

## LESSON 47

25.11.18

**Theme:** PEOPLE'S LAMENTATION IN TIMES OF FAMINE

**Memory Verse:** *Proverbs 24:10* "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small."

**Texts:** Genesis 41:53-55; Proverbs 10:5

To the sceptics, the seven years of plenty in Egypt would appear unending, in defiance to Joseph's prediction. But the time of dearth came. "And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread" (Genesis 41:54). Though previously predicted, it would have met some people unprepared!

What a challenge to us waiting for Christ's Second Coming to take care of what we have, preserve the truth, so that we can survive this terrible world while awaiting the Rapture. Sceptics care less as they think everything would continue as it is now. Initially, there was plenty in all the land of Egypt. But a time came when the famine was so intense that the land of Egypt was famished!

The people's self-effort at beating the seven years of famine failed. They cried unto Pharaoh for bread. Unlike the Egyptians, Christians are to call on God in times of trouble and destitution. None of the man-made efforts to save himself from the wrath of God to come upon the world can help him. Man is to cry to God in repentance and there shall be mercy. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (2 Peter 3:3-4). We should not forget that a day with Lord can be thousand years and thousand years a day.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Philippians 1	Philippians 2
MONDAY	Philippians 3	Philippians 4
TUESDAY	Colossians 1	Colossians 2
WEDNESDAY	Colossians 4	1 Thessalonians 1
THURSDAY	1 Thessalonians 2	1 Thessalonians 3
FRIDAY	1 Thessalonians 4	1 Thessalonians 5
SATURDAY	2 Thessalonians 1	2 Thessalonians 2