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## God Tests Abraham's Faith

Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:17-19

**Memory verse:** "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah (Moh reye uh), and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!"

And he said, "Here I am, my son."

He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter (kill) his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket (thick bushes) by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place,

“The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

The book of Hebrews adds, “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him (Isaac) from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Lessons to Learn:** God was testing Abraham’s faith.

Abraham immediately went to do exactly what God told him to do.

Abraham was going to offer Isaac up, believing that God could raise him from the dead to keep His promise.

Abraham believed that God would provide an animal for the offering.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God spoke to Abraham to tell him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. After three days, Abraham left the two young men and he and Isaac went toward the mountain by themselves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Isaac was still a baby or little boy in this lesson. (Think about what Isaac said and did.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Abraham knew the God had the power to raise a man from the dead.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Isaac obeyed Abraham and let him tie him up and put him on the altar.

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**Short Answer:**

6. When did Abraham leave to do what God told him to do? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who went on the trip with Abraham?  
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8. When Abraham and Isaac went to the mountain, what did Isaac carry?  
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9. When Isaac asked where the lamb was, Abraham answered, \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. After Abraham tied Isaac up and laid him on the altar, he took his  
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11. What did God provide for the offering?  
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**Remember this:**

12. God tested Abraham, and after Abraham obeyed Him, He said, “now I know that you \_\_\_\_\_, seeing you have not withheld your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_, from Me.”

13. Circle the things that made this commandment of God hard to obey.

**Abraham loved Isaac.**

**Isaac was the promised son.**

**God had promised Abraham children like the sands of the sea through Isaac.**

**Since Ishmael had gone away, Isaac was the only son Abraham had.**

14. Abraham had so much faith in God that “He considered that God was able even to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.”
15. What in this lesson shows us that Isaac was obedient to his father and that Isaac had faith in God, too? \_\_\_\_\_
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## 2

# Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24

**Memory verse:** “Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah...and she became his wife, and he loved her.” Genesis 24:67

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, “...swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred (relatives), and take a wife for my son Isaac.”

Abraham said ...The Lord, the God of heaven, ... will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there... So the servant... swore to him concerning this matter.

Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. And he said, “O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham... Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master.”

Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, (the granddaughter of) Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. The young woman was very attractive in appearance...She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water to drink from your jar.” She said, “Drink, my lord.” And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.” So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw

water, and she drew for all his camels. The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the Lord had prospered his journey or not.

When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring ...and two bracelets for her arms ...and said, "Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel..." She added, "We have plenty of both straw and fodder (hay or dry food for the camels), and room to spend the night." The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord and said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His steadfast love and His faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." Then the young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things...

So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." (So the servant told them all about Abraham and his traveling to find a wife for Isaac. He told how Rebekah had done exactly what he had asked of God. The servant gave Rebekah and her family more gifts of silver, gold, and clothing. The family agreed to send Rebekah because all this had come from the Lord.

In the morning they asked Rebekah,) "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go." So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah...Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man... And Isaac went out to meditate (thick deeply) in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her.

**Lessons to learn:** Abraham's servant was wise to ask God to help him find a wife for Isaac.

Abraham was wise to want Isaac to marry someone of his people instead of the Canaanites who did not worship God.

God was taking care of His people.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Abraham told his servant that God would send His angel before him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Abraham's servant depended on his own wisdom to find a wife for Isaac.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Rebekah was kind and even did more than just giving the servant water to drink.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The servant worshipped God for helping him find a wife for Isaac.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Rebekah wanted to wait awhile before she left her family and went with the servant.

**Short Answer:**

6. What did the servant ask God for the woman at well to answer him?

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7. When Rebekah gave the servant and his camels water, he "gazed at her in

\_\_\_\_\_ to learn whether the \_\_\_\_\_ had

\_\_\_\_\_ his journey or not." (made it successful)

8. Rebekah and her family agreed to send Rebekah with the servant because

this thing was from \_\_\_\_\_.

9. What gifts did the servant give to Rebekah and her family? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What did Isaac do with Rebekah when she got to the place he lived? "

Then Isaac brought her into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his

mother ...and she became his \_\_\_\_\_, and he \_\_\_\_\_ her."

**Remember this:**

11. Just like the servant, we should always ask \_\_\_\_\_ to help us first.
12. How was Rebekah’s family hospitable (friendly and welcoming) to the servant? List the things they did for him.
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- \_\_\_\_\_

13. The servant thanked God saying, ““Blessed be the \_\_\_\_\_, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ toward my master. As for me, the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to the house of my master's kinsmen.”

14. What was the most important thing about looking for a good wife for Isaac? Circle the right answer.

**She was good looking.**

**She was helpful.**

**She was part of Abraham’s family and knew about God.**





### 3

## Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25

**Memory verse:** “So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.”  
Genesis 25:33

(Abraham died when he was 175 years old), an old man and full of years... Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah in... the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son...

Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah,... to be his wife. And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren (could not have children). And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived (became pregnant). The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of (ask) the Lord.

And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.”

When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling (living) in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game (hunted animals), but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted (very tired). And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom-Red)

Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” (A birthright is the right of the oldest child to inherit the things his father owns.)

Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his

birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**Lessons to Learn:** Before they were born, God already knew what would happen to Jacob and Esau.

When Isaac and Rebekah wanted something, they prayed to God.

Isaac and Rebekah were not wise when they each loved one son more than the other.

Esau did not value his birthright like he should have. A birthright was much more valuable than a meal.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Isaac and Rebekah had many children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob and Esau were twins.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God said that Jacob would serve Esau.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Esau was really about to die when he sold his birthright to Jacob for a meal.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. How old was Abraham when he died? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Where was Abraham buried? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. When Rebekah could not have children, what did Isaac do? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Why did Rebekah feel struggling and why did she wonder what was happening to her? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How was Esau described when he was born? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remember this:**

11. Isaac loved \_\_\_\_\_ because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Esau was very \_\_\_\_\_ but he exaggerated and said that he was about to \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Esau sold his birthright for a meal of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Both Isaac and Rebekah \_\_\_\_\_ when they had a problem or a question.

15. After Abraham died, who did God bless? \_\_\_\_\_



## 4

# Isaac and Abimelech

Genesis 26: 1-11

**Memory verse:** “In your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 26:4

Now there was a famine (shortage of food) in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. And the Lord appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

So Isaac settled in Gerar. When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” for he feared to say, “My wife,” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,” because she was attractive in appearance. When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. So Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, ‘She is my sister?’”

Isaac said to him, “Because I thought, ‘Lest I die because of her.’”

Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

**Lessons to Learn:** Isaac did the same thing his father Abraham did.

There was no truth in what Isaac said.

God promised to bless Isaac, and Isaac should have trusted God to protect him.

Abimelech could tell that Isaac and Rebekah were husband and wife by the way they were acting together.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. This was the first famine that we read about in the Bible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God told Isaac to go to Egypt during the famine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God promised to bless Isaac like he had blessed Abraham.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Abimelech knew that it would be wrong to take Isaac's wife.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Isaac lied because he was afraid.

**Short Answer:**

6. Gerar was in the land of the \_\_\_\_\_

7. Fill in the blanks to show that God promised Isaac the same thing that he promised Abraham.

**“I will multiply your \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and will give to your offspring all these  
\_\_\_\_\_. And in your offspring all the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”**

8. What had Abraham done that would cause all the nations of the earth to be blessed?

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9. Isaac lied because he was afraid. Of what was he afraid? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How did Abimelech find out that Rebekah was Isaac's wife?  
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**Remember this:**

11. Abimelech said that Isaac could have caused one of Abimelech's men to do something wrong with Rebekah. Are we responsible if we cause someone else to sin?

12. Read Romans 14: 13 and fill in the blanks.

**“Decide never to put a \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of a brother.”**

13. Read Proverbs 12: 22 and fill in the blanks.

**“ \_\_\_\_\_ lips are an \_\_\_\_\_  
(something that causes disgust) to the Lord.”**

14. Circle the correct answer(s). When is it O.K. to lie?

**When you might get in trouble if you tell the truth.**

**When you are protecting someone. Never**

**When you don't want to hurt someone's feelings.**

**When you are afraid. When you tell part of the truth.**

**When the truth seems hard.**

**When you want to seem better than you really are.**

## 5

# God Blesses Isaac

Genesis 26: 12-33

**Memory verse:** “Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring.” Genesis 26: 24

And Isaac sowed (planted seeds) in that land and reaped (harvested the crops) in the same year a hundredfold (a hundred times what he had sown). The Lord blessed him, and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.) And Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.”

So Isaac departed (left) from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped (plugged) after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled (argued) with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, “The water is ours.” So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended (argued) with him. Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, “For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

From there he went up to Beersheba. And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.” So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?”

They said, “We see plainly that the Lord has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact (agreement, treaty) between us, between you

and us, and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.”

So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths (promised). And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, “We have found water.” He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

**Lessons to Learn:** God greatly blessed Isaac with crops, flocks, herds and servants.

Abimelech and people around Isaac knew that God was blessing Isaac. Abimelech and Isaac made a covenant for peace with each other.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Isaac harvested a hundred times as much crops as he had planted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Philistines were happy for Isaac doing so well.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Issac gave new names to the wells that Abraham had dug before the Philistines had plugged them up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The herdsmen of Gerar argued with Isaac’s herdsmen over two wells.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Isaac said that Abimelech hated him.

**Short Answer:**

6. With what did God bless Isaac? Four things are mentioned in the lesson.

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7. What feeling did the Philistines have toward Isaac? Why?

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8. Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Why did Isaac have to dig Abraham's wells again? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Isaac named one well Rehoboth, saying, "For now the \_\_\_\_\_ has  
made \_\_\_\_\_ for us, and we shall be \_\_\_\_\_  
in the land."

**Remember this:**

11. Name some ways that God was blessing Isaac. \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Read James 3: 16 and fill in the blanks to see what God thinks about  
envy. I have used the King James Version for this verse.

**"For where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is,  
there is \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_  
work."**

13. Abimelech and his people could see that God was with Isaac. People  
should be able to see that we believe in God, too. List several ways  
that you show that you believe in and love God.

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## 6

### Isaac Blesses Jacob

Genesis 26:34-35; 27: 1-

**Memory verse:** “Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers...” Genesis 27:29

When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.”

He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau,...Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.”

But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking (laughing at) him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.”

His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.” So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”

Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me."

But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?"

He answered, "Because the Lord your God granted me success."

Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?"

He answered, "I am."

Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him...

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me."

His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed."

As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

But he said, "Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing."... Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?"

Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "...By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother;..."

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.” But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft (deprived) of you both in one day?”

Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe (hate) my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

**Lessons to Learn:** Isaac was near to death and could not see. Rebekah and Jacob tricked Isaac so that he gave Jacob the blessing that belonged to the older son.

Remember that Esau had sold his birthright to Isaac.

Jacob lied to Isaac in addition to tricking him.

There were several bad consequences of Rebekah and Jacob’s sins.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Esau married wives from the Hittites that lived in Canaan; and (because they did not worship God), they made Isaac and Rebekah’s life bitter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob came to Rebekah with a way to get the blessing from Isaac.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob had to obey his mother and trick Isaac.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Esau planned to kill Jacob after Isaac died. (the days of mourning)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Rebekah didn’t want Jacob to marry a Hittite woman.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. What did Isaac want Esau to do for him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Who was listening to Isaac and Esau? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why was Jacob afraid that Isaac might feel him? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What things did Rebekah give to Jacob so that Isaac would think Jacob was really Esau? You should find three in the lesson.

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10. Where did Rebekah send Jacob to keep him away from Esau?

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**Remember this:**

11. Did Esau pick his wives carefully (like God would want)? How do you know?

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12. Think about each person in this lesson, and tell if they did the right thing or not.

Isaac \_\_\_\_\_

Rebakah \_\_\_\_\_

Esau \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob \_\_\_\_\_

13. Tell some bad consequences of the sins in this lesson. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7

# Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22

**Memory verse:** “I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land.” Genesis 28:15

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. Arise, go to Paddan-aram (PAD-an-AY-ram) to the house of Bethuel (Beth-yew'-el) your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings (temporary stay) that God gave to Abraham!” Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean (ar-uh-mee-uh n), the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

Jacob left Beersheba (bir- ' shē-buh) and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! (going up and down) And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring (children). Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the

name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that You give me I will give a full tenth to You."

**Lessons to Learn:** Isaac and Rebekah wanted Jacob to marry a woman from Rebekah's family rather than one from the ungodly (evil) people in the land of Canaan.

God blessed Jacob with the same blessing which He had given to Abraham and Isaac.

God promised to be with Jacob.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Isaac blessed Jacob and said, "May He (God) give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob slept on a nice, comfortable bed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God said that Jacob's children would be like the dust of the earth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The place where Jacob stopped wasn't special to Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob promised to give a tenth of all God gave him back to God.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. Isaac said that God would bless Jacob so that he could take possession of (own and live in) the land that God gave to \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What did Jacob use as a pillow? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. What did Jacob see going up and down on the ladder between earth and heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

9. There are two things about God's blessing of Jacob that are the same as His blessing of Abraham.

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will give to you and to your offspring” AND  
“in you and your offspring shall all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.”

10. What did Jacob do with the stone that he had used as a pillow?

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**Remember this:**

11. God told Jacob, ““I am the \_\_\_\_\_, the God of \_\_\_\_\_  
your father and the God of \_\_\_\_\_.”

12. God promised Jacob, “Behold, I am \_\_\_\_\_ and will  
\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ you go, and will  
bring you back to \_\_\_\_\_ . For I will not  
\_\_\_\_\_ you until I have done what I \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ you.”

13. When Jacob woke up, what did he say? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Find Beersheba where Jacob started his journey, and then find Bethel where Jacob had his dream. Circle them.



## 8

# Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

Genesis 29:1-30

**Memory verse:** “Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.”  
Genesis 29:20

Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.

Jacob said to them, “My brothers, where do you come from?”

They said, “We are from Haran.”

He said to them, “Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?”

They said, “We know him.”

He said to them, “Is it well with him?”

They said, “It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!”

He said, “Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them.”

But they said, “We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.”

While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman (relative), and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said to him, “Surely you are my bone and my flesh!” And he stayed with him a month.

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now

Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her... And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"

Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife... So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob was happy to find his mother's family, and they were happy to see Jacob.

Because Jacob loved Rachel the seven years of work seemed like just a few days.

Laban did not keep his promise to Jacob. Then he made up an excuse for why he tricked to Jacob.

Jacob did not know he had married Leah until the morning because women used veils to cover their faces.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Rachel was a shepherdess.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Laban was being fair to Jacob when he asked Jacob what wages he wanted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob loved Leah because of her beautiful eyes.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob didn't know that Laban had deceived (tricked) him until the next morning.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob worked fourteen years for Rachel.

**Short Answer:**

6. What did all the shepherds wait for at the well? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Who opened the well and watered Laban's sheepon this day? \_\_\_\_\_

8. When Laban met Jacob he \_\_\_\_\_ him and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ him and brought him \_\_\_\_\_.

9. What did Jacob ask for as wages (pay) from Laban?

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10. How does the Bible describe Leah? \_\_\_\_\_

11. How is Rachel described? \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

12. Why did the seven years of working for Rachel seem short to Jacob?

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13. What excuse did Laban give Jacob for tricking him? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. At this time God allowed men to have more than one wife even though that was not what he wanted. Read Genesis 2: 24 and fill in the blanks.

“Therefore a \_\_\_\_\_ shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his \_\_\_\_\_”

## 9

# Jacob's Children

Genesis 29: 31-35, 30:1-24

**Memory verse:** “Children are a heritage from the Lord,... a reward from him.” Psalm 127:3

When the Lord saw that Leah was loved less (than Rachel), he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. (Leah could have children, and Rachel could not.) And Leah conceived (became pregnant) and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, “Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.” She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon. Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levi. And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing (having children).

When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, “Give me children, or I shall die!” Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?” Then she said, “Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her.” So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, ..and Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. Then Rachel said, “God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan. Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. Then Rachel said, “With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed (won).” So she called his name Naphtali.

When Leah saw that she had ceased (stopped) bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. And Leah said, “Good fortune has come!” so she called his name Gad. Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. And Leah said, “Happy am I! For women have called me happy.” So she called his name Asher.

In the days of wheat harvest ... When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, ... So he (did) ... And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. Leah said, "God has given me my wages (pay) because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar. And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb (God made her able to have children). She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another son!" (Later, Rachel had another son who was named Benjamin.)

**Lessons to Learn:** One of the consequences of people not obeying God's law for one man and one wife was that Jacob's wives competed with each other for Jacob's love and for children.

It is important to know Jacob's sons because the twelve tribes of Israel will come from them.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. God helped Leah have children because Jacob didn't love her as much as he loved Rachel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. "Barren" means "not able to have children."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. When Leah had a son, she thought that would make Jacob love her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Giving their servants to Jacob to be his wives too was what God wanted for marriage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God was in control of Leah and Rachel's ability to have children.

**Short Answer:**

6. How many children did Jacob have? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many daughters did Jacob have, and what was her name(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How did Rachel feel when Leah had children and she did not have children?

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9. Rachel and Leah both came up with their own plans to have children. What did they do?

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10. Write the children's names under the correct mother.  
Rueben   Simeon   Levi   Judah   Dan   Naphtali   Gad   Asher  
Issachar   Zebulun   Joseph   Benjamin   Dinah

**Leah**

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**Rachel**

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**Bilhah**

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**Zilpah**

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**Remember this:**

11. Would Rachel, Leah, and Jacob have had a much easier and happier life if each of the women had her own husband and her own family? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and fill in the blanks.

“For My \_\_\_\_\_ are not your \_\_\_\_\_,  
neither are your \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_, declares  
the \_\_\_\_\_. For as the \_\_\_\_\_ are  
higher than the \_\_\_\_\_, so are My ways \_\_\_\_\_  
than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

13. Practice and memorize the sons of Jacob. You may wish to sing the song to help you. (to the tune of Ten Little Indians)





# 10

## God Blesses Jacob With Flocks

Genesis 30:25-43, 31:7-9

**Memory verse:** “I have learned...that the Lord has blessed me because of you.” Genesis 30:27

As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, “Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you.”

But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned...that the Lord has blessed me because of you. Name your wages (pay), and I will give it.”

Jacob said to him, “You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?”

He said, “What shall I give you?”

Jacob said, “You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen.”

Laban said, “Good! Let it be as you have said.” But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the

flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves (flocks) apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, but for the feebler (weaker) of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

(Later Jacob said,) “Your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not permit him to harm me. If he said, ‘The spotted shall be your wages,’ then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, ‘The striped shall be your wages,’ then all the flock bore striped. Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.”

**Lessons to Learn:** Laban wanted Jacob to stay with him because he knew that God had blessed him while Jacob lived with him.

Laban tried to keep Jacob from getting the striped, speckled, and spotted sheep and goats for which Jacob asked by moving all the colored animals far away from Jacob.

Even though Jacob was doing things to try to cause the animals to give birth to striped, speckled, and spotted babies, it was God who caused the colors.

God was continuing to bless Jacob –as He had promised.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Laban said that God had blessed him because of Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob said that he would pasture Laban’s sheep and goats and take the white animals for himself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Laban was acting honestly with Jacob now even though he had tricked him before.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob’s flocks grew large because God was with Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Even if Laban changed the color of animals that he would give as pay (wages) to Jacob, the flocks would have babies of the right color for Jacob.

**Short Answer:**

6. Where did Jacob want to go? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Fill in the blanks to find out how Laban was blessed by God through Jacob.

**“For you had \_\_\_\_\_ before I came, and it has  
\_\_\_\_\_ abundantly, and the \_\_\_\_\_ has  
\_\_\_\_\_ you wherever I turned.”**

8. Did Laban agree with Jacob’s plan to be paid with part of the flocks?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did he really mean to be agreeable? How do you  
know? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Laban put a large distance between the flocks his sons watched and the flocks that Jacob watched. That was so that the white animals would

not have babies with the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

10. What did Jacob put in front of the flocks to try to make them have

babies of the color that he wanted? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. What kind of man has Laban proved to be? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How many times had Laban cheated Jacob and changed his wages (pay)? \_\_\_\_\_

13. When God takes care of His people, does that sometimes bless other people as well? \_\_\_\_\_ (Think about Joseph in Egypt, Jonah on a ship, and Paul shipwrecked on the way to Rome.)

14. Fill in the blanks to show how God blessed Jacob.

**“Thus the man increased greatly and had large \_\_\_\_\_,  
female \_\_\_\_\_ and male \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”**

15. Jacob did not mistreat Laban even though Laban mistreated him. Tell what you should do when someone mistreats you.

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speckled  
spotted  
streaked

# 11

## Jacob Leaves Laban

Genesis 31:1-55

**Memory verse:** ““The Lord watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight.” Genesis 31:49

Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, “Jacob has taken all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has gained all this wealth.” And Jacob saw that Laban did not regard him with favor as before. Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Return to the land of your fathers and to your kindred, and I will be with you.”

So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field ...”You know that I have served your father with all my strength, yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times...

“The angel of God said to me in the dream, ‘Jacob,’ and I said, ‘Here I am!’...

‘I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred (family).’”

Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, “Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? Are we not regarded by him as foreigners?... All the wealth that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do.”

So Jacob arose and set his sons and his wives on camels. He drove away all his livestock, all his property that he had gained,... to go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac. Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father's household gods (idols). And Jacob tricked Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he intended to flee (run away). He fled with all that he had and arose and crossed the Euphrates(River) and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.

When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, he took his kinsmen with him and pursued (chased) him for seven days and followed close after him into the hill country of Gilead. But God came to Laban... in a dream by night and said to him, “Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.”

And Laban overtook Jacob...And Laban said to Jacob, “What have

you done, that you have tricked me... Why did you flee secretly and trick me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with mirth and songs, with tambourine and lyre? And why did you not permit me to kiss my sons and my daughters farewell? Now you have done foolishly. It is in my power to do you harm. But the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.' And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but why did you steal my gods?" (Laban hunted for the idols among Jacob's group, but Rachel hid them where he did not find them.

Jacob reminded Laban of all the good he had done for Laban.)... These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction (suffering) and the labor of my hands and rebuked (scolded or criticized) you last night."

Then Laban answered and said to Jacob,... "Come now, let us make a covenant (agreement), you and I. And let it be a witness between you and me." So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar. And Jacob said to his kinsmen, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, ...he named it Galeed, and Mizpah, for he said, "The Lord watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight... This heap is a witness (that we will do no harm to each other). The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us." So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac, and Jacob offered a sacrifice...

Early in the morning Laban arose and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned home.

**Lessons to Learn:** Laban and his sons saw how God made Jacob's flocks grow and they were envious and the sons accused Jacob of taking what was theirs.

God told Jacob to return to the land of Canaan where his family was.

Jacob and Laban made an agreement not to harm each other.

We do not know why Rachel took her father's idols, but it was wrong to take something that belonged to someone else, and it was wrong to have idols.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Laban's sons said Jacob had taken all that was their father's.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Rachel and Leah wanted to stay with Laban in their own country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. It took three days for Laban to discover that Jacob had left.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob thought that if God had not been on his side, Laban would have sent him away empty-handed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Laban found out that Rachel had taken the idols.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. Where did God tell Jacob to go? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Rachel and Leah said, "Whatever \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ to you, do."
- 8. How did Jacob trick Laban in this lesson? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. For how many days did Laban chase Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Why did Laban not say anything good or bad to Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Jacob set up one stone as a \_\_\_\_\_ and had men gather stones to make a \_\_\_\_\_ as a witness (memorial) of the agreement he and Laban made.

**Remember this:**

- 12. Laban and his sons did not have the right attitude toward Jacob. What attitude should they have had? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you think Laban would have let Jacob leave, if he had known that Jacob was going? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Jacob tricked Laban, but was his trick sinful? \_\_\_\_\_

15. There are several names for God in this lesson. Can you complete each one?

The L \_\_\_\_\_ The God of B \_\_\_\_\_

The God of your \_\_\_\_\_

The God of A \_\_\_\_\_ The God of \_\_\_\_\_

The F \_\_\_\_\_ of I \_\_\_\_\_





# 12

## Jacob Fears Esau

Genesis 32

**Memory verse:** ““Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel.”  
Genesis 32:28

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them he said, “This is God's camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim (may(')-huh-NAY-im).

And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother... instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned (stayed temporarily) with Laban and stayed until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’”

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”

So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. These he handed over to his servants, every drove (flock, herd) by itself, and said to his servants, “Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove.” He instructed the first, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, ‘To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And

whose are these ahead of you?' Then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.'" He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him (win him over) with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

**Lessons to Learn:** Remember that Esau had wanted to kill Jacob when Jacob received the blessing from his father Isaac. Jacob was planning how to travel and save at least part of his household if Esau was still angry with him. Jacob wanted peace with his brother so he sent him a large gift of animals.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob wanted Esau to be friendly with him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob was happy when he heard that Esau was coming to meet him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob was afraid that Esau would hurt his wives and children even though God had promised to do good to Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob sent the flocks or herds out with spaces between them so that he might be able to make Esau feel nicely toward him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob thought he was worthy of God's blessings.

**Short Answer:**

6. Jacob sent word to Esau – "I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What made Jacob afraid and distressed? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What did Jacob think that Esau might do? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How had Jacob's life changed since he travel to Laban? Fill in the blanks.  
"With only my \_\_\_\_\_ I crossed this \_\_\_\_\_,  
and now I have become \_\_\_\_\_."
10. What kind of gift did Jacob send to Esau? \_\_\_\_\_
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**Remember this:**

11. Why had Esau been angry with Jacob and why had he wanted to kill Jacob? Think back to lesson 6.  
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12. Jacob told God that he was not "worthy of the least of all the deeds of \_\_\_\_\_ and all the \_\_\_\_\_" God had shown him.
13. In God's promises to Jacob, to what had He compared the number of Jacob's children? "As the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, which cannot be numbered for multitude."
14. Jacob told his servants to call Esau "my \_\_\_\_\_" and call Jacob "your \_\_\_\_\_ . Jacob."
15. Be sure to be reviewing the sons of Jacob so that you know them from memory.

# 13

## Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32: Hosea 12:3-5

**Memory verse:** “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God ...and have prevailed.”  
(won) Genesis 32:28

The same night he (Jacob) arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children,... and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man (angel in form of man) wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.”

But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

And he said to him, “What is your name?”

And he said, “Jacob.”

Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven (fought or struggled) with God and with men, and have prevailed (won).”

Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.”

But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel (PEHN-ih-ehl), saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew (tissue connecting muscle to bone) of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

(Hosea 12:3-4 adds this about Jacob-)

"He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he struggled with God. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; he wept, and sought favor from Him." (Since Hosea said Jacob struggled with God, and he struggled with the Angel, many people believe that Jacob wrestled with God's messenger; and so, he wrestled with God. Maybe the angel was the special “Angel of the Lord” who speaks for God and calls himself God when he talks to people in the Bible.)

**Lessons to Learn:** God changed Jacob's name to Israel. From now on God's people will be called Israel or the children of Israel. The angel was speaking and acting for God.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob was alone when the "man" came to him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob and the angel wrestled until evening.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob's hip went out of joint when the angel touched it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob said, "Let me go, for the day has broken."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The "man" blessed Jacob.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. Where had Jacob sent his family? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Who was winning in the wrestling? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless \_\_\_\_\_"
- 9. What did the angel say when Jacob asked him what his name was?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Why did Jacob name the place Peniel? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Remember this:**

- 11. The angel said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for (because) \_\_\_\_\_"  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

13. What do we know about the Angel of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. We learn one more thing about Jacob on this night besides that he was winning the wrestling and he sought favor or a blessing from the angel. What else does Hosea add? \_\_\_\_\_



# 14

## Jacob and Esau Meet

Genesis 33

**Memory verse:** “Please accept my blessing...because God has dealt graciously with me.” Genesis 33:11

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

But Esau ran to meet him and embraced (hugged) him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.” Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down.

Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company that I met?”

Jacob answered, “To find favor in the sight of my lord.”

But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.”

Jacob said, “No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.” Thus he urged him, and he took it.

Then Esau said, “Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you.”

But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

So Esau said, “Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me.”

But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

And Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, ...and he camped before the city. And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent. There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel (God, the God of Israel).

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob was still afraid of Esau, but Esau met him with hugs and kisses like family should.

Jacob realized that his children were a blessing from God.

Jacob returned to the land of Canaan that God had promised him; but for now, he had to buy land on which to live.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob put the servants and their children in front of his wives and their children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Esau wanted to take all the presents that Jacob had sent ahead for him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. After they met, Jacob was VERY happy to see Esau.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob and Esau traveled on together.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob already owned the land of Canaan.

**Short Answer:**

6. Jacob was in front of his family when he went to meet Esau. What was he doing as he went? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Describe the meeting between Esau and Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_



8. Esau didn't want to take Jacob's presents because he \_\_\_\_\_

9. Jacob convinced Esau to take the gifts because God had \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and he had \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Why did Jacob need to travel more slowly than Esau? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Remember this:**

11. Had Esau forgiven Jacob for taking his birthright? How do you know?  
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12. What did Jacob tell Esau about his children? "The children whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. What city did Jacob live next to in Canaan? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Read Romans 12:10 and fill in the blanks.

**"Be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ one another \_\_\_\_\_  
yourselves."**



# 15

## God Blesses Jacob Again

Genesis 35

**Memory verse:** “The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and ...to your offspring after you.” Genesis 35:12

God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell (live) there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled (ran away) from your brother Esau.” So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.” So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

And as they journeyed, a terror (great fear) from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel (God of Bethel), because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth (oak of weeping).

God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So He called his name Israel. And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, “Do not fear,

for you have another son.” And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni (son of my sorrow); but his father called him Benjamin (son of my right hand). So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

And Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned. Now the days of Isaac were 180 years. And Isaac breathed his last, and he died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob made everyone get rid of their idols. Jacob knew that God had been with him wherever he went. God took care of Jacob’s household by making the people of Canaan afraid of Jacob. Rachel died while having her second son, Benjamin.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. All of Jacob’s household and those traveling with him worshipped only the true God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. God had appeared to Jacob at Bethel when he ran away from Esau.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. This is one of several times that God blessed Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ephrath was another name for Bethlehem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob and Rachel’s second son was named Joseph.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. Who told Jacob to go live in Bethel? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What three things did Jacob have his household do before he built an altar to God?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. How did the people of the cities of Canaan feel about Jacob?

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9. What did Jacob name the altar at Bethel? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What name did God use when He appeared to bless Jacob?

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**Remember this:**

11. God again states two ways He will bless Jacob. Fill in the blanks.

“A \_\_\_\_\_ and a company of \_\_\_\_\_ shall

come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. The

\_\_\_\_\_ that I gave to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

I will give to you, and I will give the \_\_\_\_\_ to your offspring after you.”

12. Where was Rachel buried? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What other important things do you remember about the place where

Rachel was buried? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Two people who Jacob loved died in this lesson. Who were they?

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15. Do you think Esau and Jacob were still treating each other well? What hint do you have from the lesson?

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# 16

## Joseph's Dreams

Genesis 37:1-11

**Memory verse:** “Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons,,  
...And he made him a robe of many colors. Genesis 37:3

Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings(where he lived temporarily), in the land of Canaan....

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives (The women servants who Rachel and Leah gave to Jacob as wives). And Joseph brought a bad report of them (the other sons) to their father.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. He said to them, “Hear this dream that I have dreamed: Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.”

His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, “Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked (scolded) him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?” And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob caused problems in his family by loving Joseph more than his other sons and treating him differently.  
When Joseph shared his dreams with his brothers, they hated him even more.

At this time God used dreams to tell people things.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob (Israel) was living in Canaan now.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Israel treated all his children with the same amount of love.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph's brothers could not even speak peacefully to him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph's brothers understood what Joseph's dream meant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Even Israel (Jacob) did not like what Joseph's dreams meant.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. How old was Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What did Joseph tell his father about his brothers who were with him watching the flocks? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. What did Israel give Joseph that showed he loved Joseph more than his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. What was Joseph's first dream? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10. What was Joseph's second dream? \_\_\_\_\_  
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continued

**Remember this:**

11. Who first caused the hatred between the brothers and Joseph?

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12. Even if we are treated unfairly, should we be jealous or hate a person who is treated better than we are? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Some people think that Joseph was bragging when he told his family about his dreams, but the Bible doesn't tell us that. He might have just been letting them know about his dreams that seemed to have messages for him and his family? What message did his brothers and father understand that the dreams were saying? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Match the things in Joseph's dream to the people for which they stood.

\_\_\_\_\_ **sun**

**1. Joseph's brother**

\_\_\_\_\_ **moon**

**2. Israel (Jacob)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **eleven stars**

**3. Joseph's mother**

15. Read James 3:16, fill in the blanks, and see what jealousy causes.

**“For where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**ambition exist, there is \_\_\_\_\_ and every \_\_\_\_\_ thing.”**



# 17

## Joseph is Sold by His Brothers

Genesis 37:12-35

**Memory verse:** “All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted.” Genesis 37: 35

Now his (Joseph’s) brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem (shek-uh m). And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.”

And he said to him, “Here I am.”

So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, “What are you seeking?”

“I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.”

And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired (made secret plans) against him to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him.



Then Midianite traders passed by. And they (the brothers) drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They (the Midianites) took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."

And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned (was sorrowful) for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol (place of the dead) to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

**Lessons to Learn:** Joseph's brothers were so full of hatred that they planned to kill him.

Rueben tried to save Joseph by having him put into the pit.

The brothers tricked (deceived) Israel by putting blood on Joseph's coat of many colors. They lied by what they did and by what they did not tell their father.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph's brothers were watching the flocks when Joseph went to see how they were.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Judah said that they should throw Joseph into the pit instead of killing him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph's brothers sold him to Egyptian traders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The brothers let Israel think that an animal had killed Joseph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Joseph was sold to an Egyptian captain of the guard.

**Short Answer:**

6. Did Joseph find his brothers at Shechem? \_\_\_\_\_ Where were they? \_\_\_\_\_

7. When his brothers saw him far away, what did they call him?  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What did the brothers first plan to do to Joseph? They said three things.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which brother kept the others from killing Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What did Judah suggest they do to Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. It sounds like Reuben had good intentions at first. The Bible says he meant to “rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.” But, did Reuben do the right thing in the end? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What did the brothers do to deceive (trick) Jacob into thinking that an animal killed Joseph?  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. The brothers pretended not to know if the coat belonged to Jacob. Was that a lie? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Many bad things happened in this lesson. Circle all the things that happened due to sin.

**Joseph obeyed Jacob and went to find his brothers.**

**His brothers planned to kill Joseph.**

**The brothers planned to tell Jacob that an animal killed Joseph.**

**Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt.**

**Reuben couldn't save Joseph from the pit.**

**Jacob was very sad.**

**The brothers deceived and lied to their father.**

15. Joseph's brothers sold him for twenty shekels of silver. Do you remember someone else who was "sold" or betrayed for 30 pieces of silver?



# 18

## Joseph and Potiphar's Wife

Genesis 39

**Memory verse:** "...the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed." Genesis 39:23

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended (served) him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying,

“The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house.”

As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled (stirred up). And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

**Lessons to Learn:** God was with Joseph, so everything he did turned out well.

Potiphar's wife was tempting Joseph to sin, but Joseph refused. When Potiphar's wife didn't get what she wanted, she lied about Joseph. Joseph was thrown in prison, but even there God was with him.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Potiphar could see that God was with Joseph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Potiphar didn't keep anything he had back from Joseph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God blessed Potiphar for Joseph's sake.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph came to Potiphar's wife but ran away when she cried out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Joseph was in charge of all the other prisoners.

**Short Answer:**

6. Why was Joseph successful in all he did in Potiphar's house? \_\_\_\_\_
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7. What job did Potiphar give Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. One day when Joseph came into the house, Potiphar's wife grabbed him by his garment (clothes). What did Joseph do?

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9. Fill in the blanks to complete what Joseph told Potiphar's wife.

**“How then can I do this great \_\_\_\_\_**

**and \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_?”**

10. Besides tempting Joseph, what else did Potiphar's wife do wrong?

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**Remember this:**

11. How well did Joseph do in Potiphar's house and in prison? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Read Genesis 39:21 and finish the sentence. “But the Lord was with

Joseph and showed him \_\_\_\_\_.”

It was constant, steady, and sure.

13. List the people who benefitted from God blessing Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Read James 4:7 and fill in the blanks.

“\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ from you.”

# 19

## Joseph Interprets Two Dreams

Genesis 40

**Memory verse:** “Only remember me, when it is well with you,  
and...mention me to Pharaoh.” Genesis 40:14

Some time after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense (a wrong) against their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody (in prison).

And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation (meaning). When Joseph came to them in the morning, he saw that they were troubled. So he asked Pharaoh's officers who were with him in custody in his master's house, “Why are your faces downcast (sad) today?”

They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.”

And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”

So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph and said to him, “In my dream there was a vine before me, and on the vine there were three branches. As soon as it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters ripened into grapes. Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand.”

Then Joseph said to him, “This is its interpretation: the three branches are three days. In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly (before), when you were his cupbearer. Only remember me, when it is well with you, and please do me the kindness to mention me to Pharaoh, and so get me out of this house. For I was indeed stolen out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing that they should put me into the pit.”

When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head, and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head."

And Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days. In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head - from you! - and hang you on a tree. And the birds will eat the flesh from you."

On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants and lifted up the head (made special notice) of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants. He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

**Lessons to Learn:** Joseph was able to interpret dreams with God's help. Joseph was in prison, but he had done nothing wrong. The chief cupbearer and the chief baker's dreams had very different interpretations.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph could tell the chief cupbearer and chief baker were troubled because of their faces.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The chief cupbearer and chief baker knew what their dreams meant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Each dream meant something was going to happen in three days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph interpreted the chief baker's dream first and the interpretation was good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The chief cupbearer was so grateful to Joseph that he remembered what Joseph asked him to do.

**Short Answer:**

6. Who were the men who had dreams in prison? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Joseph said, “Do not interpretations belong to \_\_\_\_\_?”

8. What did the three branches of the vine in the chief cupbearer’s dream mean?

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9. What would happen to the chief cupbearer? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What did the three baskets mean in the chief baker’s dream?

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11. What was going to happen to the chief baker? \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

12. Joseph asked one thing of the chief cupbearer. “Only \_\_\_\_\_ me, when it is \_\_\_\_\_ with you, and please do me the \_\_\_\_\_ to mention me to \_\_\_\_\_, and so get me out of this house.”

13. Why did the interpretations (meanings) that Joseph gave the men turn out to be right? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Was the cupbearer really grateful to Joseph? How do you know?

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15. Be ready to review all the ways that God was taking care of Joseph before he was sold and in the land of Egypt.

## 20

# Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41: 1- 36

**Memory verse:** “There will come seven years of great plenty...but after them there will arise seven years of famine.” Gen. 41: 29

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted (infected by disease) by the east wind. And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke; and behold, it was a dream.

So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh. Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, “I remember my offenses today. When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me, and the chief baker, in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.”

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit (prison). And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.”

Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.”

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Behold, in my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile...(Pharaoh told Joseph both of his dreams.) And I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me.”

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind are also seven years of famine (lack of food). It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt, but after them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will consume the land, and the plenty will be unknown in the land by reason of the famine that will follow, for it will be very severe (bad). And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about.

Now therefore let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers (supervisors) over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve (supply) for the land against the seven years of famine that are to occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish (be destroyed) through the famine.” This proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.

**Lessons to Learn:** God was still taking care of Joseph and helping him tell Pharaoh the meaning of his dreams.  
Joseph also told Pharaoh what needed to be done so that the land of Egypt would have enough food in the years of famine.  
Joseph gave God the glory for interpreting the dreams.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Pharaoh’s dreams were two years after the chief cupbearer was returned to his job.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The chief cupbearer remembered what Joseph had asked him in prison and told Pharaoh about Joseph long before his dreams.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. There would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When Pharaoh told Joseph what his dreams were, Joseph was able to tell him what they meant because God helped him.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. God was the one bringing about the years of plenty and the years of famine.

**Short Answer:**

6. What happened with the cows in Pharaoh's dream? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What happened with the grain in Pharaoh's dream? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Pharaoh told the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ about his dreams.

9. Who told Pharaoh about Joseph being able to interpret dreams?

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10. What did Joseph do before he went to see Pharaoh?

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**Remember this:**

11. What is a famine? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What did Joseph say that the doubling of Pharaoh's dream meant? (Two dreams that meant the same thing)

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13. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh to do in the seven years of plenty to prepare for the seven years of famine?

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14. Joseph told Pharaoh that he needed to select a \_\_\_\_\_

(having good judgment) and \_\_\_\_\_ man, and set him over Egypt.

## 21

# Joseph Prepares for the Famine

Genesis 41:37-57

**Memory verse:** “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”  
Genesis 41: 52

And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent (agreement) no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly (in large amounts), and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house.” The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe (very bad) over all the earth.

**Lessons to Learn:** Pharaoh realized that God had shown Joseph the interpretation of his dreams and the wise way to prepare for the seven years of famine.

Joseph was the second ruler of Egypt, with only Pharaoh over him. All nations came to buy food in Egypt.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Pharaoh realized that Joseph was the wisest man that he could have to take care of Egypt and prepare for the famine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joseph gathered food and stored it up in the cities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph was able to store up just enough food for the people of Egypt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The famine was only in the land of Egypt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Joseph gave both of his sons names that glorified God.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. Who was greater than Joseph in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What three things did Pharaoh give Joseph to show that he was second in the land of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. How old was Joseph when he became second in command in Egypt?  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. During the seven years of plenty, Joseph gathered crops from the fields and stored them in the \_\_\_\_\_ near the fields.
10. The Bible says that Joseph stored up so much grain that it was like the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, until he ceased (stopped) to measure it, for it could not be \_\_\_\_\_. (v.49)

**Remember this:**

11. Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “\_\_\_\_\_ has made me forget all my \_\_\_\_\_ and all my \_\_\_\_\_ house.”
12. The name of the second (son) he called Ephraim, “For \_\_\_\_\_ has made me \_\_\_\_\_ in the land of my \_\_\_\_\_.”
13. God was still helping Joseph and Joseph’s family in Canaan. “All the earth came to \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph to buy \_\_\_\_\_, because the famine was \_\_\_\_\_ (very bad).
14. A signet ring was a ring with a special symbol to identify the person to whom it belonged. Why did Pharaoh give Joseph his signet ring? Circle the correct answers.
- To show that Pharaoh gave him Power      So he had jewelry
- So Joseph had a sign of his own power, so people would obey him
- So Joseph was dressed better than he had been before.

## 22

# Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt

Genesis 42:1-24

**Memory verse:** “We are guilty concerning our brother,... That is why this distress has come upon us.” Genesis 42:21

When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said.

They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.”

And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.”

They said to him, “No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.”

He said to them, “No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see.”

And they said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more.”

But Joseph said to them, “It is as I said to you. You are spies. By this you shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here. Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you remain confined (in prison), that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely



you are spies.” And he put them all together in custody (prison) for three days.

On the third day Joseph said to them, “Do this and you will live, for I fear God: if you are honest men, let one of your brothers remain confined where you are in custody, and let the rest go and carry grain for the famine of your households, and bring your youngest brother to me. So your words will be verified, and you shall not die.” And they did so. Then they said to one another, “In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress (trouble) has come upon us.” And Reuben answered them, “Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning (judgment) for his blood.” They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. (An interpreter is a person who translates one language into another language.) Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him (tied him up) before their eyes.

**Lesson to Learn:** The famine was in all the nations around Egypt, so Jacob and his family needed food.

Jacob kept Benjamin at home because he was afraid that something might happen to him.

Joseph’s brothers felt guilty about what they had done to Joseph.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. There was famine in the land of Canaan, so Jacob and his family needed food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joseph and his brothers didn’t recognize each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph accused his brothers of being spies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph kept his brothers in prison for three days.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Reuben was the brother who had told his brothers not to kill or hurt Joseph.

**Short Answer:**

6. Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How many of Joseph's brothers went to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

8. When Joseph's brother's came to him to buy food, they \_\_\_\_\_

themselves before him with their \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground.

9. Joseph recognized his brothers, but he treated them like \_\_\_\_\_

10. What did Joseph tell his brothers to do to prove that they were honest

men? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. When Joseph saw his brothers, he remembered his dreams about them.  
Read Genesis 37: 5-11 and write what his brothers did that made him

remember his dreams. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Now that Joseph's brothers were in trouble, they said, "In truth we are

\_\_\_\_\_ concerning our \_\_\_\_\_, in that we saw

the distress of his soul, when he \_\_\_\_\_ us and we did not

listen. That is why this \_\_\_\_\_ has come upon us."

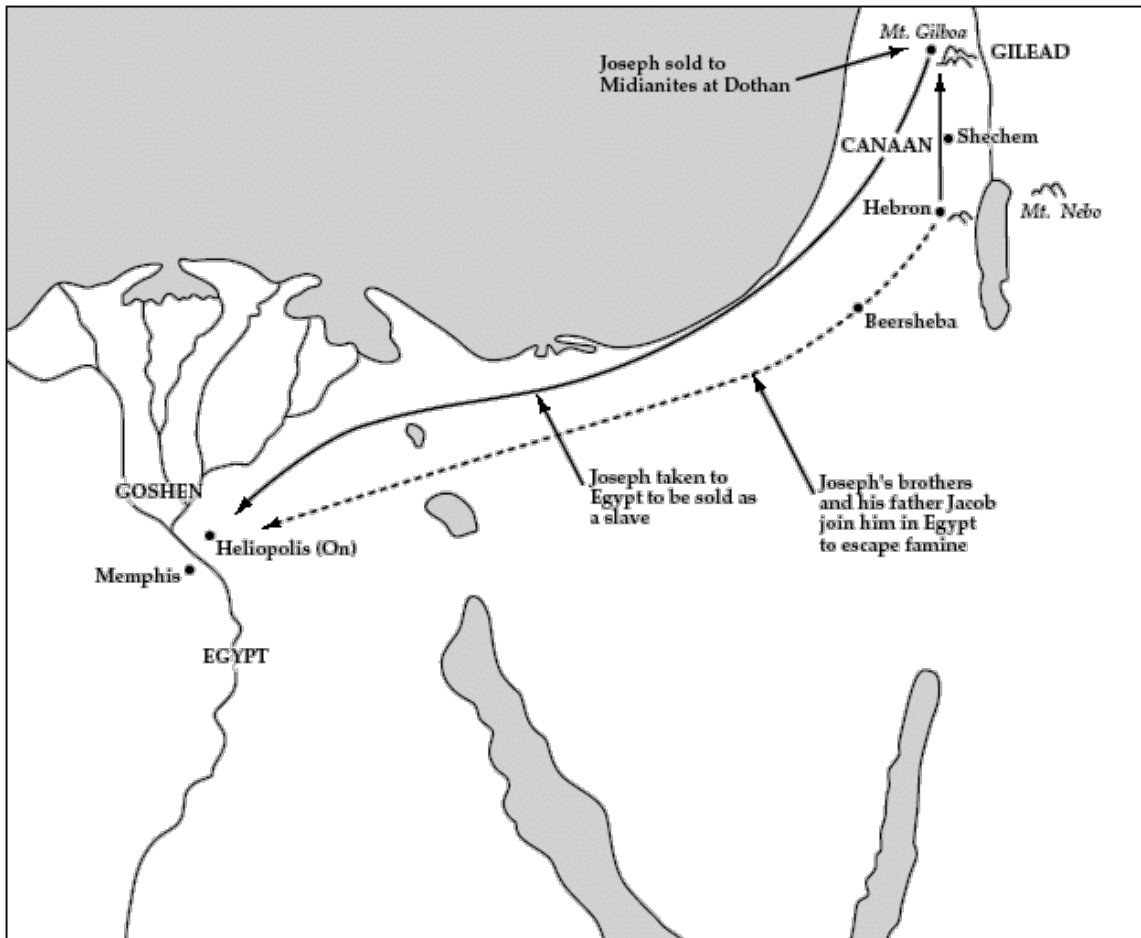
13. When would Joseph have been in trouble and begged them for help, but

they did not listen? \_\_\_\_\_

Hint: lesson 17

14. How did Joseph feel when he heard his brothers talking about how they had sinned against him? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Study the map below to see the long journey that Joseph's brothers made to find food. They traveled about 200 miles, which would have taken them about 10 days if they rode on donkeys.



## 23

# Joseph's Brothers Return Home

Genesis 42: 25-38

**Memory verse:** “They turned trembling to one another, saying, “What is this that God has done to us?” Genesis 42:28

And Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to replace every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions (food, drink, and other things needed) for the journey. This was done for them.

Then they loaded their donkeys with their grain and departed. And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder (dry hay or food) at the lodging place (place to stay), he saw his money in the mouth of his sack. He said to his brothers, “My money has been put back; here it is in the mouth of my sack!” At this their hearts failed them (they were afraid), and they turned trembling to one another, saying, “What is this that God has done to us?”

When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying, “The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us and took us to be spies of the land. But we said to him, ‘We are honest men; we have never been spies. We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.’ Then the man, the lord of the land, said to us, ‘By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your households, and go your way. Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies but honest men, and I will deliver your brother to you, and you shall trade in the land.’”

As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid. And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and now you would take Benjamin. (Jacob thought he had lost Joseph and Simeon to death; and if they took Benjamin, he would lose him, too.) All this has come against me.” Then Reuben said to his father, “Kill my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.” But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is the only one left. If harm should happen to him on the

journey that you are to make, you would bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol (the place of the dead or hades).”

**Lessons to Learn:** Joseph was kind to give his brothers’ money back and give them food and other things for their journey, but his brother’s thought that the money being returned meant trouble for them. Jacob didn’t want to send Benjamin to Egypt because he might lose him like he had lost Joseph. Rachel’s sons, Joseph and Benjamin, were special to Jacob.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph treated his brothers like any other travelers who came to buy grain in Egypt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. “Their hearts failed them” means that they were afraid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph’s brothers told Jacob how kind Joseph was to them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob was afraid when he saw that all the brothers had their money returned in their sacks of grain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob was upset because he thought he had lost one son.

**Short Answer:**

- 6. When did one of Joseph’s brothers find his own money in his sack?  
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- 7. Finish the statement that Joseph’s brothers said to their father. “The man, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the land, spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to us and took us to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the land.”
- 8. How did Joseph say the brother’s could prove that they were honest men?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Which brother was left in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which brother said that he would bring Benjamin back to Jacob?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. What three things did Joseph have done for his brothers?

Fill their \_\_\_\_\_

Replace \_\_\_\_\_

Give \_\_\_\_\_

12. The brothers thought \_\_\_?\_\_\_ was the one bringing trouble upon them. “What is this that \_\_\_\_\_ has done to us?”

13. What did Reuben tell Jacob to do if Reuben did not bring Benjamin back to him? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Was that a good thing for Reuben to say? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What did Jacob say would happen to him if anything happened to Benjamin? \_\_\_\_\_



## 24

### Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt

Genesis 43

**Memory verse:** “Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God ...has put treasure in your sacks for you.” Genesis 43:23

Now the famine was severe (very bad) in the land. And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go again, buy us a little food.”

But Judah said to him, “The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’ If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.’”

Israel said, “Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?”

They replied, “The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down’?”

And Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. I will be a pledge (guarantee) of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.”

Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry a present down to the man, a little balm and a little honey, gum, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds. Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. May God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, and may he send back your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.” (If I lose my children to death, I lose them.)

So the men took this present, and they took double the money with them, and Benjamin. They arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward (manager) of his house, “Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon.” The man did as Joseph told him and brought the men to Joseph's house. And the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, “It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys.” So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the door of the house, and said, “Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food. And when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each man's money in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it again with us, and we have brought other money down with us to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks.”

He replied, “Peace to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has put treasure in your sacks for you. I received your money.” Then he brought Simeon out to them. And when the man had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder (hay and dry food), they prepared the present for Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard that they should eat bread there.

When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present that they had with them and bowed down to him to the ground. And he inquired about their welfare and said, “Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?”

They said, “Your servant our father is well; he is still alive.” And they bowed their heads and prostrated (laid flat on the ground) themselves.

And he lifted up his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, “Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!” Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought (looked for) a place to weep (cry). And he entered his chamber (room) and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out. And controlling himself he said, “Serve the food.” They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination (evil, hated thing) to the Egyptians. And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth. And the men looked at one another in amazement. Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but



Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank and were merry with him.

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob and his family needed food again because the famine was still going on.

Joseph's brothers would have to take Benjamin with them to go back to Egypt.

Joseph was so happy to see Benjamin that he cried.

Joseph's brothers were seated in order from oldest to youngest.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob blamed his sons for telling the Egyptian that they had another brother.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Judah guaranteed that he would keep Benjamin safe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph's steward told his brother's that they owed him double the money for their grain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph and his brothers ate together at one table.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Benjamin was treated specially when they ate.

**Short Answer:**

6. Judah said that the brothers could not go back to Egypt unless \_\_\_\_\_

7. What things did Jacob tell his sons to take with them as a present for the Egyptian man? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Fill in the blanks. Jacob said, "May \_\_\_\_\_ grant you \_\_\_\_\_ before the man, and may he send back your other \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

9. Why were Joseph's brothers afraid when they found out that they were supposed to eat with Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What did Joseph's steward say when the brother's told him about the money that they had found in their sacks. \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. What did the brothers do when they brought Joseph the present? (It had been shown to Joseph in a dream.) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Why did Joseph go into his room after seeing Benjamin? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Why didn't the Egyptians eat with Joseph's brothers? \_\_\_\_\_

14. What was unusual about how Joseph's brothers were seated at their table? It made them look at each other in amazement. \_\_\_\_\_



## 25

# Joseph Tests His Brothers

Genesis 44:1-

**Memory Verse:** “He searched,...And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.” Genesis 44: 12

Then he (Joseph) commanded the steward of his house, “Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.” And he did as Joseph told him.

As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, “Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good? Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination (seeks knowledge of the future)? You have done evil in doing this.’”

When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. They said to him, “Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants.”

He said, “Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent.” Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. Joseph said to them, “What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?”

And Judah said, “What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found.”

But he said, “Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father.”

Then Judah went up to him and said, “Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself....” (Judah told Joseph about how they brought Benjamin even though Jacob would die if something happened to him.)

“Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.’ Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father.”

**Lessons to Learn:** Joseph’s brothers were honest and brought back the money that they found in the mouths of their sacks on their last trip. Now Judah had a better attitude toward Jacob’s favorite son, Benjamin, than he had had toward Joseph. Judah also was keeping his word to Jacob to protect Benjamin.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph told his steward to put his silver cup into the oldest brother’s sack.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joseph’s steward accused the brothers of repaying evil for good by stealing Joseph’s cup.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The brothers said that whoever was found with the cup would die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph’s silver cup was found in Benjamin’s sack.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Joseph wanted to keep all his brothers in Egypt as his servants.

**Short Answer:**

6. What did Joseph tell his steward to do?

Fill the men's sacks with as much \_\_\_\_\_ as they can carry.

Put each man's \_\_\_\_\_ in the mouth of his sack.

Put the \_\_\_\_\_ in Benjamin's sack.

7. What had the brothers brought back to Egypt with them that they said

showed that they would not steal? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What did Joseph's brothers do that showed how upset they were about

the silver cup being found in Benjamin's sack? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Judah said that all the brothers would be Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_

10. What did Judah tell Joseph would happen if they did not bring Benjamin

back to his father? \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. Joseph's brothers understood how much power Joseph had. Finish what

Judah said to Joseph: **“Let not your anger burn against your**

**servant, for you are \_\_\_\_\_”**

continued

12. Read Genesis 44: 16 and fill in the blanks to see what Judah said to Joseph.

“ \_\_\_\_\_ has found out the \_\_\_\_\_ of your servants.”

13. Does the quote above make you think that Joseph’s brothers felt badly about what they had done to him? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Think back to when Joseph was younger and his brothers sold him into slavery. Do the brothers act the same toward Benjamin? \_\_\_\_\_

15. When Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery, did they think about the great sadness it would cause Jacob, their father? \_\_\_\_\_

Now are they concerned about what will happen to their father?

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## 26

# Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family

Genesis 45

**Memory verse:** “Now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves...for God sent me before you to preserve (save) life.”  
Genesis 45:5

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept (cried) aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed (distressed) at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," it pleased Pharaoh and his servants. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan, 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 shall eat the fat of the land.' And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions (food and other things they needed) for the journey. To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes. To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way."

So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

**Lessons to Learn:** Joseph told his brothers that God had sent him to Egypt to save their lives.

Joseph wanted his family to move to Egypt so he could provide them with food during the famine.

Joseph sent wagons and food that his family would need to travel to Egypt.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph cried so loud that people outside the room could hear him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joseph's brothers were happy when Joseph told them who he was.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph was angry with his brothers because of what they had done to him.



\_\_\_\_\_ 4. There were still five years of famine coming after this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Pharaoh was happy when he heard that Joseph's brothers were there.

**Short Answer:**

6. Who stayed with Joseph while he told his brothers who he was?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Joseph gave the glory to \_\_\_\_\_ for sending him to Egypt to provide food for his family.

8. Joseph's family would live in the land of \_\_\_\_\_, a part of Egypt that was good for flocks and herds of animals.

9. What did Pharaoh send to Jacob, and why did he send them? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. What does "provisions" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What did Joseph give his brothers? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What did Joseph give Benjamin? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remember this:**

13. God made Joseph "a \_\_\_\_\_ to Pharaoh, and \_\_\_\_\_ of all his house and \_\_\_\_\_ over all the land of Egypt."  
Genesis 45:8

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14. Why did God make Joseph a ruler in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Saving His people was part of God's plan. Who in the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would come at the fullness of time? Galatians 4:4-5

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16. Joseph did not hold a grudge against his brothers (hate them for the bad things they had done). How are we supposed to treat people who treat us badly?

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*“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.” Romans 12:17*

*“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12*



## 27

# Jacob Brings His Family to Egypt

Genesis 46 -47:12

**Memory verse:** “Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.” Genesis 47:7

So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.”

And he said, “Here I am.”

Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes (when Jacob dies).”

Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring (children) with him, his sons, and his sons' sons (grandsons) with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters (granddaughters). All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt....All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

He had sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to show the way before him in Goshen, and they came into the land of Goshen. Then Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. He presented himself to him and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die, since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive.”

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. 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.’ When Pharaoh calls you and says, ‘What is your occupation (job)?’ you shall say, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination (hated thing) to the Egyptians.”

So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?”

And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.” 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. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.”

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life (How old are you)?”

And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained (reached) to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. Then 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 (a Pharaoh’s name), as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their dependents (children).

**Lessons to Learn:** There were 70 people in Jacob’s family who made the long trip to Egypt, so they would have food during the famine. God had prepared this way to keep His people safe and continue His plan for saving people from their sins. Jacob’s family lived in the land of Goshen so they could pasture their animals there.

**True or False:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. God told Jacob not to be afraid to go to Egypt.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob's children and grandchildren all went to Egypt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Simeon went ahead to show Jacob and his family the way to Egypt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Jacob's family received the best part of the land of Egypt because they told Pharaoh that they were shepherds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob was very old-older than most of his relatives who lived before him.

**Short Answer:**

6. What is Jacob's other name? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What town did Jacob and his family leave? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many people traveled to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did Joseph meet his father? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How did the Egyptians feel about shepherds? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
11. How old was Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

12. How did God talk to Jacob and other fathers or patriarchs at this time?

- \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fill in the blanks to find out why Jacob did not need to be afraid.

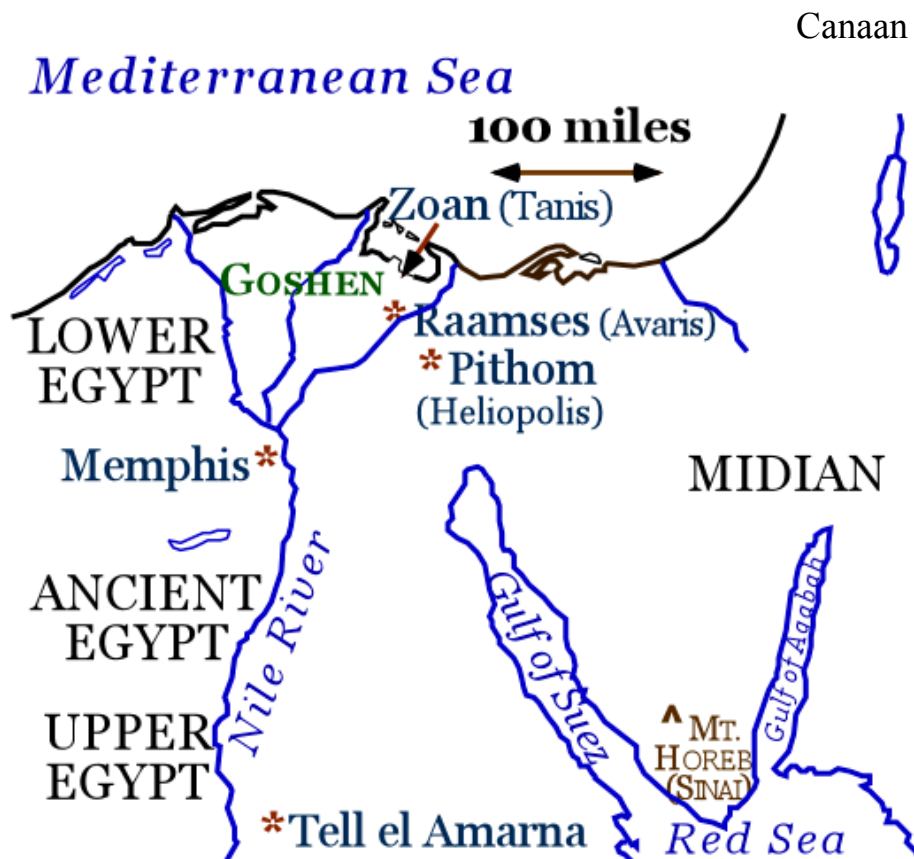
God said, "**Do not be afraid to go down to \_\_\_\_\_, for there I will make you into a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I Myself will go \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt, and I will also \_\_\_\_\_ you up again..."**

14. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were sojourners (people who lived in a place for a while or temporarily) in the land of Canaan. But Jacob also called the days of the lives of his fathers Abraham, Isaac “their sojourning.” Why is a person’s life a sojourning on earth? (Hint: What happens when people die?) Ask a parent to help you if you need help.

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15. God provided a good place for Jacob and his family to live in Goshen.
1. It had plenty of water and would not be hurt as badly by the famine.
  2. There would be more plants there for the herds to eat.
  3. It would be near Joseph but separated a little from the Egyptians’ evil practices.
  4. It was a good place for a great nation of people to grow.



## 28

# The Famine Continues

Genesis 47:13-28

**Memory verse:** “Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they...were fruitful and multiplied greatly.” Genesis 47: 27

Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe (bad), so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished (weakened or suffered) by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And 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. Why should we die before your eyes? For our money is gone.”

And Joseph answered, “Give your livestock (farm animals), and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone.” So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. He supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

And when that year was ended, they came to him the following year and said to him, “We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent. The herds of livestock are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both us and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh. And give us seed that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate.”

So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other. Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land. Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Now here is seed for you, and you shall sow (plant) the land. And at the harvests you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four

fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones.”

And they said, “You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh.” So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions (things they owned) in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years.

**Lessons to Learn:** God helped Joseph wisely supply food to people who needed it during the famine.

The Egyptians became servants to Pharaoh and paid him one fifth of their crops.

The Israelites were growing into a large nation. God was taking care of his people.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Both Egypt and Canaan suffered from the famine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. After a while, the Egyptians ran out of money to pay for food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Canaanites sold their land to Pharaoh for food.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Joseph took all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Jacob lived in Egypt for seventeen years.

**Short Answer:**

6. At first, the people of Canaan and Egypt paid for food with \_\_\_\_\_

7. Then, when they had no money, the Egyptians paid for food with their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(name the animals)



8. When they had sold all their livestock, the Egyptians sold their \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph.
9. Only the Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ did not sell their land to Joseph.
10. How did the priests of Egypt have what they needed to live? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember this:**

11. How did the Egyptians get seed to plant? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was the “tax” that the Egyptians had to pay Pharaoh? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
13. Fill in the blanks to show how God took care of the Israelites.

**“And they gained \_\_\_\_\_ in it, and were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ greatly.” Gen. 47:27**

14. How old was Jacob at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
15. List some ways that God takes care of you and your family.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 29

# Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

Genesis 48

**Memory verse:** “The God who has been my Shepherd all my life long to this day,...bless the boys.”Genesis 48:15

And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, “If now I have found favor in your sight,... promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie with my fathers (Canaan). Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place.” He (Joseph) answered, “I will do as you have said.”

And he (Jacob) said, “Swear to me”; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

After this, Joseph was told, “Behold, your father is ill.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And it was told to Jacob, “Your son Joseph has come to you.” Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. And Jacob said to Joseph, “God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.’ And now your two sons,... are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are... They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way,...and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).”

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, “Who are these?”

Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom God has given me here.”

And he said, “Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.” Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced (hugged) them. And Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring (sons) also.” Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of

Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). And he blessed Joseph and said, “The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my Shepherd all my life long to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

...And Joseph said to his father, “Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.” But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.” So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, ‘God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.’” Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers.

**Lessons to Learn:** Jacob was old and close to death. He asked Joseph to promise to bury him in the land of Canaan.

From now on, Ephraim and Manasseh would be called sons of Israel. Jacob prophesied that Joseph would return to Canaan, the land of his fathers.

This would happen much later when the children of Israel leave Egypt.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph agreed to bury Jacob in the land of Canaan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Ephrath is another name for Canaan.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Ephraim and Manasseh were Joseph’s sons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ephraim received the best blessing because he was the firstborn son.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Both Ephraim and Manasseh would become fathers of great nations.

**Short Answer:**

6. What did Jacob want Joseph to promise him? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who appeared to Jacob/Israel in the land of Canaan and blessed him?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Fill in the blanks to show how God promised to bless Jacob.

**“Behold, I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**you, and I will make of you a \_\_\_\_\_ of peoples and**

**will give this \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_ after**

**you for an \_\_\_\_\_ possession.” Gen. 48:4**

9. Who died in the land of Canaan and was buried on the way to Ephrath?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Jacob put his \_\_\_\_\_ hand on Ephraim and his \_\_\_\_\_

hand on Manasseh and put \_\_\_\_\_ before his brother.

**Remember this:**

11. What important town is mentioned in the lesson? (Hint: Rachel was

buried on the way there.) \_\_\_\_\_

12. Why is that town important? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Fill in the blanks to show what Jacob said about God.

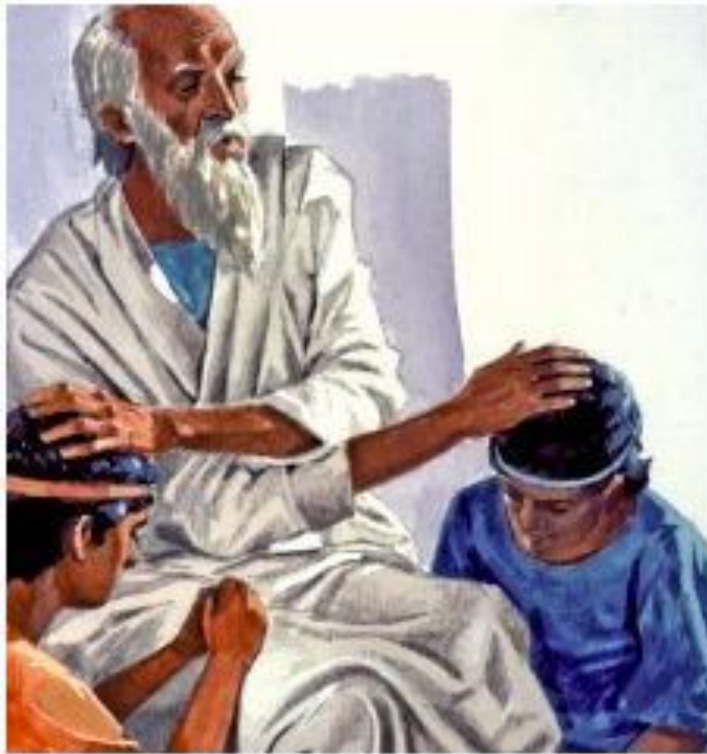
**“The God before whom my fathers \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ walked, the God who has been my \_\_\_\_\_  
all my \_\_\_\_\_ long to this day...”** Genesis 48:15

14. Ephraim and Manasseh would be called Israel’s sons just like

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

15. What was the last thing that Jacob/Israel told Joseph? “God will

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## 30

# Jacob's Death and Burial

Genesis 49- 50:14

**Memory verse:** “His sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of ...Machpelah.” Genesis 50:13

(Jacob/Israel blessed each of his twelve sons, the twelve tribes of Israel.) Then he commanded them and said to them, “I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers... in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah (mak-pee-lah), ...in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah— the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites.” When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

Then Joseph fell on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father (mummify his body to preserve or save it). So the physicians embalmed Israel. Forty days were required for it, for that is how many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, ‘My father made me swear, saying, “I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me.” Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return.’”

And Pharaoh answered, “Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear.” So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company.

When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented (mourned, cried) there with a very great and grievous (serious) lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, “This is a grievous (very serious) mourning by the Egyptians.” Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim (meadow of Egypt or mourning of Egypt); it is beyond the Jordan.

Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them, for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

**Lessons to learn:** The Egyptians mourned (were sad about) Jacob’s death along with Joseph and his brothers.

Pharaoh let Joseph and his family go bury Jacob’s body in Canaan like Joseph had promised.

Egyptians thought highly of Joseph and his family, so the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt went to Canaan with Joseph.

Jacob was buried in the cave of Machpelah with Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, and Leah.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jacob blessed all twelve of his sons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jacob wanted to be buried in the cave in the field at Machpelah,
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jacob had bought the field from the Hittites.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Pharaoh was willing to let Joseph go to Canaan to bury Jacob.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A small group of Jacob’s family went to Canaan for Jacob’s burial.

**Short Answer:**

6. Who had bought the cave at Machpelah? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who else was buried in the cave at Machpelah besides Jacob ? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How long did it take the Egyptians to embalm Jacob's body for burial?

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9. How long did the Egyptians weep (cry) for Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Who went with Joseph to Canaan to bury Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. How long did the large group who went with Joseph cry for Jacob in Canaan?

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**Remember this:**

12. Joseph had a very important job in Egypt. Did he let that keep him from listening to his father Jacob or did he let it keep him from keeping his promise to Jacob?

13. The trip to Machpelah in Canaan was about 250 miles long. What do we learn about Joseph and his brothers because they were willing to go that far to keep the promise to their father?

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14. Why did Jacob want to be buried in the land of Canaan? (Remember God's promise.)



# 31

## God's Good Plans

Genesis 50:15-26

**Memory verse:** “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.”  
Genesis 50:20

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”’ And now, please forgive the transgression (sin) of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.”

But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. (Joseph's great-great-great grandsons) The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own. And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him (mummified his body to preserve or save it), and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

**Lessons to learn:** Joseph did not have bad feelings toward his brothers because of the evil way they had treated him before.

Joseph knew that it is God's place to forgive sins or punish people for their sins.

God used Joseph in Egypt to keep many people alive, especially all the Israelites (children of Israel).

Joseph told his brothers that God would take them back to the land of

Canaan.

**True or False:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Joseph's brothers were afraid of what Joseph might do to them now that their father was dead.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Joseph's brothers knew they had sinned against Joseph when they were younger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Joseph was still angry with his brothers for their sins.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God can even use men's bad plans to do things that turn out good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Joseph told his brothers that they had not done anything wrong.

**Short Answer:**

6. Fill in the blanks to show what Joseph's brothers thought.

**"It may be that Joseph will \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us  
\_\_\_\_\_ for all the \_\_\_\_\_ that we did to him."**

7. Who did Joseph's brothers say had commanded them to ask Joseph for forgiveness?

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8. What did Joseph do when his brothers spoke to him? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Joseph lived \_\_\_\_\_ years and got to see his \_\_\_\_\_ -

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

10. What did Joseph make the sons of Israel promise him? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Remember this:**

11. Think back to when Joseph was younger. How did his brothers sin against him? See how many different sins you can remember. There are at least five.

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12. Joseph did not treat his brothers badly. Read Matthew 7: 12 and fill in the blanks.

**"In everything, therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ people the same way you want them to \_\_\_\_\_, for this is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."** (NASV)

13. Joseph called Canaan the land that God swore to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Joseph told his brothers that God would take them to Canaan. This would be many years later. Do you remember the man whom God sent to tell Pharaoh "Let My people go." and lead them out of Egypt?

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