

ISRAEL ENSLAVED IN EGYPT

Sunday School Lesson for May 19, 1907
Specially Prepared for This Paper

LIBERATION TEXT.—Genesis 13:4. Ministry of the Lord in their bondage, and He saved them out of their distress. (Gen. 13:12.)

TIME.—According to Father's chronology Jacob went down into Egypt about 176 B. C., and the sojourn in Egypt was for 21 or 40 years from that time. For the length of captivity see Gen. 15:13, 14, Ex. 12:40 Kings 1:1, Gal. 3:7.

RULERS.—It is quite generally agreed by scholars that the Pharaoh of the oppression was Rameses II., and the Pharaoh of the Exodus his son, Merneptah I.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.
The Chosen Family.—Vs. 12. "The first seven verses are introductory to the whole book. In accordance with the almost invariable custom of the writer, there is first a brief recapitulation of preceding events, and then a statement of the actual condition of affairs."—Joseph Parker.

V. 1. "These are the names." The 12 sons of Jacob only are given, the heads of the families or clans. "Every man and his household." "The household," according to the Hebrew idea, included not merely wife and children, but men-servants and maid-servants, domestics and servants, even hirelings who might quit the service and go elsewhere when it pleased them.

—Hawkinson. How numerous these households were can be surmised from the fact that Abraham could muster 318 armed men to rescue Lot (Gen. 14:14); Isaac was mighty that no of the neighboring kings (Gen. 26:10); Esau and Jacob had to separate because their followers were so numerous (Gen. 32:6, 7).

V. 5. "And all . . . were 70 souls." The list is given in Genesis 46, where two women are included, Dinah, Jacob's daughter, and Sarah, a grand daughter. Perhaps, as Canon Cook suggests, those were named because they remained unmarried. Dean Payne Smith (Bampton Lectures) estimates that altogether, with their households and retainers, they numbered 2,000 souls. "That so large a body should be favorably received need not excite surprise."

The Reasons for Removal.—There was need for Jacob's family being removed from Canaan, as some of them were becoming much tainted with the idolatry and pollution prevalent there. In Egypt, on the whole, life was purer. Then there was a risk of their amalgamating by marriage with the doomed Canaanites; but the Egyptians were so different a race that there was no such risk with them. To be among the Egyptians would also be a benefit to them in other ways, for they would learn much from a people so skilled in all the arts of life and so superior in civilization.—Halkie. Even the afflictions they were to suffer there were not the least of their gains from the stay in Egypt, as we shall see.

A Period of Prosperity.—Vs. 6, 7. It was a wise providence of God that introduced the period of bondage in Egypt with a period of liberty and prosperity; otherwise, the Hebrews would not have remained in Egypt after the end of the famine.

A Period of Adversity.—Vs. 8-14. The period of prosperity through which the Israelites passed was from Jehovah; but so, no less certainly, was the period of adversity which followed from the hand of Pharaoh, who was loved as soon as they were strong enough to endure it. Both were parts of God's great process of development and training.

Rameses II. as a Builder.—This king was the most enterprising builder of all the Pharaohs, and that means the sacrifice of tens of thousands of lives. He built temples and reared monoliths and colossal statues. His temples were approached through long avenues of sphinxes. Out of the solid rock at Ipsambul he hewed two splendid subterranean temples, and set up at their doors four human figures 60 feet high. Among his public works was a chain of fortifications along the entire northeastern frontier of Egypt, for 160 miles. By his command immense dikes were built on the lower Nile and in the Delta. Canals were dug and cities were built.—Prof. E. P. Humphrey.

The Climax of Cruelty.—Ex. 1:15-22. When Pharaoh found the Israelites flourishing even under this terrible oppression, he resorted to measures still more severe, ordering the destruction of their male infants as soon as they were born. The females would be harmless, and would prove valuable slaves. "A similar policy was pursued by the Lacedaemonians toward the helots, by the Athenians toward the Ionian subjects, and by the Caliphs, Hakem, toward the Egyptians."—F. Johnson. When the official midwives evaded the king's command, "by a refinement of cruelty to which the blood of the future was not equal, he required parents to execute the sentence of death on their own children."—Humphrey. This was indeed the climax of affliction.

Practical Points.
"Prosperity is a great teacher," said Hazlitt; "adversity is a greater." Affliction was called by Maliet, "the wholesome soil of virtue," in which patience, fortitude, and all the graces take root and flourish.
Affliction gives us sympathy for others in distress. "In the wounds our sufferings plow immortal Love's sovereign seed."—Massie.
Affliction strengthens our moral fiber.
Affliction discloses the best that is in us.
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4:20 a. m.	8:41 a. m.	5:32 p. m.

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No. 15	No. 5	No. 2
12:54 a. m.	3:38 p. m.	12:33 p. m.

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Mon. Wed. Daily	Sta.	Tues. Fri. Daily	Sta.
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

4:30 9:10 Farmville 9:50 6:40
4:50 9:32 Roanoke 9:31 5:35
5:01 9:45 Hawk 9:20 5:23
5:14 9:58 Eagle 9:10 5:10
5:19 10:08 M-Hae's 9:02 4:55
5:24 10:17 Cumberland 8:52 4:42
5:32 10:31 Sutherland 8:42 4:30
5:41 11:07 Tobaccoville 8:37 4:24
5:49 11:20 Roanoke 8:31 4:16
5:55 11:32 Bohan 8:20 4:09
6:06 12:04 Marion 8:10 4:01
6:14 12:18 Foston 8:00 3:50
6:15 12:32 Negro Arm 7:50 3:37
7:01 12:52 Flat Rock 7:40 3:24
7:10 1:02 Ar. Richmond 7:30 3:16
8:09 1:33 Ar. Richmond 7:00 1:15

Between Wintrop, Ek and Richmond via Mossy and Southern Railway.

Daily except Sunday	Sta.	Daily except Sunday	Sta.
P. M.	Arr.	P. M.	Arr.

11:22 Wintrop 11:17
11:32 Coalfield 11:06
12:10 p. m. Sutherland 10:56
12:19 Ar. Mossy Lvs. 10:46
12:35 Ar. Richmond Lvs. 11:15

Between Wintrop and Richmond and Petersburg via Chester and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Daily except Sunday	Sta.	Daily except Sunday	Sta.
P. M.	Lvs.	P. M.	Arr.

3:25 Wintrop 11:17
3:45 Coalfield 11:06
3:47 Summit 10:56
3:57 Perdue 10:47
4:07 Beach 10:37
4:12 Penning 10:32
4:17 Ar. Chester Lvs. 10:16
5:34 Ar. Chester Lvs. 10:16
6:00 Ar. Petersburg Lvs. 7:45
6:00 Ar. Richmond Lvs. 7:45

*Will wait at Chester until 9:55 a. m. for A. C. L. 2:20 train from Richmond.

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6:00	6:40

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