way to Egypt. One of the brothers, Judah, thought of a plan to get rid of Joseph without killing him. "Let us sell him to the Ishmaelite merchants," he said. And his brothers agreed.

Joseph had blessings and he had trials in the land of Egypt. At last he was made the highest ruler of the land, next to Pharaoh. His job was to take care of the food of the land.

God revealed to Joseph that there would be plenty of food for all people for seven years. After this, there would be seven years in which food would not grow. Joseph must show the people how to save enough food for the seven bad years.

When Israel's family had no food to eat, they were forced to go to Egypt and ask the great ruler to sell them wheat from his storehouse. They did not realize that this great ruler was their own brother Joseph.

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"MY GRAY HAIRS TO SHEOL"
Lesson 30



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Why did Joseph's dreams make his brothers hate him more? Genesis 37:5-11.
2. What did Joseph tell his father that made his brothers angry? Genesis 37:2.
3. How did it happen that Joseph was sold to the Midianite merchants? Genesis 37:12-28.
4. Why are the merchants called Ishmaelites in verse 25 and Midianites in verse 28? (See Harper's Bible Dictionary.)
5. How do you feel toward Reuben? Why did he feel responsible for Joseph? Genesis 37:21, 22, 29; 29:32.
6. What is the Hebrew word which really means "grave" but is translated "hell" 31 times?
7. What is the story relating to Genesis 42:38?
8. Joseph gave the food which fed the world of his day. Who gives the bread which will cause all the world to live forever? John 6:51.
9. Joseph was hated by his brethren, and treated cruelly by them. Who were Jesus brethren who treated him cruelly? Acts 7:37.
10. Joseph was made ruler next to Pharaoh. Genesis 41:40. Who is next to God, the greatest Ruler of all? Romans 8:34.