

Theme: JOSEPH’S BROTHERS GO TO EGYPT

Memory Verse: *Habakkuk 2:3 “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”.*

Texts: Genesis 42:1-38

In our last lesson we observe that during the famine, there was plenty of food in Egypt. This was possible through the hard work, skill, prudence and faithfulness of Joseph and the wisdom and grace of God upon him, in storing up food during the seven years of plenty. In other countries, however, there was no food, “And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands” (Genesis 41:57).

This worldwide famine also affected Jacob and his family in the land of Canaan. Having heard that there was corn in Egypt, he decided to send ten of his children, excluding Benjamin, to buy corn for their survival. This famine would help to accomplish two divine purposes (1) The fulfilment of the prophecy given by God to Abraham (Genesis 15:13); (2) The fulfilment of Joseph’s dreams about his brothers bowing before him (Genesis 37:5-10). God’s children can be rest assured that God will always bring to pass whatsoever He has promised to do for those who trust and wait patiently for Him. “God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19).

The ten Sons of Jacob promptly obeyed the command of their father and went down to Egypt to buy corn. In Egypt, Jacob’s sons, by the miracle of circumstances and need, came face to face with their brother Joseph whom they had sold before to the Ishmaelite. More than twenty years had passed since his brothers sold Joseph into Egypt. They seemed to have forgotten all about him and his dreams. But as the time appointed for the fulfilment of the dreams came near, God led the brothers to go down to Egypt, to confront, face to face, the one they had rejected. Not as a hapless young boy this time, but as the governor of the land of their survival.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	James 1	James 2
MONDAY	James 3	James 4
TUESDAY	James 5	1 Peter 1
WEDNESDAY	1 Peter 2	1 Peter 3
THURSDAY	1 Peter 4	1 Peter 5
FRIDAY	2 Peter 1	2 Peter 2
SATURDAY	2 Peter 3	1 John 1