

## Genesis Part II (Chapters 25-50)

### Lesson 10: Israel Settles in Egypt

**Reading:** Genesis 48:1-50:26

In chapter 45, Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers after hearing Judah's impassioned plea on behalf of Benjamin. The moment is very emotional for Joseph as his brothers are stunned into silence. Joseph puts what his brothers have done to him in a spiritual context as part of God's plan to preserve life. He tells his brothers to return to Canaan and bring back Jacob and the family so he can provide for them during the famine. Upon learning of the reunion, Pharaoh supports the family's migration to Egypt with carts for travel and the best of the land to live in (Goshen). When Jacob learns of Joseph's existence and position in Egypt, he does not believe it until he sees the carts and goods from Egypt. He departs with his family to Egypt, stopping at Beersheba on the way, where God appears to him and promises to protect him and make him a great nation. When Jacob arrives in Goshen, Joseph meets with him in a tearful reunion. He prepares his father and family for their appearance before Pharaoh by telling them to tell Pharaoh they are shepherds, so they will be allowed to live in Goshen. When Jacob appears before Pharaoh, he describes the years of his life as having been "few and evil". He blesses Pharaoh and goes to Goshen to live with his family. Joseph continues to lead Egypt during the seven years of famine, buying up the money supply, livestock, land, and people in exchange for grain. As Jacob's life starts to come to an end, he entrusts Joseph with the task of making sure his body is buried in Canaan.

#### **Jacob blesses Joseph's sons (48:1-22)**

1. What change does Jacob make to the family order in 48:5-7, and why is it significant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What blessing does Jacob give to Joseph's sons, and what is unusual in the way he gives it (48:8-16)?

#### **Jacob's final words to his sons (49:1-28)**

3. What blessings are given to Judah (49:8-12)?

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### **Death of Jacob (49:29-33)**

4. What charge does Jacob give his sons before he dies (49:29-32)?

### **Jacob is mourned (50:1-6)**

### **Jacob is buried (50:7-14)**

5. As Joseph and his brothers are returning to Canaan to bury Jacob, what happens at the threshing floor of Atad (50:10-11)?

### **Joseph reassures his brothers (50:15-21)**

6. What request do Joseph's brothers make of him after Jacob's death, and what is Joseph's reaction (50:15-21)?

### **Death of Joseph (50:22-26)**

7. What oath did Joseph make the children of Israel take in regards to his death (50:24-25)?