



Joseph's Family in Egypt

Oct 16

INTRODUCTION: Genesis and the story of Jacob-Joseph are slowly winding down. As God has lifted up Joseph and restored his brothers, so too He now blesses Israel. The story harkens back to earlier portions of Genesis, even as it prepares us for Exodus.

REVIEW: [Genesis, pt. II](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: provision, leadership, life, hope

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 45, Joseph's Welcome and Provision)

- How does a knowledge of providence help us forgive?
- What was God's plan in Joseph's sufferings?
- What favour did Joseph receive & extend? Are we gracious?
- How did Joseph bring hope to his father? Why do we need hope? Where is this to be found?

P.M. SERMON RECAP (Gen 46, Jacob's Family Arrives)

- How does worship help discernment? Why should we seek God's wisdom in big decisions?
- How do we see the Abrahamic promises fulfilled in this register? How are we fruitful?
- How is this a momentous moment in salvation history? Why Goshen?

READ: Gen 47

QUESTIONS:

Land & Leadership

1. Why is Pharaoh eager to meet Joseph's family?
2. *Though prepared by Joseph, his plan needs final approval.*
3. **V. 6- Why is Pharaoh's offer so generous? What further grace does he give Joseph's family?**
4. *Pharaoh is a gatekeeper to Egypt, nothing happens without his approval.* We have gatekeepers in our communities, can you

think of any? **Why should we pray for favour in their eyes for the Gospel?**

5. **V. 7- If Jacob was Pharaoh's civil inferior, how then could He 'bless' Pharaoh? How must we remember the spiritual authority Christ has given us?**
 6. Even if leaders don't become Christian, why ought we to pray for them? (1 Ti 2:1-7)
- Few & Evil
7. How long did Abraham (Gen 25:8) and Isaac (Gen 35:28) live in comparison to Jacob? Why were people living shorter lives?
 8. Why/how was Jacob's life harder than his ancestors?
 9. **Because our lives are short, why must we Ps 90:12?**
 10. **In a sinful world, how will our days be difficult (Ro 8:18) and so to be seen as a pilgrimage (Heb 11:13)?**
 11. *Joseph was concerned about each member of his family.*

Joseph's Governance (vv. 13-26)

12. *Much space is given to Joseph's skills, some time would have passed. It seems oppressive what Joseph did, however, he didn't line his pockets (v. 14) and he alleviated suffering (v. 25). The people viewed him positively. (He=a picture of the 'saviour of the world')*
13. Though beholden to Pharaoh, they got to keep $\frac{1}{5}$ as they gave $\frac{1}{5}$ to Pharaoh. What did Pharaoh need this for?
14. **Even if government is not godly (Pharaoh had priests), how does good government help the people? (And how is good government better than no government or bad government?)**
15. **How should we seek good governance in the church, state, family and our own life?**

Jacob's Request

16. *Israel prospers even as Egypt is still in famine/recovering. (Also, favouring Joseph, Egypt is blessed. Later enslaving Israel, Egypt receives the plagues).*
17. V. 27- How do we see the Abrahamic blessing taking effect and the creation mandate being fulfilled. How is knowing the Lord like restoring Eden?
18. **V. 30- Why do people sometimes choose to bury their bodies at a certain location? Why was Jacob adamant**

about his body being buried in Canaan (15:18. 46:4)?

What did this reveal his faith?

**19. As with Jacob, there is hope in the face of death for
believer's today, read 2 Pet 3:13.**

NEXT WEEK: Oct 23- Jacobs Blesses His Sons, pt. I, Genesis
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