



# GENESIS

## Joseph's Journey To Egypt Genesis 45:25-46:27

1. Before Jacob left the land of promise, he stopped in Beersheba to offer sacrifices; his purpose was to seek the mind of God, making sure this was God's leading to go to Egypt and not just his desire. Jacob illustrates for us the need to seek God's will in all you do. As you look at the direction that your life is going, do you seek God's leading? Are you following your desires or the will of God?  
**Proverbs 3:6**
2. After God reassures His covenant with Jacob, he immediately obeys and begins the journey to Egypt. As you reflect on Jacob's faith in the midst of change, what is your response to change in your life? Faith or Fear? Where is God calling you to trust Him more deeply in the uncertainties and change that you are experiencing?  
**Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 27:14**
3. This text illustrates for us that God's timing is perfect even when it does not match our timing. Where do you need to align with God's timing? Where do you need more patience? Where do you need more courage? Are you waiting on the Lord?  
**Psalm 130:5**
4. Jacob illustrates for us the importance of obedience: to obey and live in obedience to God's Word and His calling. We are reminded that obedience is evidence of a growing faith. What does your obedience say about your faith?

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<sup>24</sup>So Joseph sent his brothers off, and as they left, he called after them, "Don't quarrel about all this along the way!" <sup>25</sup>And they left Egypt and returned to their father, Jacob, in the land of Canaan. <sup>26</sup>"Joseph is still alive!" they told him. "And he is governor of all the land of Egypt!" Jacob was stunned at the news – he couldn't believe it. <sup>27</sup>But when they repeated to Jacob everything Joseph had told them, and when he saw the wagons Joseph had sent to carry him, their father's spirits revived. <sup>28</sup>Then Jacob exclaimed, "It must be true! My son Joseph is alive! I must go and see him before I die."

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<sup>1</sup>So Jacob set out for Egypt with all his possessions. And when he came to Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father, Isaac. <sup>2</sup>During the night God spoke to him in a vision. "Jacob! Jacob!" he called. "Here I am," Jacob replied. <sup>3</sup>"I am God, the God of your father," the voice said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation. <sup>4</sup>I will go with you down to Egypt, and I will bring you back again. You will die in Egypt, but Joseph will be with you to close your eyes." <sup>5</sup>So Jacob left Beersheba, and his sons took him to Egypt. They carried him and their little ones and their wives in the wagons Pharaoh had provided for them. <sup>6</sup>They also took all their livestock and all the personal belongings they had acquired in the land of Canaan. So Jacob and his entire family went to Egypt – <sup>7</sup>sons and grandsons, daughters and granddaughters – all his descendants.

<sup>8</sup>These are the names of the descendants of Israel – the sons of Jacob – who went to Egypt: Reuben was Jacob's oldest son. <sup>9</sup>The sons of Reuben were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. <sup>10</sup>The sons of Simeon were Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar, and Shaul. (Shaul's mother was a Canaanite woman.) <sup>11</sup>The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. <sup>12</sup>The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (though Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. <sup>13</sup>The sons of Issachar were Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron. <sup>14</sup>The sons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. <sup>15</sup>These were the sons of Leah and Jacob who were born in Paddan-aram, in addition to their daughter, Dinah. The number of Jacob's descendants (male and female) through Leah was thirty-three.

<sup>16</sup>The sons of Gad were Zephon, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli. <sup>17</sup>The sons of Asher were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. Their sister was Serah. Beriah's sons were Heber and Malkiel. <sup>18</sup>These were the sons of Zilpah, the servant given to Leah by her father, Laban. The number of Jacob's descendants through Zilpah was sixteen. <sup>19</sup>The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. <sup>20</sup>Joseph's sons, born in the land of Egypt, were Manasseh and Ephraim. Their mother was Asenath, daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On. <sup>21</sup>Benjamin's sons were Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.

<sup>22</sup>These were the sons of Rachel and Jacob. The number of Jacob's descendants through Rachel was fourteen. <sup>23</sup>The son of Dan was Hushim. <sup>24</sup>The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. <sup>25</sup>These were the sons of Bilhah, the servant given to Rachel by her father, Laban. The number of Jacob's descendants through Bilhah was seven. <sup>26</sup>The total number of Jacob's direct descendants who went with him to Egypt, not counting his sons' wives, was sixty-six. <sup>27</sup>In addition, Joseph had two sons who were born in Egypt. So altogether, there were seventy members of Jacob's family in the land of Egypt.