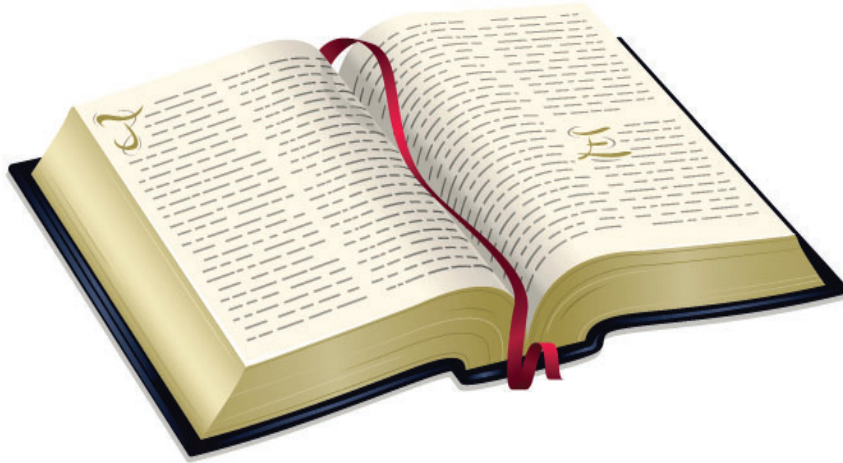


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In The Beginning Series

Twelve Lesson Study on the Book of Genesis

This Lesson - Genesis Chapter 46 - 50

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Chapter 46

Genesis 46 can be divided into three sections: Jacob's final encounter with the Lord, a count of all of Jacob's descendants at or around this time, and Jacob's reunion with his son Joseph in the land of Egypt.

Jacob and his large family set out with all they own for the land of Egypt. As wealthy people they would be driving many sheep and cattle, as well as bringing all the wives, children, and goods in wagons provided by the Egyptian Pharaoh. Before leaving the Promised Land of Canaan, however, Jacob stops at Beersheba to offer sacrifices to God. In response, God speaks to Jacob, referred to in this passage using his God-given name of Israel (Genesis 35:10). God tells Jacob that he should not be afraid to move his family to Egypt. God promises to continue to be with him and to make a great nation of Israel even within Egypt.

Finally, God sweetly tells Jacob that his once long-lost son, Joseph, will be the one to close his eyes in death (Genesis 46:1–4).

1. (Genesis 46:1) When Israel sets out for Egypt with all his family and possessions, what does he do when he reaches Beersheba? _____

he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2. Genesis 46:3-4) God tells Israel "I am the God of your father, do not be afraid."

What four promises does God make to Israel?

1. I will make you into a great nation there.

2. I will go down to Egypt with you,

3. I will surely bring you back again.

4. Joseph's own hand will close your eyes.

3. (Genesis 46:8-25) This next section lists the offspring's of Jacob. Below, list only the sons and their sons that went with the family from Canaan to Egypt.

First Son: Reuben

His sons that went to Egypt

1. Hanok

2. Pallu

3. Hezron

4. Karmi

Second Son: Simeon

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

1. Jemuel

2. Jamin

3. Ohad

4. Jakin

5. Zohar

6. Shaul

Third Son: Levi

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

1. Gershon

2. Kohath

3. Merari

Fourth Son: Judah

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

1. Shelah

2. Perez

3. Zerah

Fifth Son: Issachar

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

1. Tola

2. Puah

3. Jashub

4. Shimron

Sixth Son: Zebulun

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

1. Sered

2. Elon

3. Jahleel

Seventh Son: Gad

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

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| 1. <u>Zephon</u> | 2. <u>Haggi</u> | 3. <u>Shuni</u> |
| 4. <u>Ezbon</u> | 5. <u>Eri,</u> | 6. <u>Arodi</u> |
| 7. <u>Areli</u> | | |

Eighth Son: Asher

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

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| 1. <u>Imnah</u> | 2. <u>Ishvah</u> |
| 3. <u>Ishvi</u> | 4. <u>Beriah</u> |

Ninth Son: Benjamin

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

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| 1. <u>Bela</u> | 2. <u>Beker</u> | 3. <u>Ashbel</u> |
| 4. <u>Gera</u> | 5. <u>Naaman</u> | 6. <u>Ehi</u> |
| 7. <u>Rosh</u> | 8. <u>Muppm</u> | 9. <u>Huppm</u> |
| 10. <u>Ard</u> | | |

Tenth Son: Dan

His son that went to Egypt with the family.

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| 1. <u>Hushim</u> |
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Eleventh Son: Naphtali

His sons that went to Egypt with the family.

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| 1. <u>Jahziel</u> | 2. <u>Guni</u> |
| 3. <u>Jezer</u> | 4. <u>Shillem</u> |

Note: Remember, there were a total of Twelve sons (tribes), Joseph was already in Egypt.

Who was the one daughter that went to Egypt (46:15)? Dinah

Who was the one granddaughter that went to Egypt (46:17)? Serah

4. (Genesis 46:30) What did Israel/Jacob say to Joseph after he had appeared to/presented himself to him?

"Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive."

Understanding Genesis 46:34

Joseph is preparing his father and his brothers to meet Pharaoh for the first time. They have come to Egypt, to the land of Goshen, at Pharaoh's invitation (Genesis 45:16–20). Now that they have arrived, Joseph seems very concerned that they present themselves to Pharaoh only as keepers of livestock and not as tradesmen in any other industry. He notes that Egyptians have a distaste for shepherds—so he might be asking them to emphasize their family's role in raising cattle, as those animals were more respected in Egyptian culture.

Please read **Genesis Chapter 47** before starting this section ☐ Check

Chapter 47

The last several chapters explained how Joseph, Jacob's son by Rachel (Genesis 46:19), came to bring his family to live in Egypt. Genesis 47 begins with Joseph's family appearing before Pharaoh at court in a formal audience. Joseph selects five of his brothers to represent the family. When Pharaoh asks them their occupations, they reply as Joseph had coached them. They describe themselves as lifelong shepherds, and they formally ask Pharaoh that they be allowed to settle in the fertile region of Goshen. This is an interesting choice, as Joseph has noted that Egyptians generally look down on herdsmen (Genesis 46:34). His motives may be both practical and spiritual. By making it clear that the entire family is involved in shepherding, he lessens suspicion from Egyptians that these immigrants will displace them from work. Spiritually, living somewhere separate from most other Egyptians would help to preserve Israel's commitment to God (Genesis 47:1–4).

1. (Genesis 47:3) When Joseph's father, brothers and their flocks and herds came from the land of Canaan, Joseph took five of his brothers and went to Pharaoh.

What did Pharaoh ask his brothers?

"What is your occupation?"

How did they respond? "Your servants are shepherds,"

they replied to Pharaoh, "just as our fathers were."

2. (Genesis 47:4) What reason did the brothers give Pharaoh why they were in Egypt?
because the famine is severe in Canaan and your servants' flocks have no pasture.

3. (Genesis 47:5-6) What did Pharaoh say about where Joseph's family could live and whom did he address it to?

"Your father and your brothers have come to you, and the land of Egypt is before you;
settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen.

4. (Genesis 47:6b) What did Pharaoh ask Joseph about the men?

if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock."

5. (Genesis 47:8-9) When Joseph brought in his father and set him before Pharaoh, what did Pharaoh ask him? "How old are you?"
What was Jacob's answer? a hundred and thirty
6. (Genesis 47:12) What did Joseph provide for his father, his brothers, and all his father's household?
food, according to the number of their children.
7. (Genesis 47:14) What did Joseph gather up/collect in all of Egypt and Canaan?
all the money
What did he exchange it for? for the grain they were buying
What did he do with what he had gathered up/collected?
he brought it to Pharaoh's palace.
8. (Genesis 47:15-16) When the money failed (ran out) in all of Egypt and Canaan, and the people said give us bread, for why should we die? What did Joseph tell them?
"Then bring your livestock," said Joseph.
"I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone."
9. (Genesis 47:28) How long did Jacob live in the land of Egypt? seventeen years
What was the length of Jacob's life? a hundred and forty-seven

Notes on Genesis 47:29

It's not clear exactly when this conversation took place. Jacob came into Egypt speaking as if he was about to die (Genesis 46:30), only to live another seventeen years (Genesis 47:28). Whenever it happened, it's in a moment when Jacob is planning for the aftermath of his own death. He has successfully resettled his large family in Egypt, and they are thriving (Genesis 47:27). He knows the family will not be leaving this area any time soon. A key concern in Jacob's mind is burial: he doesn't want his remains to stay in Egypt. He wants to be interred with his ancestors, in Canaan (Genesis 47:30).

. **In your own words.** Where did Jacob/Israel want to make sure he was buried, why?

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Chapter 48

Notes on Genesis 48

After settling in Egypt (Genesis 47), Jacob gives a major portion of his family blessing to Joseph's two oldest sons: Ephraim and Manasseh.

Jacob had talked about dying for many years (Genesis 37:35; 47:9), but now he truly nears the end of his days. If this scene takes place immediately before the events of chapter 49, Jacob is literally on his deathbed. Joseph, hearing of his father's illness, comes to Jacob's side with his two oldest sons to receive a blessing. Jacob's frailty is reflected in the effort it takes him to sit up in bed (Genesis 48:1–2).

Weakness aside, Jacob has clearly prepared for this moment. He begins by pointedly recalling one of the times God Almighty appeared to him in Luz—also known as Bethel—and the promise God made to make his descendants into a nation with their home in Canaan (Genesis 28:12–15). It is important that Joseph understands the significance of this promise for himself and his sons after him. He announces that he is claiming Joseph's two oldest sons as his own sons. In fact, he will elevate their position in the family above his actual oldest sons Reuben and Simeon. In doing so, Joseph's family will receive a double portion of the inheritance. It's significant that even now, the loss of Rachel is still fresh in Jacob's mind. Perhaps claiming Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons is a way to honor her once more (Genesis 48:3–7).

1. (Genesis 48:4) When Jacob was told, "Joseph was coming to you", he strengthened himself and sat up in bed. What did he tell Joseph God had told him when he was in Luz in the land of Canaan?

'I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers.

I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.'

2. (Genesis 48:5) What does Jacob say about Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh?
born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine;
Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine,

3. (Genesis 48:12-13) When Joseph brought his two sons to Jacob, Joseph was bowed down with his face to the earth. How did he have his two sons positioned to Jacob?

Ephraim: his right toward Israel's left hand

Manasseh: his left toward Israel's right hand

4. (Genesis 48:17) How did Joseph feel about the blessing that Jacob was about to give to his two sons? he was displeased

What did he do about it?

he took hold of his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

5. (Genesis 48:18) What did Joseph tell his father after he switched his right hand to the younger son and after he prayed over them?

"No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

6. (Genesis 48:19) What did Jacob tell Joseph about the youngest of his two sons?

his younger brother will be greater than he,

and his descendants will become a group of nations.

7. (Genesis 48:21) When Jacob is about to die, what does he announce to Joseph?

God will be with you[d] and take you back to the land of your fathers.

8. (Genesis 48:22) What does Jacob say about the portion of land that he is going to give Joseph?

I give one more ridge of land than to your brothers,

the ridge I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.

Note on Genesis 48:22

The area Jacob mentions was, it seems, taken from the Amorites. Prior references in Genesis did not include that detail, but the same area is later known as Sychar and is the site of a well apparently dug by Jacob (John 4:4–5). This is where Joseph's remains will be buried, after Israel is liberated from Egyptian slavery (Joshua 24:32).

Please read Genesis Chapter 49 before starting this section ☐ Check

Chapter 49

About Genesis 49

Before he dies, Jacob urgently seeks to complete two important pieces of business with his twelve sons. First, he wishes to give a prophetic message appropriate to each. While these are titled “blessings,” not all are positive. These are presented more as predictions than bestowing favors. Second, he wants to command them to bury his body in Canaan and not in Egypt.

1. (Genesis 49:1) Jacob asked his sons to gather together, what is it he wanted to tell them?

what will happen to you in days to come.

2. (Genesis 49:3-4) How does Jacob say that Reuben defiled him?

for you went up onto your father's bed,
onto my couch and defiled it.

3. (Genesis 49:6) What does Jacob say that Simeon and Levi had done in anger?

for they have killed men in their anger

4. (Genesis 49:9) In this verse how does Jacob compare Judah to a lion?

You are a lion's cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.

5. (Genesis 49:13) How does Jacob say Zebulun will come associated with ships?

become a haven for ships

6. (Genesis 49:15) What does Jacob say Issachar says about rest and the land?

he sees how good is his resting place
and how pleasant is his land,

7. (Genesis 49:17) What shall Dan be and what does he do and cause according to Jacob?

Dan will be a snake by the roadside,
a viper along the path, that bites the horse's heels
so that its rider tumbles backward.

8. (Genesis 49:19) Jacob said Gad will be tramp/attacked/raided but how will he respond?
but he will attack them at their heels.

9. (Genesis 49:20) What does Jacob say that Asher will do?
"Asher's food will be rich;
he will provide delicacies fit for a king.

10. (Genesis 49:21) What nice things does Jacob have to say about Naphtali?
"Naphtali is a doe set free that bears beautiful fawns.

11. (Genesis 49:22) How does Jacob compare Joseph to a fruitful vine (except NLT)?
"Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.

12. (Genesis 49:27) What does Benjamin do for Jacob to compare him to a wolf?
in the morning he devours the prey, in the evening he divides the plunder

13. (Genesis 49:29-30) After Jacob blessed these twelve tribes of Israel, he charged/
instructed/commanded them to do what and where?
Bury me with my fathers in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre in Canaan

Notes on Genesis 49:28

In that sense, Jacob blessed some of his sons in the same way his father Isaac "blessed" his brother Esau (Genesis 27:38–40). Jacob delivered to each son exactly what was appropriate for each; that was not necessarily what those sons wanted.

This verse also marks the first time, in Genesis, where Jacob's sons and their offspring are described as the "twelve tribes of Israel" (Genesis 35:10–11).

14. (Genesis 49:31) The Cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite in Canaan where Jacob has told the tribes to bury him, according to this verse who is all buried there?

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| 1. Abraham | 2. Sarah | 3. Isaac |
| 4. Rebekah | 5. Leah | |

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Chapter 50

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Jacob's death hit Joseph hard. After ordering Jacob's body to be embalmed—likely meaning mummified—by the Egyptian doctors, Joseph will set about obeying his father's final wish to be buried in Canaan (Genesis 49:29–32). First, however, the state of Egypt observes an official 70-day period of mourning. This is an extraordinary gesture towards a man otherwise unconnected to that culture (Genesis 50:1–3).

Though Joseph has been invested with incredible authority (Genesis 41:44), he is still technically a slave to the ruler of Egypt. This king, known by the title Pharaoh, must be consulted if Joseph is to leave the country. He asks through a messenger, possibly because those in mourning were not allowed to physically see the Pharaoh. Not only does Pharaoh agree to allow Joseph and his brothers to leave for the burial, he sends a huge delegation of Egyptian servants and dignitaries along to honor Jacob. In addition, Pharaoh sends horsemen and chariots. As with Jacob's mourning period, this is an extravagant affair (Genesis 50:4–9).

1. (Genesis 50:2) Whom did Joseph command/direct/told? physicians in his service
What did he command them to do? embalm his father
2. (Genesis 50:3) What were the required amount of days for embalming? forty days
How many days did the Egyptians mourn/wept? seventy days
3. (Genesis 50:4-5) What did Joseph ask Pharaoh's house/court/advisers after his father died? let me go up and bury my father
What did he say he would do after that? I will return
4. (Genesis 50:7-8) Who all went with Joseph to bury his father?
All Pharaoh's officials accompanied him—
the dignitaries of his court and all the dignitaries of Egypt—
besides all the members of Joseph's household and his brothers and those
belonging to his father's household.
What family members didn't go? their children

5. (Genesis 50:10) When Joseph and the rest of the group going to bury Jacob got to the threshing floor of Atad how long did he mourn? seven-day period

6. (Genesis 50:15-17) **In your own words**, describe the fear that the brothers had for Joseph after Jacob had died. What were they planning on doing?

7. (Genesis 50:20) What statement did Joseph make about what the brothers meant and what God meant, to ease the brother's fear about what they thought Joseph may do now that their father was dead?

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good

What did Joseph say actually came out of what they did?

the saving of many lives

8. (Genesis 50:22) How long did Joseph live? a hundred and ten years

9. (Genesis 50:24) When Joseph knew he was dying what did he tell his brothers God would do? God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land

to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

10. (Genesis 50:25) What oath from the children of Israel did Joseph take or make the Israelites swear after he said God will surely visit you?

you must carry my bones up from this place

This ends the book of Genesis.

The early verses of the book of Exodus explain how Israel grew and prospered. That process continued for centuries. Unfortunately, a new regime will come to power in Egypt, with no memory or love of Joseph. This dynasty will be the one to brutally enslave Jacob's descendants, setting up God's rescue and the establishment of Israel as a nation (Exodus 1:6–14).

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