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#16, Egypt or bust! – Gen 46:1-34

And so the call went forth from Egypt to the land of Canaan! It was heeded by Jacob who responded with his entire house hold.

Genesis chapter 46

1 So Israel set out with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

2 God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, " Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." 3 He said, " I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

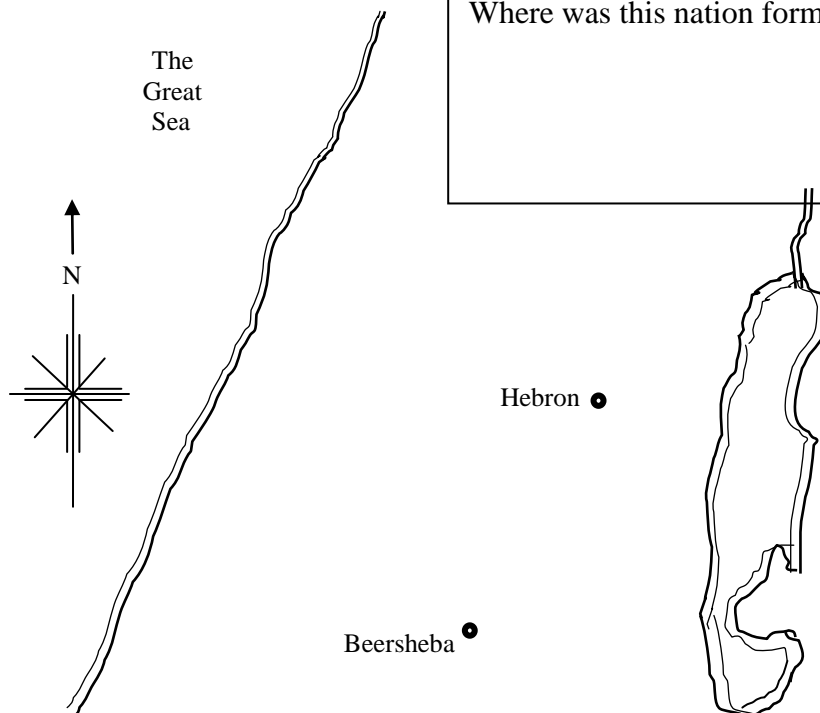
4 " I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."

[1.] v:1, came to Beersheba, Looking back over Jacob's life, why might he have warm feelings about Beersheba?

[2.] v:2-3, a great nation, What was the nation and where was it formed?

[3.] v:4, Joseph will close your eyes." What does this phrase mean?

[4.] I Peter 2:9 speaks of a "HOLY NATION". Where was this nation formed?

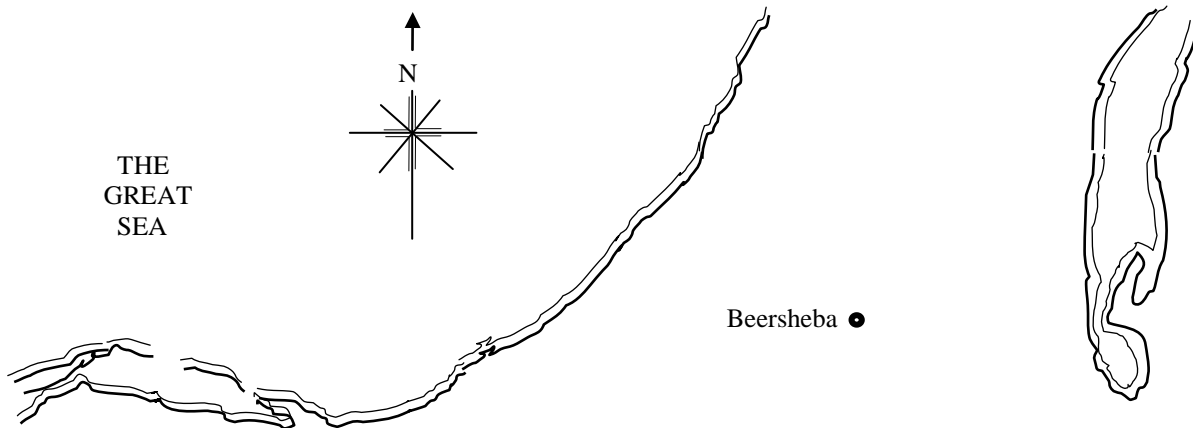


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5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

[5.] v:5, the sons of Israel, **Why would this household be larger now than when Jacob came from Haran?**



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6 They took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him: 7 his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

[6.] v:6-7, livestock and their property, **Considering Gen 32:13-15 and 34:27-29, list some examples of these that Jacob took to Egypt**

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Gen 45:10, "You shall live in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

Gen 45:17-18, Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go to the land of Canaan, 18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you will eat the fat of the land.

28 Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

[7.] Gen 45:10, 17-18, best of the land of Egypt, Considering Gen 41:45, how did Joseph know that this was Goshen?

[8.] question [7.], Jot down some characteristics of what would be considered the best land for Jacobs household.

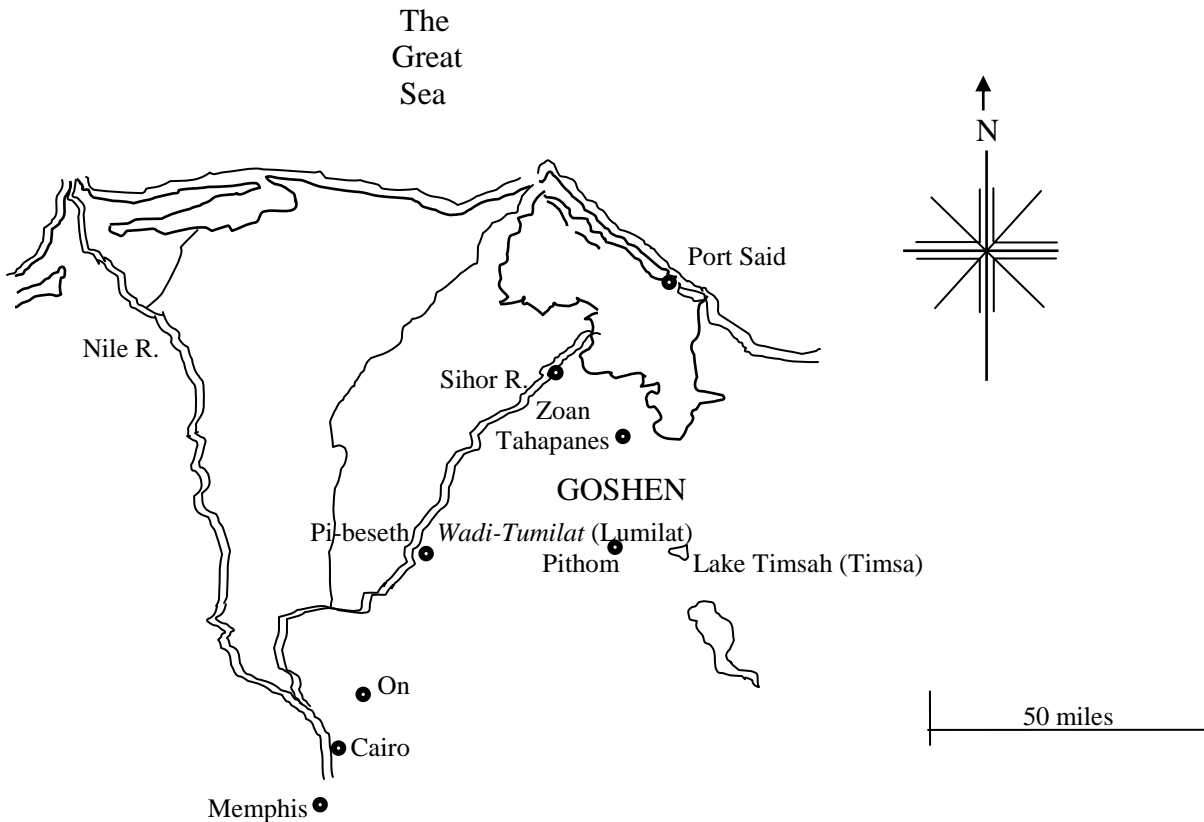
[9.] v:28, Now he sent Judah, Identify the "he" that dispatched Judah to "lead the way" to Goshen?

[10.] v:28 again, the land of Goshen, Looking at the map (pg 4) write down a word description of the location of Goshen with reference to the rest of Egypt.

I was right, Judah leading again! There is a whole new look to my family. I'm sure now that, Reuben's thing with Bilhah as well as Simeon and Levi's murdering all those innocents has everything to do with this.

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29 Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

[11.] v:29-30, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, **From below, choose the statement that is closest to the meaning of this phrase.**

- a) I'm tired of living!
- b) Seeing that you still live is the most important thing to me.
- c) Your face is more than I can handle.
- d) none of the above.

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31 Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, " I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me; 32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

33 "When Pharaoh calls you and says, ' What is your occupation?'

34 you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is loathsome to the Egyptians."

[12.] v:31-32, I will go up and tell Pharaoh, **What did Joseph say was his families occupation?**

[13.] v:33, When Pharaoh calls, **What does Joseph assume Pharaoh will ask?**

[14.] v:34, shepherd is loathsome, **When the Egyptian neighbors see all those sheep, what's going to happen?**

[15.] question [14.], **Why or why isn't it possible that God wanted this separation all along?**

[16.] v:34 again, loathsome, **Gen 43:32 mentioned another Egyptian "hang up". What was it?**