

Joseph's Place in God's Plan

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Genesis 37: 39-41:13.



Joseph was Jacob's favorite son and for him he made a wonderful coat, for which his brothers hated him, especially as he told them his dream of their sheafs of wheat bowing down to his



The brothers dropped Joseph into a pit, then sold him to travelers who took him to Egypt. They dipped his coat in blood and showed it to their father who mourned his son as dead.



In Egypt Joseph was made head of the captain of the guard's household, but he angered his master's wife and was thrown into prison where he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's servants.



Joseph was taken from prison to interpret Pharaoh's dream, foreseeing seven years of plenty and seven of famine, and Pharaoh made him ruler of Egypt. MEMORY VERSE—Isaiah 12:2.

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HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Golden Text



Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dream.

"I will trust, and will not be afraid."—Isaiah 12:2.

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(The Illustrated Lesson for Sept. 2 is Genesis 37: 39-41:13, the Memory Verse being Isaiah 12:2, "I will trust, and will not be afraid.")

JOSEPH WAS his father's Jacob's favorite son. He was Rachel's older child, the younger being Benjamin, at whose birth Rachel died.

Very unwisely Jacob made his favoritism plain to his other sons, and they were jealous of Joseph and hated him. Joseph, a boy of 17 at this time, was given a fine coat of rich material, and many clothes which distinguished him from his brothers and made him still more hated. Joseph did not help matters by reporting his brothers' evil actions to their father, and also by telling his brothers his dreams of

how the sheaf of wheat which he had bound stood upright and those of his brothers bowed down before it, and of the sun, moon and 11 stars bowing down to him. They said, "Shall this indeed reign over us, or shall these indeed have dominion over us?" and they hated him more.

Even his father did not believe the dream about the sun, moon and stars making obeisance to him, and rebuked him for telling it.

Joseph Goes to Find Brothers.

The brothers went to Shechem to tend their father's flocks, and Jacob sent Joseph to find them. When they saw him coming they thought that he was their father's get rid of him, and they wanted to kill him; but Reuben, the eldest, persuaded them instead to drop him into a deep pit or well. They strip-

ped him of his fine coat, and as a caravan passed at the moment, they drew him up out of the pit and sold him to those travelers for 20 pieces of silver. The brothers then dipped Joseph's coat into the blood of a kid, and took it to their father, pretending they had found it. Jacob thought his son had been killed by a wild beast, and he mourned and would not be comforted.

Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard, where he proved so faithfully that Potiphar made him ruler over his household, trusting him with all he had. However, Potiphar's wife was attracted to Joseph, and when he refused her, she made up a story to tell her husband that he had committed the crime of incest with her. He was thrown into prison.

There Joseph was given charge of the other prisoners by the keeper of the prison. Pharaoh's butler and baker were also thrown into prison because they had angered Pharaoh. They had a dream which concerned wine and bread, but they could not interpret it. Joseph was called to interpret their dream, and he told them that the butler would be pardoned and again have charge of his household, but the baker would be put to death. The baker's dream of three white baskets which he carried on his head with the top full of baked goods which birds would eat, was interpreted as meaning that in three days the baker would be hanged. In both cases the prophecies came true. Joseph asked the butler to remember him when he should be pardoned, but the man forgot him when he was again in favor, and Joseph stayed in the prison all prison.

Pharaoh Has Strange Dream.

Pharaoh also had a strange dream. He saw seven fat kine come out of the deep, and seven thin ones follow them, and the seven lean ones devoured the fat ones. He awoke, but dreamed again that he saw seven ears of corn on one stalk, and all fat and full; then behold, seven thin ears, blasted by the wind, came up with them, and they devoured the full ones. No one could interpret these dreams, and at that moment the butler remembered the prisoner who had told him the meaning of his dream, and told Pharaoh about him.

Joseph was sent for and told Pharaoh the two dreams were one, and meant that there would be seven years in Egypt when the crops would be plentiful and good, followed by seven years of famine. God had tried to show Pharaoh what he meant to do. He advised Pharaoh to seek a wise man to gather a part of the great years' harvest and put them aside for the famine to follow.

Pharaoh was well pleased, and invited Joseph to be the man in charge of the plan, realizing what an able young man he was. Pharaoh presented Joseph the signet ring, and gave him the signet ring, dress of fine linen, and a gold chain about his neck, and made him ride in the second chariot which he had and they (the people) cried before him. Bow the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. "Only in the throne will I be greater than thou," he told Joseph.

Joseph is one of the finest characters in the Old Testament. He lived uprightly, no matter what the

temptations, and relied on God's help. Our Memory Verse was his life's motto: "I will trust, and will not be afraid."

Church Attendance Month Is September For Presbyterians

September has been an able as "Church Attendance Month" in the First Presbyterian church. It was announced today, Registration cards will be provided for all who attend in order that they may be signed and returned to the minister and session of the church. In this way, the percentage of attendance is to be determined during the month.

Sunday's topic will be "Love Thy Neighbor" from a Bible lesson. The minister, Rev. W. D. McInnis, has returned from his vacation and will preach.

It was stated that the church attendance has been steadily on the increase since the beginning of the year. The following announcements were made today by Rev. O. W. Mathison, of the Vance Methodist church, for Sunday services of the rural Methodist church.

Chaplain Bryant, post chaplain at Camp Butner, will preach at Spring Valley Methodist church Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Rev. R. H. McInnis, of the Vance Methodist church, will preach at 8 o'clock, and will be assisted by Rev. O. W. Mathison of the Vance Methodist church. Services will continue each evening through Friday with the messages to be delivered by Rev. Clyde W. Paulk, of Greensboro.

It was stated that a 40-hour subject lesson will be given for the children at the beginning of each service. The public is invited to attend.

GILLBURG REVIVAL WILL START MONDAY

Revival services will begin at the Gillburg Methodist church on Monday night, September 3, at 8 o'clock. It was announced today by Rev. O. W. Mathison of the Vance Methodist church. Services will continue each evening through Friday with the messages to be delivered by Rev. Clyde W. Paulk, of Greensboro.

There will be a program at Kesler Temple church on Sunday night. It will be sponsored by the other board, it was announced today. The Gospel Brothers quartet will appear on the program.

Carolina Company Build 2,400 Miles New Rural Lines

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—Construction has begun on a \$3,000,000 rural expansion program calling for approximately 2,400 miles of new lines and serve about 14,000 new customers and there who may apply for service, according to an announcement by the Carolina Power and Light Company in which the company's postwar rural program was made public.

President L. V. Sutton stated that the rural program will reach 3,000 miles of new lines by the end of 1946. The proposed new lines are scattered throughout the company's territory, covering a part of both North and South Carolina.

Sutton emphasized the fact that although some construction already has begun, the program will proceed as material and manpower become available. Unless there is delay in obtaining construction material, the company's present schedule calls for completion of the 2,400 miles of lines during 1946.

The \$3,000,000 rural program will require 40,000 poles, more than 3,000,000 pounds of wire, and about 10,000 transformers.

The present rural program is one of the most extensive ever undertaken by the Carolina Power and Light Company. Prior to 1935 the company had constructed approximately 1,200 miles of rural lines, serving about 12,330 customers.

DISEASE REDUCES PIG CROP IN U. S.

College Station, Raleigh, Aug. 31.—The nation's skillet would be sizzling with millions of pounds more pork chops and sausage this fall and winter if farmers could check the diseases now claiming 37 percent of America's pig crop before it can reach the market, according to Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Dr. Grinnells urged Tar Heel farmers to employ disease-control programs in their herds.

AIR WAR IN EUROPE CCST 38,185 AIRMEN

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Air victory in Europe cost the Army Air Force 38,185 airmen killed or missing and 18,418 planes, while the war at sea cost the lives of 4,612 American soldiers.

The toll for the three years of air combat was disclosed today in an article in "Airforce," official service journal of the AAF. The author, Maj. Arthur G. Gordon, who has won "Eagle" Germany, says the victory might not have been ours if the Nazis had had a little more time and daylight.

The sea casualties were disclosed tonight by a War Department announcement that ship sinkings or damage to ships in the war against Japan cost the lives of 2,694 soldiers in the war against the European Axis.

Revisions meanwhile in combat casualties, together with 6-figures brought the overall casualty total down to 1,970,545, as against 1,070, 819 for the week before.

MOTORISTS WARNED TO DRIVE CAREFULLY

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—(AP)—State Vehicle Commission today warned motorists to drive carefully during the forthcoming Labor day weekend and reminded that the state's speed limit still is 35 miles per hour.

He called attention to the fact that traffic accidents took the lives of seven persons during the 1944 Labor day weekend, and that

"Realizing that the highways will be jammed this weekend by pleasure seekers taking advantage of the restrictions being lifted, we are hereby cautioning motorists to exercise the utmost care and to hope that tragedies which have occurred in North Carolina on previous Labor day weekends may be avoided this year."

BASEBALL GAME SUNDAY

There will be a baseball game Sunday afternoon at the community house 1110 in North Henderson between Raleigh Athletics and the Raleigh Bears. It was announced by Roy L. Williamson, who resigned to

Federal Workers On 40-Hour Week Beginning Sept. 1

Winston-Salem, Aug. 31.—Effective immediately, the United States Civil Service Commission has established for all full-time commission employees an administrative workweek of forty hours extending from Monday through Friday with eight working hours for each of the five days, E. S. Burrows, acting regional director, announced today.

In issuing this directive, the commission authorized the regional director to order and approve for an employee or group of employees, regularly scheduled administrative work weeks of forty hours extending over five days, or eight working hours each, other than the normal work week authorized by the commission, where working conditions necessitate such changes.

The regional director may also authorize, when the need arises, irregular or occasional overtime in excess of forty hours per week.

This means that fourth regional employees will enjoy their first full week-and-a-half Saturday, September 2.

Those new work-week regulations are made in accordance with Presidential executive order to place all Federal government workers on a 40-hour week by September 9.

PEGRAM HEADS BIG UNIVERSITY

Durham, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Dr. George B. Pegram, dean of the graduate faculties of Columbia university, a native of North Carolina has been named acting president of Columbia university, New York, to succeed Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, whose retirement will become effective October 1. It has been announced.

Dr. Pegram was graduated from Duke University, then Trinity college in 1915. He is the grandson of Trinity's first president, Dr. Braxton Carver, and the son of Dr. William Howell Pegram, late chairman of the Duke chemistry department.

One of the nation's foremost scientists and educators, Dr. Pegram is co-discoverer of one method of slowing down neutrons in order to split atoms. In March, 1939, he sent an emissary to Washington to present the results of his findings to the committee on national defense research. The navy was keenly interested in his findings and maintained contact with the developments that followed. Dr. Pegram's contribution to the development of atomic research is regarded as vital.

Dr. Pegram was awarded the Doctor of Science degree at Duke in 1918. He has received honorary degrees at a number of other institutions. At Columbia university for many years, he has successively been professor of physics, dean of the school of science and engineering, and dean of graduate faculties.

At the outset of the war he became actively identified with several national research defense committees and was chairman of the Columbia committee on war research.

Thanks To Retonga He Now Eats Plenty

"For About Two Years I Suffered Tortures From Indigestion," States Cave City Man. Tells Of Prompt Relief.

"For about two years I suffered tortures from acid indigestion, but thanks to Retonga I can now eat anything on the table and I feel fine again," happily declares Mr. Andy Jones, well known resident of Cave City, Ky., and for many years associated with Mammoth Cave Company.

"I felt like my stomach was very toxic and usually my food turned sour in a short time after eating," continued Mr. Jones, "I would have to use home remedies to get relief from the sharp burning pains from

gas in my stomach. I felt weak and rundown, and I had no interest in very little strength. I suffered a bad cold, cough, and asthma. I had to take some kind of home remedy almost every day. I was going down hill all the time.

"Retonga was a real miracle to me. All that distressing indigestion is relieved and I eat better, and I feel so much stronger. I am on the go every day. Retonga proved to be just what I needed; and when my wife feels a little better, too, a few doses of Retonga always gives her relief. It's grand medicine."

Retonga is intended to relieve distress due to Vitamin B-1 deficiency, constipation, insufficient flow of digestive juices in the stomach and loss of appetite. Accept no substitute. Retonga may be obtained at Parker's Drug Store.—Adv.

Advertisement for Green Gables Service Station, featuring Texaco Gasoline and Oils, located at the corner of Garnett and Granite streets. The ad includes the name of the proprietor, P. J. Harris, and the date of re-opening on September 1.

Advertisement for Texas Star Service Station, located at 1130 and Our Service Truck Will Call. The ad lists services such as washing, lubrication, and polishing, and identifies the proprietor as H. A. Davis, Jr.

Large advertisement for EFIRD'S Department Store featuring a special sale on ladies' non-rationed sandals. The ad shows two styles of sandals and lists prices of 99c and \$1.99. The store is located at 230-232 S. Garnett Street, Henderson, N. C.

Large advertisement for EFIRD'S Department Store featuring a clearance sale on summer hats. The ad shows two styles of hats and lists prices of 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. The store is located at 230-232 South Garnett Street, Henderson, N. C.