


From Famine to Feasting

Genesis 46-47 // April 30, 2023



... BUT GOD

the life of *Joseph*

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What's one habit you wish you could either break or adopt with ease?



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

GROW IN THE WORD

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



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With God's blessing, Jacob and his family left the promised land for Egypt to escape the famine and reunite with Joseph. The author listed all of Jacob's descendants who went with him, which included his sons and their families. The total number who went to Egypt was 70 (46:1-27).

- What stands out to you about the way Jacob left the promised land to escape the famine? Compare his flight to Egypt with Abraham's in Genesis 12:10-13.
- How do God's words to Jacob in verses 3-4 connect with His earlier promises to Jacob's grandfather Abraham? See Genesis 17:1-8.
- In what ways does God's faithfulness to keep His promises encourage you in your own journey of faith?

Jacob tearfully reunited with his son Joseph after many years apart. Joseph presented his family as shepherds to Pharaoh and asked if they could settle in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh met the family and granted Joseph's request. Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and the Israelites thrived in Egypt (46:28-47:12).

- What thoughts or feelings arise as you read about Jacob and Joseph's reunion?
- What did Joseph emphasize when he prepared his family to speak before Pharaoh? In other words, what might he have been afraid they might do before Pharaoh? See the end of verse 34 and consider their family history.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What lessons can you learn about a family's cycle of sin, and Joseph's choice to deal honestly with Pharaoh? For further study, see Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18; 26:1-11; 27:1-29; 37:12-36.

The famine continued, and Egyptians and Canaanites alike ran out of money for grain. Joseph created a system to allow those in need to exchange livestock and servitude for provision and protection. Pharaoh prospered and the people were saved. Nearing death, Jacob asked Joseph to bury him back in the promised land (47:13-31).

- In what ways can you learn from Joseph's example of finding solutions to problems affecting his community and working for their good?
- Why do you think it was important to Jacob to be buried in Canaan with his fathers?
- What's your biggest takeaway from these chapters?

UPCOMING
EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, May 3 | 7 - 8 pm | 410 Campus

Join us as we close out the spring semester with a time of worship, prayer, & praise. All ages are invited & childcare is not available. Learn more online or in the app.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4 | Locations & Times Vary

We invite you to join us at one or both community prayer events listed on our website & app as we take time to pray for our nation, city, families, & communities.