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#17, Goshen – Gen 47:1-31

16 And He called for a famine upon the land;  
He broke the whole staff of bread.  
17 He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
18 They afflicted his feet with fetters,  
He himself was laid in irons;  
19 Until the time that his word came to pass,  
The word of the Lord tested him.  
20 The king sent and released him,  
The ruler of peoples, and set him free.  
21 He made him lord of his house  
And ruler over all his possessions,  
22 To imprison his princes at will,  
That he might teach his elders wisdom.  
23 Israel also came into Egypt;  
Thus Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

Ps 105:16-23

OK, first we need to unload these U-hauls. How did we collect all this stuff any way? I wonder if other people have this problem? We're just going to have to have some yard sales. And look at these idols that Rachel had. I've seen a ton of them in every village. Oh well, let's put all this excess in storage facilities for the kids. I know they'll just love to have these things! We also need to get feed for the animals. I think that's it! Oh yes, we also have meet Pharaoh.

### Genesis chapter 47

1 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of Goshen." 2 He took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh.

[1.] v:1-2, five men, We don't know which five he chose, but how do you think Joseph made the choice?

[2.] question [1.] In your congregation, how do you choose people to accomplish certain jobs?

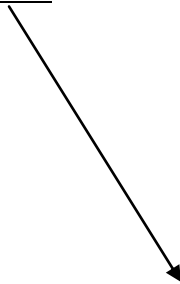
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3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" So they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers."  
4 They said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now, therefore, please let your servants live in the land of Goshen." 5 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 "The land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."

7 Then Joseph brought his father Jacob and presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.



Jacob blessed Pharaoh. \*OT1288, a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God (as an act of adoration), and (vice-versa) man (as a benefit);

8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many years have you lived?"

[3.] v:3-5, What is your occupation? From the following, select Pharaoh's probable reaction to the boys answer.

- a) Shepherds! that's a good skill!
- b) Shepherders! Oh brother, that's all I need!
- c) Sheep! just keep those things in Goshen!
- d) Sheep, this could be a new opportunity for us!

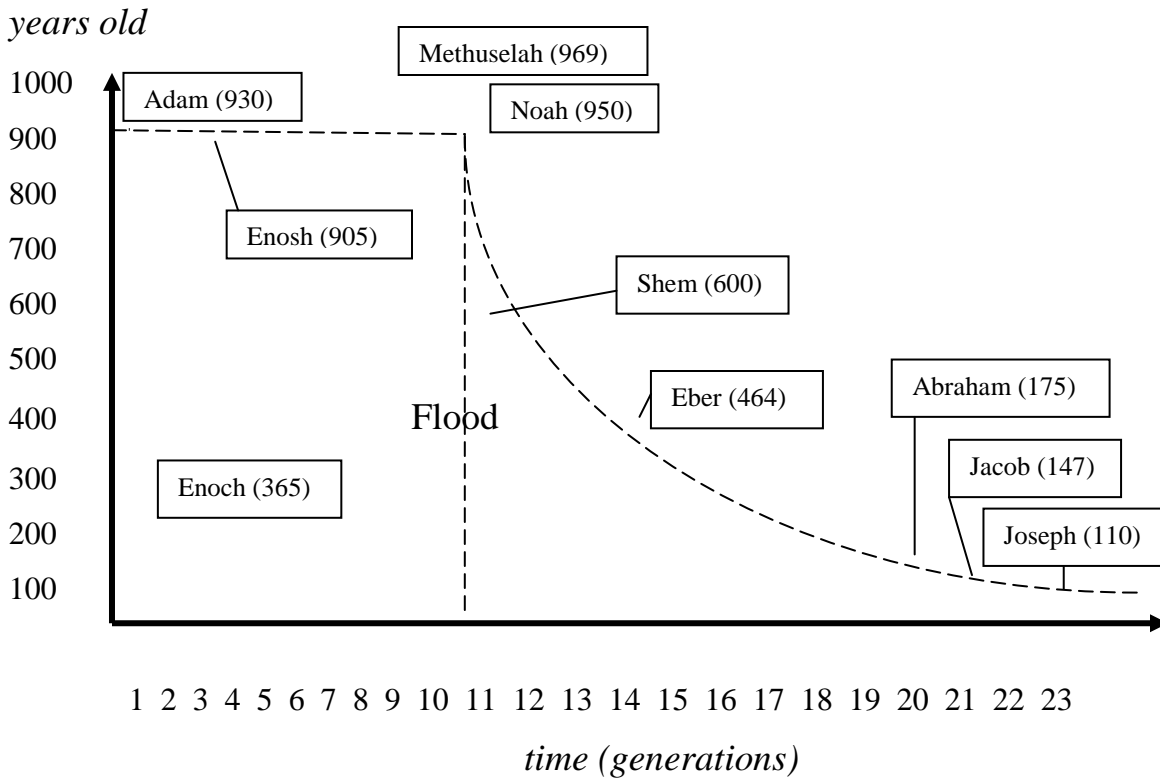
[4.] v:6, any capable men, Pharaoh probably had a small army looking after his animals. Where was he going with this offer?

[5.] v:7 & 10, It was nice but, why might Jacob bless Pharaoh?

[6.] v:8, How many years have you lived? If you were Pharaoh, other than Jacob's age, what else might you be curious about?

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9 So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my sojourning (**pilgrimage**) are one hundred and thirty; few and unpleasant have been the years of my life, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning (**pilgrimage**)." 10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from his presence.

**sojourning, (pilgrimage)**  
 \*OT4033 a temporary abode

[7.] v:9-10, nor have they attained the years that my fathers lived, **Looking at the graph, what did Jacob mean?**

[8.] question [7.], pilgrim, Are any others in scripture referred to as pilgrims, NT(3927) an alien alongside (hint: Heb. 11:13, I Pet 2:11)?

[9.] question [8.], What do these have in common?

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11 So Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had ordered.

12 Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to their little ones.

[10] v:11, best of the land, What's another name for the land of Goshen?

[11.] v:12, Joseph provided, Review Gen 41:56 and describe the difference Joseph used in feeding Egypt and in feeding his family.

Back in Genesis 45:11 we read that there was still five more years of famine to go. With the call to Jacob and the family plus their move to Goshen there was still probably about four more years of famine left. Now Joseph deals with the remainder of the time.

13 Now there was no food in all the land, because the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine. 14 Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 When the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone." 16 Then Joseph said, "Give up your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock, since your money is gone." 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and the flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left for my lord except our bodies and our lands. 19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

[12.] v:13-14, brought the money, Where did Joseph get all the money that he brought to Pharaoh's house?

[13.] v:15-17, money was all spent, What did Egypt and the land of Canaan then use to purchase food?

[14.] question [13.], Who did Joseph know that could look after livestock?

[15.] v:18-19, There is nothing left, What did Egypt and Canaan then sell to purchase food?

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20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's. 21 As for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of Egypt's border to the other.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for Pharaoh; now, here is seed for you, and you may sow the land.

24 " At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones." 25 So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

26 Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's.

27 Now Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and were fruitful and became very numerous.

[16.] v:20-21, to the cities, To what cities do you think Joseph moved the people (Gen 41:48)?

[17.] v:22 and Gen 41:50, the land of the priests, If Joseph were in some way related to the priests, how would that work out for him?

[18.] v:23, sow the land, What conclusion might we now have regarding the famine?

[19.] v:24-25 and Gen 41:34, At the harvest, Why was the four-fifths one-fifth plan OK with the Egyptians?

[20.] v:26, statute concerning the land, Who was exempt from this plan?

[21.] v:27, Now Israel lived, How come Israel didn't also end up penniless, living in ghettos and sharecropping with the rest of the population?

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28 Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. 29 When the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Please, if I have found favor in your sight, place now your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt, 30 but when I lie down with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said." 31 He said, "Swear to me." So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.

[22] v:28-31, deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. **What did Jacob want Joseph to promise him?**

