



GENESIS

Jacob's Arrival and Blessing Genesis 46:28-47:12

1. We see in this text that God used the animosity of the Egyptians toward Israel as a way to keep them isolated as he builds them into a great nation. This reminds us that sometimes God will allow rejection by the world to protect us from being polluted by the world. Where do you run the risk of being polluted by the world? Where are you trying to be friends with the world that gives evidence of being an enemy of Christ?
James 4:4
2. In his interaction with Pharaoh, Jacob gives him both God's blessing and points Pharaoh to God. Reflecting Salt and Light to a lost and broken world and reminding believers that we are called to be salt and light. Does your life reflect Salt and Light to the world around you? Would others know that you are a follower of Christ by what they see in your life each day? When you think about questions 1 and 2, are you influencing the world or is the world influencing you?
Matthew 5:13-16
3. Do you realize the treasure of the gospel for your own life personally? Is it evident in your heart and mind each day? Do you realize the need to share the gospel with others, regardless of your circumstances? What prevents you from sharing the gospel with others? Do you bring Christ into the room?
2 Corinthians 4:6; Romans 1:16
4. In giving the blessing to Pharaoh, Jacob illustrates for us our responsibility to pray for those who rule over us. Do you pray? Are you committed to praying for those whom God has called to rule? What is your response to what you see around you today in world leadership? Fear or Prayer?
1 Timothy 2:1-2
5. Jacob says that he is simply passing through this earth. It is not his eternal home. Do you think and act with eternity in mind? What are you preparing for? Where are you storing up treasure?
Hebrews 11:13-16; Philippians 3:20; Matthew 6:19-21; Psalm 90:10-12

Jacob's Family Arrives in Goshen

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²⁸As they neared their destination, Jacob sent Judah ahead to meet Joseph and get directions to the region of Goshen. And when they finally arrived there, ²⁹Joseph prepared his chariot and traveled to Goshen to meet his father, Jacob. When Joseph arrived, he embraced his father and wept, holding him for a long time. ³⁰Finally, Jacob said to Joseph, “Now I am ready to die, since I have seen your face again and know you are still alive.”

³¹And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's entire family, “I will go to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘My brothers and my father's entire family have come to me from the land of Canaan.

³²These men are shepherds, and they raise livestock. They have brought with them their flocks and herds and everything they own.’”

³³Then he said, “When Pharaoh calls for you and asks you about your occupation, ³⁴you must tell him, ‘We, your servants, have raised livestock all our lives, as our ancestors have always done.’ When you tell him this, he will let you live here in the region of Goshen, for the Egyptians despise shepherds.”

Jacob Blesses Pharaoh

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¹Then Joseph went to see Pharaoh and told him, “My father and my brothers have arrived from the land of Canaan. They have come with all their flocks and herds and possessions, and they are now in the region of Goshen.” ²Joseph took five of his brothers with him and presented them to Pharaoh. ³And Pharaoh asked the brothers, “What is your occupation?” They replied, “We, your servants, are shepherds, just like our ancestors. ⁴We have come to live here in Egypt for a while, for there is no pasture for our flocks in Canaan. The famine is very severe there. So please, we request permission to live in the region of Goshen.”

⁵Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Now that your father and brothers have joined you here, ⁶choose any place in the entire land of Egypt for them to live. Give them the best land of Egypt. Let them live in the region of Goshen. And if any of them have special skills, put them in charge of my livestock, too.” ⁷Then Joseph brought in his father, Jacob, and presented him to Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸“How old are you?” Pharaoh asked him. ⁹Jacob replied, “I have traveled this earth for 130 hard years. But my life has been short compared to the lives of my ancestors.” ¹⁰Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh again before leaving his court.

¹¹So Joseph assigned the best land of Egypt—the region of Rameses—to his father and his brothers, and he settled them there, just as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹²And Joseph provided food for his father and his brothers in amounts appropriate to the number of their dependents, including the smallest children.