

J O S E P H

HERITAGE PASSED

Fertile Nile Delta

Canaan

Egypt



Long sighted plans

- ❖ Joseph institutes the 20% tax
- ❖ “you have saved our lives” not Pharaoh?
- ❖ Let us be slaves?
- ❖ Valid to this day... at the writing of the book
 - ❖ 400 year law!
 - ❖ Our “plans” can effect generations to come...

Israel

- ❖ A nation rises...
 - ❖ Acquire property, Egyptians had lost theirs!
 - ❖ 27 good years – lives to 147 (28)
- ❖ Joseph called – swear to me... favor? (29)
 - ❖ Don't bury me in Egypt!
 - ❖ Take me back to “my fathers”
 - ❖ Why swearing?

Jacob prepares – Ch 48

- ❖ “Your father is sick” about 12 years after famine
- ❖ Told to Jacob... Israel collected his strength
 - ❖ Takes on the “role” as patriarch
- ❖ *El Shaddai* appeared to me... (3) blessed me
- ❖ “I will make you... and will give” (4)
- ❖ An everlasting possession... in 400 years!

Double blessings

- ❖ Your two sons are mine!
 - ❖ Ephraim & Manasseh as Reuben & Simeon!
 - ❖ Called in the inheritance by their names
 - ❖ Equal share of the land... 13 tribes...
- ❖ Still grieving over Rachel “to my sorrow” (7)
 - ❖ Ephrath (Bethlehem)

Who are these?

- ❖ My sons...God given...here
 - ❖ Vs 11 – an open heart! Never expected...
 - ❖ I see you, and your children!
 - ❖ Sitting on knees, then Joseph bows (12)
- ❖ Joseph sets them up in birth order
 - ❖ Jacob crosses his hands!
 - ❖ Another choice of the younger... (Joseph!)

Prophetic words

- ❖ Note the blessing:
 - ❖ The God of my fathers...the angel (22:11; 28:12; 31:11)
 - ❖ My fathers...my shepherd all my life
- ❖ redeemed (*ga'al*), ransom 1st usage
 - ❖ From all evil...
- ❖ Bless - my name living in them...
 - ❖ Grow into a multitude in the earth

Joseph offended?

- ❖ Displeased, wicked, evil, hurtful *ra'a'*
- ❖ tries to move the hands!
- ❖ Do we ever try this with God?
- ❖ Telling Him what and how to bless??
- ❖ God often does things a different way!
- ❖ “Blessed is the one does not take offense at Me.”
- ❖ Lk 7:23; Mt 11:6

One over the other

- ❖ Ephraim tends to be the greater
 - ❖ Nu 1:32, 34 more numerous
 - ❖ Northern tribes sometimes called (Is 7:2; Ho 12)
- ❖ Joshua and Jeroboam from this tribe
- ❖ Manasseh is divided and weakened over time
 - ❖ Bad choices can limit us!

Prophetic 'sight'

- ❖ He “saw” the boys fates – not easy
 - ❖ He pronounces blessings
- ❖ NOTE 21 – Israel!:
 - ❖ God will be with you
 - ❖ God will bring you back to the Land
 - ❖ An extra portion! (All done in private!)
 - ❖ Usually given to the eldest!