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Egypt Prospers Under Joseph's Rule
Genesis 47: 13-26; Acts 7: 14-15; Psalm 105: 16-23

Now, with the famine being very sore in the lands of Egypt and in Canaan, (Recite- the land no longer grew enough food to feed the people). The Lord has now confirmed the second part of the Pharaoh's dreams (Recite- of the seven skinny cows and the seven thin ears of corn). (Recite- There was no more bread in the homes of the people in Egypt). Also the people of the land of Egypt had used all of their money to buy corn to make bread. (Recite- Joseph had sold the corn to the people). (Recite- This meant that the Pharaoh had all the money in the land of Egypt). The Pharaoh's government prospered greatly under Joseph's rule. The Egyptian people then cried to Joseph, the Hebrew-Israelite. (Recite- They did not want to starve and die, but had no money to buy bread). (Recite- Joseph made an agreement with the people). (Recite- An agreement is a legal contract). The words of the contract are written on a paper document for proof and to remember why it was written. (Recite- The people would give Joseph their cattle, and in exchange, he will give them bread to eat for one year). The people agreed and Joseph did as he promised! When the people had given their cattle, they could no longer farm their lands. Now, at the beginning of the second year, the people came to Joseph again! Having no money and no cattle to farm their lands, (Recite- All they had left was their land and themselves). So, the Egyptian people (Recite- agreed to sell their fields of land to the Pharaoh and become hired servants). (Recite- A hired servant is someone who works for money or for food). Only the priests that were appointed by the Pharaoh himself was allowed to keep their land. So (Recite- Joseph bought all the land of Egypt which included all the cattle, the fields and the people). After Joseph told the people that they were bought that day by the Pharaoh of Egypt, (Recite- Joseph gave them seeds to sow the land). (Recite- Joseph's words were then made a law). Because the Pharaoh now owns all the people's land, Joseph then removed the people to various cities from one end of Egypt to the other. As these lands produces food, (Recite- as agreed, the people must give one-fifth (1/5th), of the food to the Pharaoh). (Recite- As agreed, Joseph and the Pharaoh must let the people keep four-fifths (4/5ths) of the food grown).

By the newly agreed upon law, the people will use the food to feed their families and themselves). This was the agreement. (Recite- A law is a set of rules that must be kept). God gave us His laws-The Ten Commandments! To get eternal life, we must keep God's Commandments. The Pharaoh and his government is now the richest in all Egypt. Through Joseph, the Hebrew-Israelite, the Pharaoh's government now owns all the cattle, money and land in Egypt. As for the people who are now hired servants, they must farm the land they once owned to eat. Everyone in the land of Egypt now works for the Pharaoh.

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Lesson Review Questions

1. What word means, there is not enough food to feed everyone'?

(A) A tornado (B) Thunderstorm **(C) A Famine**

2. What type of food did they make with the corn?

(A) Bread (B) Cake (C) Jello

3. How did the people pay for the corn?

(A) Water **(B) Money** (C) Traded items

4. All the people had spent their money. Who now had all the money in Egypt?

(A) The Pharaoh (B) Joseph (C) Jacob

5. What did the people give to the Pharaoh so that they can eat bread for one year?

(A) Their car (B) Their homes **(C) Their cattle**

6. With no cattle to farm their land, what did the people agree to become at the beginning of the second year?

(A) Hired Servants (B) Soldiers (C) Merchants

7. What is a hired servant?

(A) A ninja turtle **(B) Someone who works for money or for food** (C) A tree

8. What did Joseph give the people after they had agreed to become hired servants?

(A) Cars **(B) Seeds to sow the land** (C) Homes

9. What is the title of the people who were allowed to keep their land?

(A) Carpenters (B) Shepherds **(C) Priests**

10. When the land begins to grow food, how much must be given to the Pharaoh?

(A) One-fifth (1/5th) (B) All of it (C) Half of it (1/2)

11. How much of the food did the people keep to feed themselves and their families?

(A) Half **(B) Four-fifths (4/5th)** (C) All of it

12. The agreement between Joseph and the people were then made a what?

(A) the people did not make an agreement with Joseph (B) there was no law **(C) A law**

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Bonus Questions

Bonus Question 1. Now that the people are hired servants where did Joseph put them? **Answer: In cities**

Bonus Question 2. Which part of the Pharaoh's two dreams did God confirm with the famine that was now in the land of Egypt? **Answer: The seven skinny cows and the 7 thin ears of corn.**

Bonus Question 3. When the people agreed to sell their cattle to Joseph, how long did Joseph agree to feed the people? **Answer: One Year.**

Bonus Question 4. What is an agreement? **Answer: An agreement is a legal contract.**

Bonus Question 5. What is a law? **Answer: A law is a set of rules that must be kept.**

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH (Partial)

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