




## Genesis 47:1-34

Understanding the Book of Genesis is essential to understanding the rest of the bible and the world as it is today. We're going to look at the typology that is so important in these stories today.

- 1 ¶ Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh told Joseph to send for his family and bring them to Egypt and they'll be cared for. The land of Goshen was a fertile property with good grazing land.
- 2 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. The Egyptians were wary of invasion and groups of strangers coming in their land. Joseph picked five members of his family to present to Pharaoh for introductions.
- 3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers. Joseph had already told his family how to answer Pharaoh's questions.
- 4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. Joseph's family answers Pharaoh, and they acknowledged that while they are in Egypt they would serve Pharaoh.
- 5 And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:
- 6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou know any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. Pharaoh expands his offer to Joseph, saying, let your family live in the land of Goshen, and if any of them are exceptional at raising cattle, bring them to rule over my cattle. He wanted to prosper, too.
- 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Jacob blessed Pharaoh, a lowly shepherd who stunk like cattle and sheep in the eyes of Egypt. It doesn't matter what status you achieve in this world, God can and will bless you.
- 8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? Jacob is 130 years old at this time. Pharaoh was taken aback by the blessing.
- 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. We don't know how old Pharaoh was, but we think he was much younger than Jacob at the time. Jacob tells Pharaoh how old he is (130) and that he's lived a hard life and has much life experience. Even though I'm 130, I still haven't been through as much as my ancestors.
- 10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh. Jacob blesses Pharaoh again and leaves.
- 11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. Here its called Rameses, but it is the northeastern part of Egypt.
- 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families. Joseph's family would've perished if God hadn't placed Joseph in Egypt as He did and had Pharaoh bring the family down to Egypt.
- 13 ¶ And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

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- 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.** Joseph gathered money from everyone who came to Egypt and gave it to Pharaoh.
- 15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.** Everyone was broke in Egypt.
- 16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.** Joseph said if you don't have money, bring your livestock and I'll give you food.
- 17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.**
- 18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:** The people now have no money or livestock, we have nothing left. All we have now is our bodies and our land.
- 19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.** The last thing that the citizens of Egypt have is their selves and their land. They are offering to become slaves and serve Pharaoh in exchange for food. Pharaoh will own everything.
- 20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.**
- 21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.** Joseph bought up all the land of Egypt and moved all the people into the cities so he could better manage them and feed them. He brought order to chaos, he saved the Egyptian people and his own family from being starved to death, but he didn't give it away. All the people paid their way.
- 22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.** Joseph couldn't touch the priests land; this already belonged to the Pharaoh. Joseph knew the real chain of power, and he protected the priests. The Pharaoh's power came from the priests.
- 23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.** What Joseph did when he bought the land and the servitude of the people was preserve Egypt. When the famine was ending, Joseph gave the people seed to sow and their land back to farm. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.
- 24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.** This is a tax. They wanted the people to be able to care for themselves and feed their families. He gave them back their land after the famine and added the tax.
- 25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.** The citizens of Egypt were grateful and acknowledged that Joseph saved their lives.
- 26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.** The tax Joseph levied at that time is still going on today.
- 27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.** This is the first time Israel is mentioned in the bible as a nation. This is important.
- 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.** Jacob lived 17 more years in Egypt. He died at 147 years old.
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- 29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly** Jacob calls Joseph to his side because he knows he's going to die soon.
- 30 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:** Jacob asks not to be buried in Egypt, because they are children of the Lord. Just because the world may help you sometimes, you don't have to act like them. We are separate from the world and should behave accordingly. It doesn't matter how much money you make – what matters is if you're a child of God or not. Jacob wants to be buried separate according to their customs.
- 31 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shall carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.** Jacob wants to be buried with his family out of Egypt, in his homeland.
- 32 And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.** Joseph promises to fulfill his father's dying wish. In those days, swearing on an oath is a solemn promise not taken lightly and not broken. It is an iron-clad contract, a sealed deal.