

JOSEPH

RECONCILED WAYS

Taking it all

- ❖ Everything they have goes to Egypt
- ❖ Names of the sons:
 - ❖ Children of Leah named first (15) in order
 - ❖ Children of Zilpah next (18)
 - ❖ Rachel's children are next – Benjamin (19)
 - ❖ Finally, Bilhah's sons... Dan, Naphtali, listed last
- ❖ 66 in all (26), plus wives + 4 = 70

Restored

- ❖ Judah sent first – he has earned his place
- ❖ Joseph rides out
- ❖ Father and son reunited (29)
- ❖ Now let me die? No! live!!
- ❖ Greater things are yet to come...
- ❖ Joseph has plans...

Preparations

- ❖ I will go to Pharaoh:
 - ❖ Tell him you have come from Canaan
 - ❖ Men are shepherds, livestock keepers
 - ❖ Herds and flocks
 - ❖ Occupations? “you shall say”
 - ❖ That you may live in Goshen...
 - ❖ Loathsome?

Fertile Nile Delta

Canaan

Egypt



Land of Goshen

- ❖ It was separated from the Egyptians
- ❖ It was the most fertile ground
 - ❖ Necessary for flocks, sheep
- ❖ It is the quickest way OUT of Egypt!
 - ❖ Always plan for The Return!
- ❖ Do we look to the way out?
- ❖ Or are we “getting comfortable” here??

Meeting the Family

- ❖ Joseph had prepared the family
 - ❖ What to say; How to get the right land...
 - ❖ Chooses 5 of the brothers...
- ❖ Shepherds, no pasture...
- ❖ 45:18 – the best of the land... Goshen
- ❖ 47:6 – at your disposal...live in Goshen...
 - ❖ If any are capable – my livestock!

Blessing

- ❖ Jacob blesses Pharaoh!
 - ❖ Almost an insult!!
 - ❖ Greater blesses the lesser...
- ❖ God blesses – Gen 1:22,28 etc...
- ❖ Melchizedek – Gen 14:18
- ❖ Isaac; Jacob; Moses; Aaron; Naomi; David
- ❖ barak – to kneel, to adore, to bless
 - ❖ makarios – blessed; eulogeo- praise - Jn 20:29

Jacob's story

- ❖ 130 years “few and unpleasant” (9)
- ❖ My fathers.....
- ❖ Not the best testimony!
- ❖ Joseph provided for all
 - ❖ Food, according to their kids
 - ❖ Not abundance and wealth!

God's plan

- ❖ The famine gets worse!
 - ❖ If God's plans were fulfilled...
 - ❖ He still holds to His word and promise
 - ❖ More to be done here...
 - ❖ Do we look for the WHOLE plan?
- ❖ God is still bound by His word to Pharaoh

Joseph's Wisdom

- ❖ Note: Egypt/Canaan – 13,14,15 – why?
 - ❖ The 2 lands are now in God's Plan...
- ❖ The grain had been collected as taxes...
- ❖ No food – all “money” collected (14)
- ❖ No money – all livestock (16,17)
- ❖ “when that year was ended” (18)
 - ❖ Our land for food...seed - protect the land...

All for Pharaoh

- ❖ 20 – land now owned by Pharaoh
 - ❖ Famine still severe
 - ❖ People moved to cities, feeding easier
- ❖ 23 – seed! Sow the land $1/5^{\text{th}}$ to Pharaoh
 - ❖ Same % from the prosperous years (41:34)
 - ❖ Priest lands spared... (22)

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...
 - ❖ Don't bury me in Egypt!
 - ❖ Take me back to “my fathers”
 - ❖ Why swearing?