

Israel's Family Goes to Egypt

Lesson #26

Genesis 46:28-47:31

The Age of the Patriarchs comes to its conclusion with Jacob taking his final journey to Egypt. God had confirmed to Jacob this was His plan; Israel was to leave the land of Canaan and go to Egypt. The journey included a list of the names of Jacob's sons, who would become the tribes of Israel, and his grandsons, who would become clan leaders, as God's story continued. Keep in mind Moses was giving this history to the newly released slaves from Egypt to tell them who their God is, and their identity as the covenant people of God.

Jacob and Joseph reunited - Genesis 46:28-47:12

1. Who was now the recognized leader of Jacob's family? (Genesis 46:28a)
2. Where did Jacob send him and why? (Genesis 46:28b)
3. How did Joseph arrive at the place where his family was to stay? (Genesis 46:29a)
4. How did Joseph greet his father? (Genesis 46:29b)
5. After thinking his son had died 22 years earlier, what were Israel's first words to Joseph? (Genesis 46:30)
6. Joseph told his family that he would meet with the Pharaoh to inform him of their arrival. What did Joseph say he would tell Pharaoh about his family? (Genesis 46:31, 32)
7. When they were presented to Pharaoh, what were they to say and why? (Genesis 46:33, 34)

8. How many of his brothers did Joseph choose to meet Pharaoh? (Genesis 47:1, 2)

9. When Pharaoh asked their occupation, they answered as Joseph had instructed. What other information did they add? (Genesis 47:3, 4)

10. After offering Joseph the best of the land of Egypt for his family to settle in, what else did Pharaoh request of Joseph? (Genesis 47:5, 6)

11. Joseph then presented his father to Pharaoh. What did Jacob do? (Genesis 47:7)

12. Pharaoh asked Jacob how old he was. What did Jacob tell him? (Genesis 47:8, 9)

13. When they died, how old were:
 - Abraham (Genesis 25:7)

 - Isaac (Genesis 35:28)

14. How did Jacob end his meeting with Pharaoh? (Genesis 47:10)

15. What was Joseph able to do for his family during this famine? (Genesis 47:11, 12)

The Famine Continued – Genesis 47:13-31

16. How was this particular famine described? (Genesis 47:13)

17. What did Joseph do during the famine? (Genesis 47:14)

18. When the people ran out of money, what was Joseph's solution? (Genesis 47:15-17)

19. After another year of famine, what did the people tell Joseph? (Genesis 47:18, 19)

20. What did Joseph buy? (Genesis 47:20)

21. What was the result for the people? (Genesis 47:21)

22. To whom did this not apply to and why? (Genesis 47:22)

23. Joseph, a man of God, used his wisdom to solve this problem. What did Joseph offer to the people? (Genesis 47:23, 24)

24. How did the people respond to Joseph's offer? (Genesis 47:25)

25. What did Joseph do to make sure that did not change? (Genesis 47:26)

26. Notice the change to the name of Jacob's family. What are they called from this point forward in God's story? (Genesis 47:27a)

27. What was life like for Joseph's family living in Egypt? (Genesis 47:27b)

28. How long did Jacob live in the land of Egypt? (Genesis 47:28a)

29. How old was Jacob (Israel) when he died? (Genesis 47:28b)

30. Before he died, what did Israel do? (Genesis 47:29-31)

"Under my thigh" was to put one's hand on the area of circumcision as a way of swearing an oath by the covenant made with Abraham and his descendants. The covenant was sealed with circumcision to remind them that it was through the seed of Abraham they too carried, that all the world would be blessed.