

January 28/Day 28

Genesis 46

Verses 1-4

- Who is Israel? Hint: if you don't remember, the first verse names his father and the second verse calls him by his given name.
- If you leave with everything you have, are you planning on staying a while?
- What do we see him doing in Beersheba?
- In what way did God speak to Jacob/Israel?
- How does God encourage Israel regarding his journey?
- Is it important to know God is with us in our journey?
- When we get to Ezekiel, we will find a name for God, Jehovah Shammah, meaning "God is there". I am reminded of this in verse 4.

Verses 5-7

- Who would the sons of Israel be? How many are there? How many are with Israel at the moment? Can you name any of them by now?
- How did the sons carry Jacob, as well as their wives and children? So, what did they have in the beginning in regard to transportation besides pack animals? Remember, we already saw Joseph and Pharaoh with chariots.
- What had they acquired in Canaan?
- How many of Jacob's descendants went to Egypt?

Verses 8-27

- Benjamin was the youngest, yet we see here he was now a grown man with children of his own.
- What were the names of Joseph's two sons? You'll want to remember them.
- How many of Jacob/Israel's descendants came into Egypt with him?
- Why do you think it says "not including the wives of Jacob's sons? Does this mean none of the wives went to Egypt? Or does this mean the wives were not counted as descendants of Jacob? Just think about it.
- Counting Joseph's two sons, how many of the house of Jacob, were there in Egypt at this time?
- What had God promised regarding the number of Jacob's descendants?

Verses 28-34

- What emotion did Joseph show when he saw his father, Jacob?
- Is Jacob/Israel happy to see him? Boy, do they have some catching up to do.

- What were the descendants of Israel supposed to say to Pharaoh so that Pharaoh may give them the land of Goshen in which to live?

Genesis 47

Verses 1-6

- How many of his brothers were presented to Pharaoh? If it was important for us to know which brothers, God would have told us.
- Besides offering the land for them to live on, what did Pharaoh offer in regard to capable men? The grandsons could be some of the capable men at this point.

Verses 7-12

- What did Jacob do when he met Pharaoh?
- How old was Jacob when he met Pharaoh? Does Jacob think this is a long life? 65 is half of his age, yet Jacob says his life has been short.
- What phrase is used in verse 11 in regard to the land? Have you heard this name in history?
- What did Joseph provide for his family? Because of the world-wide famine, what else was he providing by giving this to them?

Verses 13-19

- Do you notice the strong words in verse 13 used to describe the famine? “Severe” means intense or harsh and “languished” means to grow weak and feeble, to lack vitality, and become unsuccessful.
- How did the people buy food from Joseph once their money was gone? When their livestock was gone?

Verses 20-26

- How many Egyptians were forced to sell their land to Pharaoh because of the famine? Were any Egyptians exempt?
- How much were they to give Pharaoh at the time of harvest? That’s 20%.
- How did the Egyptians feel about this?

Verses 27-28

- What two words in verse 27 are used to describe Israel’s descendants?
- How long did Jacob live in Egypt before he died? How old was he then when he died?

Verses 29-31

- Who did Jacob/Israel call to his side before he died?

- Do you remember from before the oath by placing the hand under the thigh? To have your hand sat upon showed you were under the authority of the one doing the sitting. Joseph had authority over everyone in Pharaoh's kingdom except Pharaoh himself, yet he submits to the authority of his father to make this oath.
- What did Jacob/Israel make him swear?
- What did Israel do in his bed prior to his death? Do you long to worship and praise God in your death as well as your life?

See you tomorrow.