

## **The Move to Egypt and Beginnings of Slavery**

Genesis 46-47

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**Unlike his father and grandfather, God moved Jacob and his family to Egypt to accomplish His purpose of creating a great nation.**

- I. Jacob's response to the good news was to worship the Lord. (46:1)**
- II. God responded to Jacob with fresh promises of blessing. (v. 46:2-4)**
- III. Jacob followed God's leading away from the Promised Land and down into Egypt. (v. 46:5-7)**
- IV. Genealogical records are critical for the establishment of the Messiah's bona fides. (v. 46:8-25)**

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,

Isaac the father of Jacob,

Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez the father of Hezron,

Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab,

Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed the father of Jesse,

and Jesse the father of King David. (Matthew 1:1-6)

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

- V. God had begun to grow the son of His promise into a nation. (v. 46:26-27)**
- VI. Joseph's reunion with his father Jacob was emotional for both. (v. 46:28-30)**

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.” (Luke 2:28-32)

**VII. Joseph cautioned truthfulness in interacting with Pharaoh which resulted in a safe haven of isolation for the sons of Israel. (v. 46:31-33)**

At that time, Judah left his brothers and went down to stay with a man of Adullam named Hirah. There Judah met the daughter of a Canaanite man named Shua. He married her and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son, who was named Er. She conceived again and gave birth to a son and named him Onan. (Genesis 38:1-4)

Now Esau learned that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he commanded him, “Do not marry a Canaanite woman,” and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Paddan Aram. Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac; so he went to Ishmael and married a daughter of Ishmael son of Abraham... (Genesis 28:6-9)

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.” (Genesis 15:12-21)

**VIII. Joseph introduced five of his brothers to Pharaoh and they were given leave to take up residence in the best part of Egypt. (v. 47:1-6)**

**IX. Then Jacob/Israel was presented to Pharaoh and Scripture indicates that he is to be considered greater than Pharaoh. (v. 47:7-10)**

And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. (Hebrews 7:7)

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. (Hebrews 11:13-16)

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:17)

**X. God had provided for and protected His chosen people by bringing them down to Egypt. (v. 47:11-12)**

**XI. Joseph's management during the famine laid the groundwork for Israel's eventual enslavement. (v. 47:13-26)**

**XII. Jacob continued to worship God and trust His promises that one day Abraham's descendants would possess the Promised Land. (v. 47:27-31)**

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. (Hebrews 11:21)