

# JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

Sunday School Lesson for April 21, 1907  
Specially prepared for this paper.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 37:3-28; memory verses, 20-25.  
GOLDEN TEXT.—"For where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."—Jas. 3:16.

TIME.—If Jacob remained in Padanaram 40 years, Joseph's capture would be about B. C. 1729, 11 years after Jacob's return.

PLACE.—Hebron, the home of Isaac and Jacob, 20 miles south of Jerusalem, Shechem, in Samaria, 59 miles north of Hebron. Dothan, 12 miles north of Shechem.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.—Study some of the points of comparison between Joseph and Christ: John 5:43; 8:54; 10:17; 1:11; Matt. 21:37-42; 20:19; 27:18; 28:38; Isa. 52:48; Matt. 26:14-16.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

**The Father's Partiality.**—Gen. 37:3. After his reconciliation with Esau, Jacob moved on alone, with his family. He finally settled in Hebron, south of Jerusalem, where Isaac died at the age of 180. On the journey thither Rachel, the beloved, passed away in giving birth to Benjamin, and the cloud of that grief never lifted from Joseph's life. But another heavy grief was added, a family torn by dissension, the hatred of Joseph's brothers toward that best-loved son, Joseph, from this point, occupies the center of the stage.

Joseph, whose name means "May God add," was born in Padanaram 17 years before the time of this lesson. He was Rachel's eldest son, and inherited from her a beauty of face, of manner, and of character which had the profoundest influence upon his fortunes. At the same time, from his father Jacob and his grandmother Rebekah the lad inherited quickness of intellect, readiness to grasp advantages, the marked ability to get on in the world.

But the feature of Joseph's boyhood that had the strongest influence upon his future was his father's manifest partiality for him. Joseph "was the son of his old age," born when Jacob was over 90.

**The Brothers' Hatred.**—Gen. 37:4. "Joseph's coat of many colors was like to have been a winding sheet."—Whyte. "It should be borne in mind that Jacob was a polygamist, and that his children were by different mothers, who, although living under the same roof, and thus compelled to maintain a semblance of harmony, must have often come into collision through their over-anxiety to promote the interests of their own offspring."—Principal Rowlands. One of the many sad evils of polygamy is the family jealousy that it causes.

**The Young Reformer.**—Gen. 37:2. As Joseph was the youngest son, it was his duty to wait upon his brothers, and especially upon the sons of Bilhah, his mother's handmaid, with whom he would naturally be brought up. While he was in the field with them and with the sons of Zilpah they did something so wrong that he was obliged to tell his father; and thus his brothers became still more embittered against him. "If there was a deep sympathy between Joseph and his father, it would have been impossible for him to keep back anything in which he was deeply interested."—Blakie. Some commentators think that Joseph was made an overseer of these brothers, and was thus obliged to report their misconduct.

**When to Report Wrong-Doing.**—Tale-bearing is reporting the wrong deeds of others in a censorious, self-righteous way, taking pleasure in them, or wishing to injure the wrongdoers, or in a careless and gossiping fashion. Joseph's life shows that he was too manly to do such a thing.

**The Prophetic Dreams.**—Vs. 5-11. Joseph's life, beyond all other lives in the Bible, even Jacob's and Daniel's, was bound up with dreams. His work in Egypt proved that he was practical and wide awake. To men of that very character—for instance, Paul—God has often disclosed the future in visions.

**The Use of Dreams.**—"Joseph's two dreams were evidently intended to be signs of the steadfastness of the divine purpose towards him, by possessing the clearness of special prophecy; yet were couched in such imagery as not to inform him prematurely of his destiny, and only to be understood after their fulfillment."—Ruskin, in Stones of Venice.

**The Lad at Work.**—Vs. 12-17. Joseph, though his father's favorite, was not a spoiled home pet, but he was trusted with important commissions, thrust out upon his own resources, but to work. That is best for any boy.

**The Murderous Plot.**—Vs. 18-22. V. 18. "And when they saw him afar off." As Joseph descended the ridge which bounds the Plain of Dothan on the south (Harper), his figure would stand out against the sky-line, and would be marked by the keen eyes of the shepherds. "They conspired against him to slay him." Evil thoughts in the heart take the first opportunity to get themselves in action.

**The Borrowful Father.**—Gen. 37:29-34. Reuben was not present during the sale of Joseph. When he learned what had been done his grief was great.

The artifice by which the brothers successfully sought to deceive their father as to the cause of Joseph's non-appearance was just such a trick as Jacob himself had played on his father in the matter of the birthright. It was completely successful, and the wretched men were compelled to witness for years the heavy sorrow of the bereaved parent. That might have been touched their savage nature as

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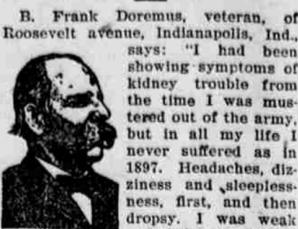
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# Maine Woman Has Pet Deer.

Mrs. Nellie Smith, of Sebec, Me., has a tame deer which is nearly two years old now, but which she has raised like a cosset lamb, feeding it from a bottle at first and making a great pet of it. It was given to her by a lumberman, who overtook it in the deep snow and caught it in his arms when it was no larger than a cat, except for its legs. It has always been perfectly tame and domesticated, never having known anything of the wild life of its kind, but runs about the premises unrestrained, having its place in the stable on cold nights. The deer are numerous around Sebec, and it is a question whether, as Mrs. Smith's pet grows older, it will not answer to the "call of the wild" and join its comrades in the forest.

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# True to the Sex.

On swept the amazons. Suddenly the long line of female warriors halted on the brink of battle. "What are they waiting for?" asked the war correspondent. "Powder!" replied the commander laconically. "Ah, they are about to put some powder in their guns?" "No; they are about to put some powder on their noses. Just because they are warriors is no reason why they should be any different from other women."

And then there was a moving-picture scene of animated puffs and flashing hand mirrors.

# ANOTHER WESTERN CANADA RECORD.

The Way in Which a Swan River Farmer Became Wealthy.

Swan River, Manitoba, Nov. 21, 1906. Two weeks ago we gave an account of the prosperity of a farmer in Western Canada, and this week we reproduce another.

"I have been asked regarding this year's work on my farm, and I herewith willingly submit the following statement:

"Three years ago I purchased an improved farm of 186 acres on Section 9, Township 36, Range 27 west of the First Meridian—two miles from the town of Swan River.

I plowed and cropped 122½ acres of land during this year (1906), 80 acres in wheat, 30 acres in oats, and 12½ acres in barley.

"The cost of putting in and taking off this crop this season is as follows: Cash paid for blue stone.....\$ 1.50 Cash paid for binder twine..... 39.00 Cash paid for hired help..... 125.00 Cash paid for threshing..... 175.00

Total .....\$ 340.00  
"Receipts for the year as follows— 80 acres of wheat (yielded 30 bushels per acre)—Total, 2,400 bu. 30 acres of oats (yielded 46 bushels per acre)—Total, 1,200 " 1 stack of oats in sheaf..... 200 " 12½ acres barley (48 bu. per acre)..... 600 " Crop potatoes..... 300 " Hay, tons..... 15

Sold.  
1,168 bu. wheat at 62c.....\$ 724.16  
1,232 bu. wheat in granary at 62c..... 763.84  
300 bu. barley at 35c..... 105.00  
300 bu. barley in granary at 35c..... 105.00  
1,200 bu. oats in granary at 25c..... 300.00  
100 bu. potatoes at 30c..... 30.00  
200 bu. potatoes in root house at 30c..... 60.00  
1 stack of oats in sheaf for feed..... 60.00  
15 tons of hay at \$3.00..... 45.00  
Garden roots and vegetables..... 30.00

Total .....\$2,213.00  
Cost of above, besides my own labor ..... 340.50

Balance .....\$1,872.50  
I have in all, 125 acres ready for crop next year, including 10 acres cleared and broken this season.

\* Total Assets.  
186 acres land, with house, stable and outbuildings, etc. ....\$5,000.00  
Implements ..... 500.00  
4 head of horses, and harness 800.00  
15 head of cattle..... 375.00  
20 pigs ..... 200.00  
Receipts of this season's crop 1,872.00

Total .....\$8,747.50  
Liabilities are ..... 1,000.00

Total assets .....\$7,747.50  
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