

## Genesis 46-48

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### Genesis 46

#### Jacob's Journey to Egypt

<sup>1</sup> So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. <sup>2</sup> Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>3</sup> So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. <sup>4</sup> I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*; and Joseph will put his hand on your eyes."

<sup>5</sup> Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. <sup>6</sup> So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him. <sup>7</sup> His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

<sup>8</sup> Now these *were* the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben *was* Jacob's firstborn. <sup>9</sup> The sons of Reuben *were* Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. <sup>10</sup> The sons of Simeon *were* Jemuel, <sup>[a]</sup> Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, <sup>[b]</sup> Zohar, <sup>[c]</sup> and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. <sup>11</sup> The sons of Levi *were* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>12</sup> The sons of Judah *were* Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez *were* Hezron and Hamul. <sup>13</sup> The sons of Issachar *were* Tola, Puvah, <sup>[d]</sup> Job, <sup>[e]</sup> and Shimron. <sup>14</sup> The sons of Zebulun *were* Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. <sup>15</sup> These *were* the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the persons, his sons and his daughters, *were* thirty-three.

<sup>16</sup> The sons of Gad *were* Ziphion, <sup>[f]</sup> Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, <sup>[g]</sup> Eri, Arodi, <sup>[h]</sup> and Areli. <sup>17</sup> The sons of Asher *were* Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister. And the sons of Beriah *were* Heber and Malchiel. <sup>18</sup> These *were* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and these she bore to Jacob: sixteen persons.

<sup>19</sup> The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, *were* Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>20</sup> And to Joseph in the land of Egypt *were* born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. <sup>21</sup> The sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, <sup>[i]</sup> and Ard. <sup>22</sup> These *were* the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: fourteen persons in all.

<sup>23</sup> The son of Dan *was* Hushim. <sup>[j]</sup> <sup>24</sup> The sons of Naphtali *were* Jahzeel, <sup>[k]</sup> Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. <sup>[l]</sup> <sup>25</sup> These *were* the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob: seven persons in all.

<sup>26</sup> All the persons who went with Jacob to Egypt, who came from his body, besides Jacob's sons' wives, *were* sixty-six persons in all. <sup>27</sup> And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt *were* two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt *were* seventy.

## Jacob Settles in Goshen

<sup>28</sup> Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him *the way* to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. <sup>29</sup> So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

<sup>30</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you *are* still alive.”

<sup>31</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘My brothers and those of my father’s house, who *were* in the land of Canaan, have come to me.

<sup>32</sup> And the men *are* shepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.’ <sup>33</sup> So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation?’ <sup>34</sup> that you shall say, ‘Your servants’ occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we *and* also our fathers,’ that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination to the Egyptians.”

## Genesis 47

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph went and told Pharaoh, and said, “My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; and indeed they *are* in the land of Goshen.” <sup>2</sup> And he took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. <sup>3</sup> Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What *is* your occupation?”

And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants *are* shepherds, both we *and* also our fathers.” <sup>4</sup> And they said to Pharaoh, “We have come to dwell in the land, because your servants have no pasture for their flocks, for the famine *is* severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. <sup>6</sup> The land of Egypt *is* before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know *any* competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How old *are* you?”

<sup>9</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.” <sup>10</sup> So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

<sup>11</sup> And Joseph situated 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 commanded. <sup>12</sup> Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with bread, according to the number in *their* families.

## Joseph Deals with the Famine

<sup>13</sup> Now *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine. <sup>14</sup> And Joseph gathered up 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.

<sup>15</sup> So when the money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed."

<sup>16</sup> Then Joseph said, "Give your livestock, and I will give you *bread* for your livestock, if the money is gone." <sup>17</sup> So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the horses, the flocks, the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread *in exchange* for all their livestock that year.

<sup>18</sup> When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands. <sup>19</sup> Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants of Pharaoh; give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land may not be desolate."

<sup>20</sup> Then Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. So the land became Pharaoh's. <sup>21</sup> And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, <sup>[m]</sup> from *one* end of the borders of Egypt to the *other* end. <sup>22</sup> Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had rations *allotted to them* by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

<sup>23</sup> Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land. <sup>24</sup> And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

<sup>25</sup> So they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants." <sup>26</sup> And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

### **Joseph's Vow to Jacob**

<sup>27</sup> So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions there and grew and multiplied exceedingly. <sup>28</sup> And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years. <sup>29</sup> When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, <sup>30</sup> but let me lie 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."

<sup>31</sup> Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed.

## **Genesis 48**

### **Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father *is* sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>2</sup> And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed. <sup>3</sup> Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, <sup>4</sup> and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you *as* an everlasting possession.' <sup>5</sup> And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, *are* mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. <sup>6</sup> Your offspring whom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. <sup>7</sup> But as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, when *there was* but a little distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

<sup>8</sup> Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who *are* these?"

<sup>9</sup> Joseph said to his father, "They *are* my sons, whom God has given me in this *place*."

And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." <sup>10</sup> Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, *so that* he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. <sup>11</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"

<sup>12</sup> So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. <sup>13</sup> And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near him. <sup>14</sup> Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid *it* on Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. <sup>15</sup> And he blessed Joseph, and said:

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,  
The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,

<sup>16</sup> The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,  
Bless the lads;  
Let my name be named upon them,  
And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;  
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

<sup>18</sup> And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this *one is* the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."

<sup>19</sup> But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

<sup>20</sup> So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

<sup>21</sup> Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers. <sup>22</sup> Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

## Matthew 13:1-30

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### Matthew 13

#### The Parable of the Sower

<sup>1</sup> On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

<sup>3</sup> Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

#### The Purpose of Parables

<sup>10</sup> And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

<sup>11</sup> He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup> For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup> And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

*'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,  
And seeing you will see and not perceive;*

<sup>15</sup> *For the hearts of this people have grown dull.*

*Their ears are hard of hearing,*

*And their eyes they have closed,*

*Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,*

*Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,*

*So that I should <sup>[a]</sup>heal them. <sup>[b]</sup>*

<sup>16</sup> But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; <sup>17</sup> for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

<sup>18</sup> “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. <sup>20</sup> But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. <sup>22</sup> Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

### **The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares**

<sup>24</sup> Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. <sup>27</sup> So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”