

# Genesis 45-47 - Lesson 46

## Israel Goes to Egypt

### 1. Gen 45 - Joseph sends for Jacob

- a. Acts 7:9-14, 52 - The foreshadow of the coming kingdom Stephen preached
- b. 16 *"it pleased Pharaoh well"* - the proper response to God's people
- c. *"good of the land"* - A picture of the kingdom come - Isa 60, 61
- d. 22 - *"change of raiment"* - A continuing theme of changing positions/identity
- e. Benjamin gets five - could it be the five roles Messiah plays toward Israel?
- f. 23 - *"he sent after this manner"* - Joseph does not go with them, he entrusts them
- g. What did they preach? *"Joseph is yet alive!"* - Christ is risen!
  - i. Jacob's response is like that of the twelve in Luke 24:41, but revives after seeing what they possessed
- h. *"I will go"* - He is called Jacob when he is faint, and Israel when strong Gen 32:28

### 2. Gen 46 - Joseph meets Jacob again

- a. Jacob consults with God before going down to Egypt which shows his faithfulness
- b. God foretells to Jacob how he will die in peace with Joseph
- c. Jacob is being brought back to Egypt by the wagons of the Gentiles
- d. The family: Leah (33); Ziplah (16), Rachel (14), Bilhah (7)
- e. *"let me die"* - after he sees Joseph face to face

### 3. Gen 47:1-12 - Joseph Provides

- a. 47:34 - God ordained all to prevent their dispersion and intermarriage
- b. Pharaoh gives them the best of the land, making them rulers over his cattle
- c. Joseph confesses his brothers to Pharaoh just as they confessed him - (Matt 10:32)
- d. Jacob blesses Pharaoh according to Gen 12:3 and Isa 61:7
  - i. Jacob was the greatest man of his generation above Pharaoh

### 4. Gen 47:13-31 - Egypt and Israel Blessed

- a. Many people probably died in this famine (documented by archaeology)
- b. Joseph gathers the money, then the possessions, then the land, and people
- c. His system was a 20% flat tax except for the priests (Joseph was married into them)
- d. They are willing to be slaves to the righteous king who gives them life
- e. Jacob was 17 years with Joseph in the beginning and another in the end
- f. Jesus left Israel in his 34<sup>th</sup> year.