

In The Beginning

The Nation of Israel moves to Egypt

Joseph and Israel are reunited... Gen.46-47

Comment on 46:1-4. Why would Jacob be afraid? 26:2-6

God had earlier prohibited Jacob from going to Egypt. Now He reassures him it's OK.

What is significant about the area of Beersheba? 22:19; 26:23; 28:10-17

All the patriarchs have had direct communication with God at this place. Holy ground...

How large is this "nation" of Israel as they enter the land of Egypt? 46:15; 26-27

There were 70 in total, including Joseph's two sons already in Egypt.

Who does Jacob send ahead to Joseph? vs.28 Comment?

He sends Judah. Reuben the oldest, had forfeited his place of leadership (35:22)

Describe the reunion of Joseph and Jacob. vs.28-30

Very emotional. Both thought they would never see the other again, but God...

What role does Joseph now take for Israel? vs.31-34; 47:1. Type? ITim.2:5

He mediates between Israel and Pharaoh. Joseph submits to his authority. So with Christ.

Why does Pharaoh treat Israel so well? He doesn't know him at all. 47:1-6

Pharaoh was treating them kindly because they belonged to Joseph! So we with Christ.

What is so interesting about 47:7, 10? Heb.7:7

Pharaoh was very powerful with men, but Israel was greater. A Prince with God.

How effective is Joseph in managing Pharaoh's assets? 47:13-24 Response? vs.25-26 Type??

Everyone was happy. People lived, Pharaoh owned everything/everyone. Faithful steward.

As Israel prepares to die, how does he demonstrate his faith? vs.27-31 46:1-4

He's a pilgrim and by faith he knows where 'home' is. He trusts God's promise to him.

The blessing of Joseph's sons...Gen.48-49

What does Israel first establish with Joseph and his sons? 48:1-4 Comment?

Despite Joseph's wealth and Jacob's dependence, God's blessing was most important.

And what is the very key blessing he gives? vs.5 Why is this recorded as faith? Heb.11:21-26

He elevates Ephraim and Manasseh to covenant sons! He trusted God and His blessing!

What does Jacob then do? vs.8-16 Joseph's reaction? vs.17-18

He blesses the younger over the elder. Joseph is displeased and wants it reversed...

Comment on Israel's faith and growth at this point. vs.19-22

He knows Joseph's desire, but knows God's choice. It must be God's choosing...

What role does Jacob now take for his sons? 49:1 Comment?

As family patriarch he also becomes a prophet. Gives out blessings and cursings.

Starting with Reuben, the firstborn, summarize his blessings. vs.3-4

Excellent in dignity and power but like boiling water. Lost preeminence by his sin.