

Genesis 47

Genesis 47.1-6

V1 – Joseph notified Pharaoh of the arrival of everyone from Canaan – apparently they needed “visas” for staying in Egypt

V2 – **Who did Joseph take with him to see Pharaoh?** Five of his brothers

V3 – **What question did Pharaoh ask?** “What is your occupation?” (Joseph was pretty good at understanding Pharaoh’s nature)
-They replied? We are shepherds

V4 – **Why had they come?** No food in Canaan
-In other words, not to attack Egypt, etc.

V 5-6 – **Pharaoh’s answer?** You are welcomed here
-Pharaoh wanted to employ some of Joseph’s relatives

Genesis 47.7-12

V7 – **Who did Joseph bring next to see Pharaoh?** Jacob

Notice: Jacob blessed Pharaoh

-The Pharaoh was considered to be a son of the sun (*Beacon Bible Commentary*, I, 157)

-How was Jacob superior to Pharaoh? Jacob was a child of the one true God – This God had established a covenant with Jacob = that He would bring Jacob’s people back to Pharaoh

Read *Beacon Bible Commentary*, I, 157

V 8 – **What question from Pharaoh?** “How old are you?”

V9 – **Answer?** 130 – Few bad years and not as old as my ancestors

Note: Jacob notice that people were living shorter and shorter lifespans (shorter as we go through the Bible)

V10 – **Upon leaving, what did Jacob again do?** Blessed Pharaoh

V11 – They all settled in Goshen

V12 – Joseph provided all that they needed

Genesis 47.13-19

V13 –The famine was very severe

V14 – **Was there any welfare program in Egypt?** No – people had to pay for the grain (no food

stamps, no Red Cross, no Salvation Army)

V 15 – **What happened when the money was gone?** They begged for good

V 16– **What did they next take in for payment?** Livestock

V 17 – **What did people bring in?** Horses, flocks, donkeys, herds

V 18 – But they ran out of livestock

V 19 – **What did they finally pay with?** Their land and themselves (indentured slaves = agreed to work for a certain number of years in exchange for food, etc.)

Genesis 47.20-26

V 20– **Result of the famine?** Pharaoh owned all the land

V 21 – Next, he moved people into the cities

V 22 – **Why move people to cities?** The food was stored there (41.48)

V 23 – Joseph made a deal with the people

V 24 – **The deal?** Twenty percent of harvest had to go to Pharaoh
-**Is this fair?** Yes, we pay 22% to 35% to IRS today

V 25 – The people were grateful for a deal like that

V 26 – It became a standard law (twenty percent to Pharaoh)

Genesis 47.27-31

V 27– **What happened to Joseph's relatives?** They prospered and multiplied and became numerous

V 28 – **Age of Jacob now (17 years later)?** 147

V 29 – It came time for Jacob to die

-**How was a promise sealed?** Hand placed under the thigh (sitting on the hand) – *Gen. 24.2*

V 30-31 – **What did Jacob make Joseph promise?** That he (Jacob) not be buried in Egypt

Lessons: Honor to parents

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