

## LESSION 51

23.12.18

### **Theme:** THE FIRST JOURNEY TO EGYPT

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 42:1-2* “Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, why do ye look one upon another? [2] And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.”

**Texts:** Genesis 42:1-5; Acts 7:11-12

God used famine in the land of Canaan to lead the brothers of Joseph to Egypt (Psalms 105:16). All the elements of the universe are in the hands of God, and He uses them to accomplish His purpose. Joseph’s brothers went down to buy corn in Egypt. This is not the first time Egypt will become handy for the covenant family. Abraham, soon after his call by God, had to go down to Egypt because there was famine in the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:10).

Isaac also experienced famine in the Promised Land and would probably have gone to Egypt for sustenance if not that God specifically directed him not to go down to Egypt (Genesis 26:1, 2). Believers may wonder why the Promised Land will continue to move from one season of famine to another. We need to know that the Promised Land does not mean absence of trial. To please God, His followers must pass His tests. Believers are called to abundant life but sometimes experience problems they do not seem to find in unbelievers. That does not mean that God has abandoned His plan. He will yet bless and His counsel shall stand.

The principal reason why Jacob’s sons had to go to Egypt was to buy bread for the sustenance of the family. They were not going to dwell there. There was hunger and if they did not get food they could die. They had money but there was no food to eat. God has always warned His people not to go down to Egypt but there were occasions when He has allowed a sojourn there (Matthew 2:13-15). Today, Egypt represents the world and believers are not expected to be of the world but they can do godly business in the world while preparing to meet the Lord (John 17:15, 16).

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	1 John 2	1 John 3
MONDAY	1 John 4	1 John 5
TUESDAY	2 John 1	3 John 1
WEDNESDAY	Jude 1	Revelation 1
THURSDAY	Revelation 2	Revelation 3
FRIDAY	Revelation 4	Revelation 5
SATURDAY	Revelation 6	Revelation 7