

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Reunion"**  
**Genesis 46:1-34**  
**Study-76**

**We come in our studies in Genesis to a reunion that has been a long time coming** Joseph has been given up for dead by his father (22 Years)

Israel has been told by his sons that Joseph is alive. **Genesis 45:27-28**

**Genesis 45:25-47:10 The Ministry Phase:** Joseph's Provisions.

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Wonderful Reunion Of Israel And Joseph. God Must Still Be Sought Whether Israel Should Leave Canaan For Egypt."

- 1. Verses 1-7 The Journey:**
- 2. Verses 8-27 The Family:**
- 3. Verses 28-34 The Reunion:**

**1. Verses 1-7 The Journey:**

**Genesis 46:1 So Israel set out with all that he had,**

**Context** – Israel was informed by his sons that Joseph was alive and wanted the family to join him in Egypt. Israel was living in **Hebron** – which means "*Fellowship*" Lived there **Genesis 37:14**

**and came to Beersheba,** from **Hebron** to **Beersheba** is 29 miles.  
This is the most Southern part of Israel, the border of Canaan.

Abraham had a revelation that "*God was the everlasting God*" **Genesis 21:33**

Abraham had lived after the offering up of Isaac **Genesis 22:19.**

Isaac had lived here **Genesis 26:23-25,**

Jacob lived there **Genesis 28:10**

**and offered sacrifices - Why?**

- (1) to recommit himself and his family to God.
- (2) Give thanks unto God.
- (3) To seek the mind of God!

**to the God – Elohim** - "*the mighty one, sovereign God who controls all things*"

**We need to pray and look to the Lord:**

Don't base decisions on appearances and what seems right, or as to what we want to do!

**Genesis 46:2 God spoke to Israel in visions (more than one)**

A vision is as if we are seeing the event live. We are not asleep, but wide awake.  
(8<sup>th</sup> and Final Time God reveals Himself to Jacob)

**God Calls Israel By Name:**

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

**Jacob**, not **Israel**. When God used the name **Jacob**, it was because he was not walking like a man governed by God.

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

*"Obey to believe"* is what believe means

**Genesis 46:3 God Reaffirms His Covenant With Israel:**

**He said, "I am God, the God of your father;**

*"God the mighty God, Hero, God of Israel"*

**do not be afraid to go down to Egypt,**

God tells Jacob to not be afraid to go to Egypt.

**Possible Reason - Jacob Was Old. Older People Find Change Difficult:**

**do not be afraid**

Jacob was 130 years old.

**Possible Reason - Jacob Knew Egypt Was A Pagan Country:**

The Egyptians worshipped everything. The water, the animals, the seasons.

**Possible Reason - Israel Remembers What Happened To His Grandfather Abraham and His Father Isaac:**

They were told not to go down. Abraham suffered greatly, **Genesis 12:10-20.**  
**(Went down twice)**

**God Had Warned His Father, Isaac: Genesis 26:2**

**God In His Covenant With Abraham Had Spoken Of Israel In The Future Being In Bondage: Genesis 15:13**

(NLT) Psalm 118:4-8

**God Gives Israel 3 "I Will" Statements:**

**#1. for I will make you a great nation there.**

**(Genesis 12:2)** God is going to bless and multiply them. **Exodus 1:7**

**God was not limited to Canaan, God of all the earth. Genesis 45:7**

Once God gave Israel the land, they occupied it through Joshua; they were never to go back to Egypt, **Ezekiel 29:1-7**

**Genesis 46:4**

**#2. "I will go down with you to Egypt,**

What a comfort to know that God would go with Jacob.

God had promised Jacob in the past to go with him **Genesis 28:15;**

**Matthew 28:20**

**#3. and I will also surely bring you up again;**

There was the promise to **bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."** **Genesis 50:1-2**

**Genesis 46:5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba;**

What a step of faith this was

**and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.**

70 people in all.

**Genesis 46:6-7** They would remain there for 430 years.

How God has blessed Jacob's life. **Genesis 32:10**

## **2. Verses 8-27 The Family:**

**Genesis 46:8 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, (who went to Egypt:)** The Bible is concerned about the family of Israel because through Israel would come the Scriptures and the Savior Jesus Christ.

The list consists of Jacob, his wives, his 12 sons and one daughter, 52 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandsons. 70 people in all.

**Verse 23 Dan** had the fewest, having only 1 son,

**Verse 21 Benjamin** (22 years old) had the most 10 sons.

**Genesis 46:10 And the sons of Simeon: of a Canaanite woman.**

His wife **Shaul** – *"To demand, or request"*

**Genesis 46:12 The sons of Judah: (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan).**

Two sons were taken in judgment by God, but he does not go into any detail.

The shameful story of Tamar, his two reprobate sons, God is so gracious to us that when we have turned from our sins, He will remember them no more.

**Romans 8:1-2**

**Genesis 46:13 The sons of Issachar: Tola and Puvvah and Iob and Shimron.**

**Iob** – Could be called **Job** – Some believe that this could be the **Job** of Scripture.

**Genesis 46:20-21 The sons of Benjamin:** Had 10 sons.

**Genesis 46:26 were sixty-six persons in all,**  
(Joseph, Jacob, Ephraim, and Manasseh = 70 people)

**27 were seventy. Acts 7:14** Gives the number 75.

Included five other males, Septuagint.

(Some suggest that the number "70" is a typological rather than literal)

**Deuteronomy 10:22**

**"Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all,**  
(70 Table of Nations, 70 Elders, 70 years Captivity, 70 Weeks,  
70 Members of the Sanhedrin, Jesus Sent out 70 Disciples)

### **3. Verses 28-34 The Reunion:**

**Genesis 46:28 Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph,**  
Israel now entrusts Judah as the guide to bring them to Joseph.

**and they came into the land of Goshen.** This area of **Goshen** is Northeast part of the Nile delta an area of 900 square miles, very fertile for grazing animals.

**Genesis 46:29 as he appeared before him,**  
This term is used of "*God manifested Himself to man*"

**he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.**  
22 years **Revelation 21:4**

**Genesis 46:30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face,** Only a Christian can have such hope and assurance in facing death. **2 Corinthians 5:8**

**NT Simeon – Luke 2:29-30**

**Genesis 46:31 (tell Pharaoh,) 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me;** mediator.  
**Hebrews 2:11**

**Genesis 46:32-33**

**Separation From The Egyptians:**

**Genesis 46:34** rejection of the true God to the worship of His creatures -  
**Romans 1:23**

**Provision From Egypt: that you may live in the land of Goshen;**

### **Application:**

1. Israel Was Wise To Pray And Seek The Mind Of The Lord: Don't Base Decisions On Appearances And What Seems Right, Or As To What We Would Like To Do, But What God Wants Us To Do.
2. The Fear Of The Lord Is Good; It's The Beginning Of Wisdom. Fear Of Man And Circumstances Is Not Good. Fear And Faith Cannot Dwell Together In My Life. It Was God And His Word That Brought Peace To Israel:.
3. The Reunion Of Israel With Joseph Was But A Shadow Of The Future Reunion That The Believers Will Enjoy. When We Are Reunited With Jesus, And Our Loved Ones.  
**Revelation 21:4**