Joseph

“I myself will go down with you to Egypt”
Genesis 46, 47

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What has happened to Joseph?

Summarize our place in his story so far

Context of Genesis

- What is the story we're listening to? What is the story that Moses is telling?
- Moses is writing to *Israelites coming out of Egypt*
  - What were we doing in Egypt?
  - Where are we headed back to?
  - Who are the twelve tribes named after?
- Joseph's narrative comes at the end of Genesis
  - Read Exodus 1:6-8

Genesis 46:1-27 — Leaving for Egypt

- Read Gen 45:25-28, then Read Gen 46:1-7 … 26-27
- Beersheba
  - An oasis before the desert
  - Where Abraham worshipped after Isaac’s birth
  - where YHWH reaffirmed His covenant with Isaac
  - Perhaps where Jacob tricked his father for the blessing
- A big family—66 people—head to egypt (plus 4 in Joseph’s family makes 70)
  - *Read Acts 7:14. Why this discrepancy?*

Genesis 46:1-27 — Leaving for Egypt

- Why did God send Jacob a dream?
  - Jacob had already decided to go to Egypt.
  - Beersheba is right on the tip of the Promised Land
- What is the best part of God's blessing? (v.3-4)
  - Would this blessing have given you confidence before a major decision in your life? (Read the end of Matthew 28:20)



Genesis 46:28-34 — Father and Son Reunited

- Read Genesis 46:28-34
- Notice who Jacob sends to Joseph (Judah)
- “A good while” v.29
- Jacob sounds like Simeon (Luke 2)



Genesis 46:28-34 — Father and Son Reunited



- Joseph is still the administrator, directing his family how to speak to Pharaoh
- Settling in Goshen keeps them a distinct people

Genesis 47:1-12 — Meeting Pharaoh

- Read Gen 47:1-6
- “We have come to *sojourn* in the land” (v. 4)
- “Let them *settle…*” (v. 6)
  - Pharaoh is being a good host
  - The Israelites and Pharaoh have different plans for their stay
- Which verb fits how Christians live in the world?

Genesis 47:1-12 — Meeting Pharaoh

- Read Gen 47:7-12
- A few = 130?
  - Compared to his fathers
  - Compared to eternity!
- Do you know the joy of a reunited family?

Genesis 47:13-26 — Famine Continues

- Read Gen 47:13-26
- Oh yeah, there’s a famine going on…
- Joseph brings Egypt (and specifically pharaoh) great wealth
  - Partially explains Egypt’s in the rest of the Pentateuch
- Joseph doesn’t price gauge; he gives a fair deal

Genesis 47:27-31— Jacob Nears Death

- Read Gen 47:27-31
- Hand under the thigh was a way of signifying an oath
- This oath is a way of ensuring the generations later will return to the Promised Land
  - The cave of Machpelah (burial place of Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob) is a sacred site to Jews and Muslims

