

Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

24. Jacob goes down to Egypt

An outline of the Book of Genesis *

* Approximate chapter divisions only

Genesis 1 to 11

Creation

Genesis 1 to 2

The Fall

Genesis 3

Before the Flood

Genesis 4 to 5

The Flood

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After the Flood

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Abraham

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Isaac

Genesis 24 to 27

Jacob

Genesis 28 to 36

Joseph

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Genesis 45 - The stunning news

So they [Joseph's brothers] went up out of Egypt
and came to the land of Canaan
to their father Jacob. And they told him,

***“Joseph is still alive,
and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.”***

...and when he saw the wagons
that **Joseph** had sent to carry him,
the spirit of their father **Jacob** revived.

*It is enough;
Joseph my son is still alive.
I will go and see him before I die.*

Genesis 46:1-7 - The journey to Egypt

So **Israel** took his journey with all that he had and came to **Beersheba**, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

And God spoke to **Israel** in visions of the night and said, "*Jacob, Jacob.*"

And he said, "**Here I am.**"

Then He said,

*"I am God, the God of your father.
Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,
for there I will make you into a great nation.*

*"I Myself will go down with you to Egypt,
and I will also bring you up again,
and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."*

(Genesis 46:1-4)



Genesis 46:1-7 - The journey to Egypt

The southern border of the land promised

So **Israel** took his journey with all that he had and came to **Beersheba**, and **offered sacrifices** to the God of his father Isaac.

To draw near to God

And God spoke to **Israel** in visions of the night and said, "*Jacob, Jacob.*"

And he said, "**Here I am.**"

Then He said,

The covenant

"I am God, the God of your father.

He was afraid

Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,
for there I will make you into a great nation.

"In the womb of Egypt"

*"I Myself will go down with you to Egypt,
and I will also bring you up again,
and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."*

The nation, after several hundred years!

When you die

(Genesis 46:1-4)

Now these are the names of the descendants of Israel, who came into Egypt... (Genesis 46:8-27)

Leah's children						Zilpah's children		Rachel's	Bilhah's children	
Reuben	Simeon	Levi	Judah	Issachar	Zebulun	Gad	Asher	Benjamin	Dan	Naphtali
Hanoch	Jemuel	Gershon	Er	Tola	Sered	Ziphion	Imnah	Bela	Hushim	Jahzeel
Pallu	Jamin	Kohath	Onan	Puvah	Elon	Haggi	Ishvah	Becher		Guni
Hezron	Ohad	Merari	Shelah	Yob	Jahleel	Shuni	Ishvi	Ashbel		Jezer
Carmi	Jachin		Perez	Shimron		Ezbon	Beriah	Gera		Shillem
	Zohar		-Hezron			Eri	-Heber	Naaman		
	Shaul		-Hamul			Arodi	-Malchiel	Ehi		
			Zerah			Areli	<i>Serah</i>	Rosh		
								Muppm		
	+ <i>Dinah</i> , the daughter of Leah. (Note: Er and Onan died in Canaan)							Huppm		
								Ard		
Jacob himself and Leah's children (33) + Zilpah's (16) + Rachel's (11) + Bilhah's (7) = 67 persons + Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim = 70 + <i>wives + other daughters?</i>										

All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy. (Genesis 46:27)

Genesis 46:28-30 – Joseph comes to Jacob in Egypt

It is not you who
sent me here,
but God.
(Genesis 45:8)

Then Joseph prepared his chariot
and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen.
He presented himself to him and fell on his neck
and wept on his neck a good while.
Israel said to Joseph,
“Now let me die, since I have seen your face
and know that you are still alive.”

(Genesis 46:29-30)

Genesis 46:31-47:6 – Joseph’s brothers meet Pharaoh

“When Pharaoh calls you and says,
‘What is your occupation?’
you shall say,

*‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock
from our youth even until now,
both we and our fathers,’*

in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen,
for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

(Genesis 46:33-34)

Separate from
the Egyptians

Genesis 47:7-10 – Jacob meets Pharaoh

Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and **Jacob blessed Pharaoh**.

And Pharaoh said to Jacob,

“How many are the days of the years of your life?”

And Jacob said to Pharaoh,

A pilgrim, stranger

“The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years.

Evil =
Difficult

Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.”

And **Jacob blessed Pharaoh** and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

(Genesis 47:7-10)

Genesis 47:11-12 – Joseph provides for his family

Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

Called *Avaris* at the time

And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

(Genesis 47:11-12)

They were guests of the Pharaoh

Genesis 47:13-26 – Joseph manages relief during the famine

Now there was no food in all the land,
for the famine was very severe,
so that the land of **Egypt** and the land of **Canaan**
languished by reason of the famine.

(Genesis 47:13)

Joseph brought the **money**
into Pharaoh's house.

(Genesis 47:14)

+

They brought their
livestock to Joseph...

(Genesis 47:17)

+

Joseph bought all the **land**
of Egypt for Pharaoh...

(Genesis 47:20)

Only the land of the priests he did not buy...

(Genesis 47:22)

Genesis 47:27-28 – The promise fulfilled

*I am God, the God of your father.
Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,
for there I will make you into a great nation.*

Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt,
in the land of Goshen.

**And they gained possessions in it,
and were fruitful and multiplied greatly.**

(Genesis 47:27)

Genesis 47:29-31 – Jacob and the covenant

And when the time drew near
that **Israel** must die...

Do not bury me in Egypt,
but let me lie with my fathers.
Carry me out of Egypt
and bury me in their burying place.
(Genesis 47:29-30)

Genesis 46 to 47

Jacob's relation to the land

*Do not be afraid
to go down to Egypt,
for there I will make you
into a great nation.*
(Genesis 46:3)

**But what is
the spiritual
significance
of the land?**

*Do not bury me in Egypt,
but let me lie
with my fathers.*
(Genesis 47:29)

Chapter 46



Chapter 47

The strange ways of God

For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways,
declares the LORD.

(Isaiah 55:8)

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- God gives to Pharaoh **strange prophetic dreams**
- The covenant people are **sent out of the land**

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All this leads
to revelation



The escape from
slavery in Egypt

They came out
to enter in
to give to God
His heart's desire



✓ We see God's power in redemption



✓ We see the believer's pilgrimage



✓ We see God's glorious eternal purpose

The journey to Canaan
and the battle to
enter and possess it

The glory of God
filling His House

The wonderful ways of God

- ✓ **We see God's power in redemption**
 - Saved from judgment by **the blood of a lamb**
 - **Separated to God** by His great power
- ✓ **We see the believer's pilgrimage**
 - The promise of **God's love and faithfulness**
 - **A wilderness journey** with the Lord in the midst
 - **An exceedingly good land** to be entered and possessed
- ✓ **We see God's glorious eternal purpose**
 - **A great king** and an everlasting kingdom
 - **God's dwelling place** among His redeemed people

The wonderful ways of God

✓ We see the believer's pilgrimage

- The promise of **God's love and faithfulness**
- **A wilderness journey** with the Lord in the midst
- **An exceedingly good land** to be entered and possessed

What is the character of this pilgrimage?

*"Woman, believe Me,
the hour is coming when neither
on this mountain **nor in Jerusalem**
will you worship the Father."*

(John 4:21)

**A new
covenant!**

"In spirit and in truth"

The wonderful ways of God

An exceedingly good land to be entered and possessed

“In spirit and in truth”

One of Paul’s prayers:

...that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

- ✓ so as to walk in a manner **worthy of the Lord**,
fully pleasing to Him:
- ✓ **bearing fruit** in every good work and
- ✓ **increasing** in the knowledge of God;
- ✓ being **strengthened** with all power,
according to His glorious might,
for all **endurance** and **patience** with **joy**;
- ✓ **giving thanks** to the Father....

(Colossians 1:9-12)

The wonderful ways of God



An exceedingly good land

He has delivered us from
the domain of darkness
and transferred us to

the kingdom of His beloved Son,

in whom we have **redemption**,
the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13-14)

Our Egypt

Our exodus

The wonderful ways of God

The kingdom of His beloved Son

“You are the light of the world...”

(Matthew 5:14)

