

Jacob's Family Moves to Egypt

Genesis 45:16 – 46:34

Introduction

- Joseph has been reunited with his brothers.
- After testing them to see if they had changed from their former jealous and vindictive ways, Joseph revealed himself to them and forgave them of their sins against himself.

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- In this section of Scripture, Genesis 45:16 – 46:34, Jacob's family moves to Egypt because of the remaining years of severe famine.

Pharoah invites Joseph to move to Egypt (45:16-20)

- (Read Genesis 45:16-20)
- There were five more years of famine facing the land (45:6).
- God moved upon Pharoah's heart to be generous to Joseph's extended family and offer them "the best of the land of Egypt" (45:18).

- Pharaoh's invitation is the royal confirmation of Joseph's previously issued invitation. Joseph takes the initiative in the extension of courtesy, and Pharaoh ratifies it.
- This is a small favor for Pharaoh to repay to the man who saved the Egyptian empire from the catastrophe of the seven years of famine.

- Joseph is humble about his position in Egypt: “God has made me lord of all Egypt” (45:9).
- Joseph had chosen the land of Goshen for his family’s location in Egypt (45:10).
- Joseph promised to provide for them in Goshen (45:11).

The Brothers return to Canaan and report to Jacob (45:21-28)

- (Read Genesis 45:21-28)
- Notice that Joseph warns his brothers: “Do not quarrel on the way” (45:24).
- We are not told how the brothers confessed to Jacob their sin against

- Joseph and their sin against Jacob by deceiving him.
- The Bible teaches: “Be sure your sin will find you out” (Num. 32:23).
- Earlier, Jacob had said, “All these things are against me” (42:36). He did not realize that the opposite was true—God was working in the midst

- of all those things for good (Rom. 8:28).
- It was only when Jacob saw the wagons from Egypt that his spirit revived (45:27).

Jacob leaves Canaan for Egypt (46:1-4)

- (Read Genesis 46:1-4)
- God spoke to Jacob (Israel) in a vision at night at Beersheba, where he had stopped to offer sacrifices to God.

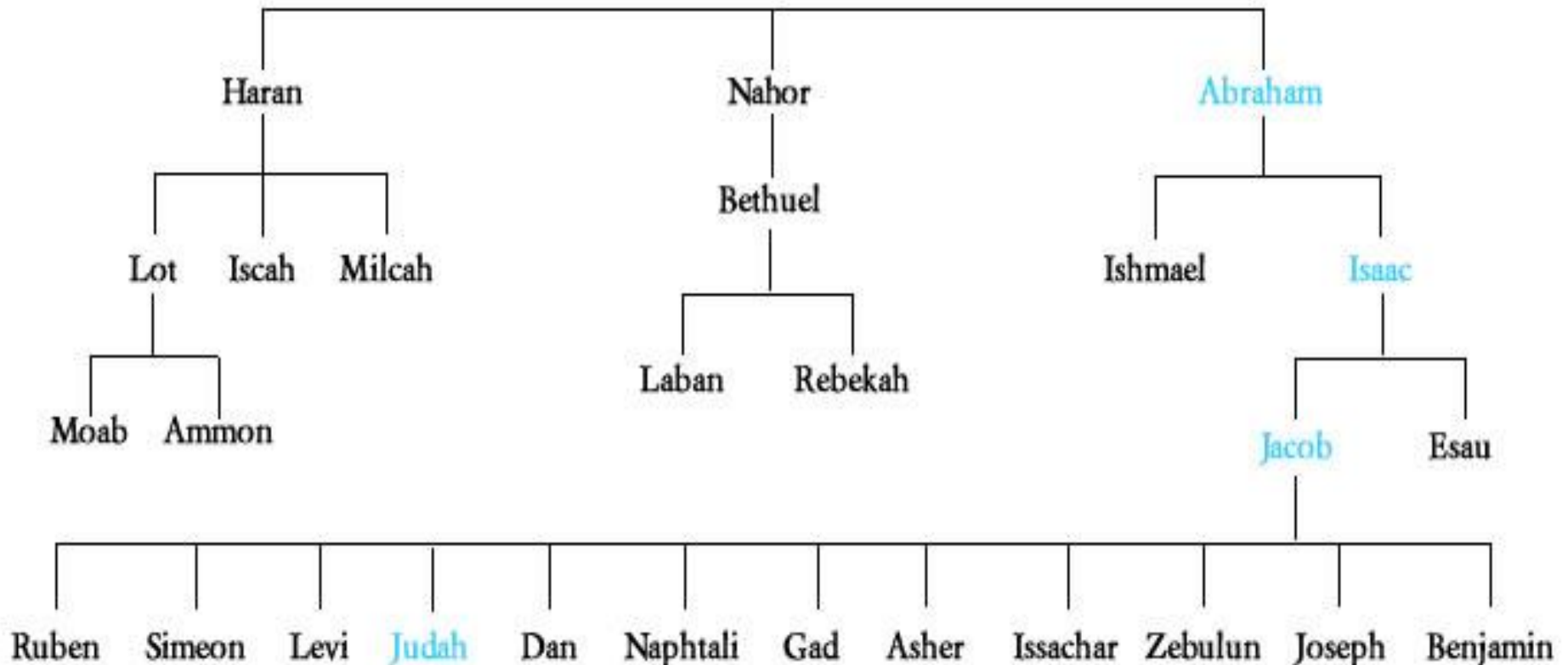
- God revealed that Jacob would die in Egypt but God would bring the nation back to Canaan in the future.
- God is good! He wants to reassure his people that they are doing the right thing. He also is taking care of them so that they can survive.

A description of Jacob's extended family (46:5-27)

- (Read Genesis 46:5-27)
- Jacob left Beersheba for Egypt, taking with him all his sons, their wives and children, his daughters and their families and all his possessions including his livestock.

The Chosen Line in Genesis

Terah



This chart indicates the chosen line found in the Book of Genesis.
The names in blue are the lineage of the Messiah.

Jacob's Family

JACOB

Leah

Zilpah

Rachel

Bilhah



Leah's
servant



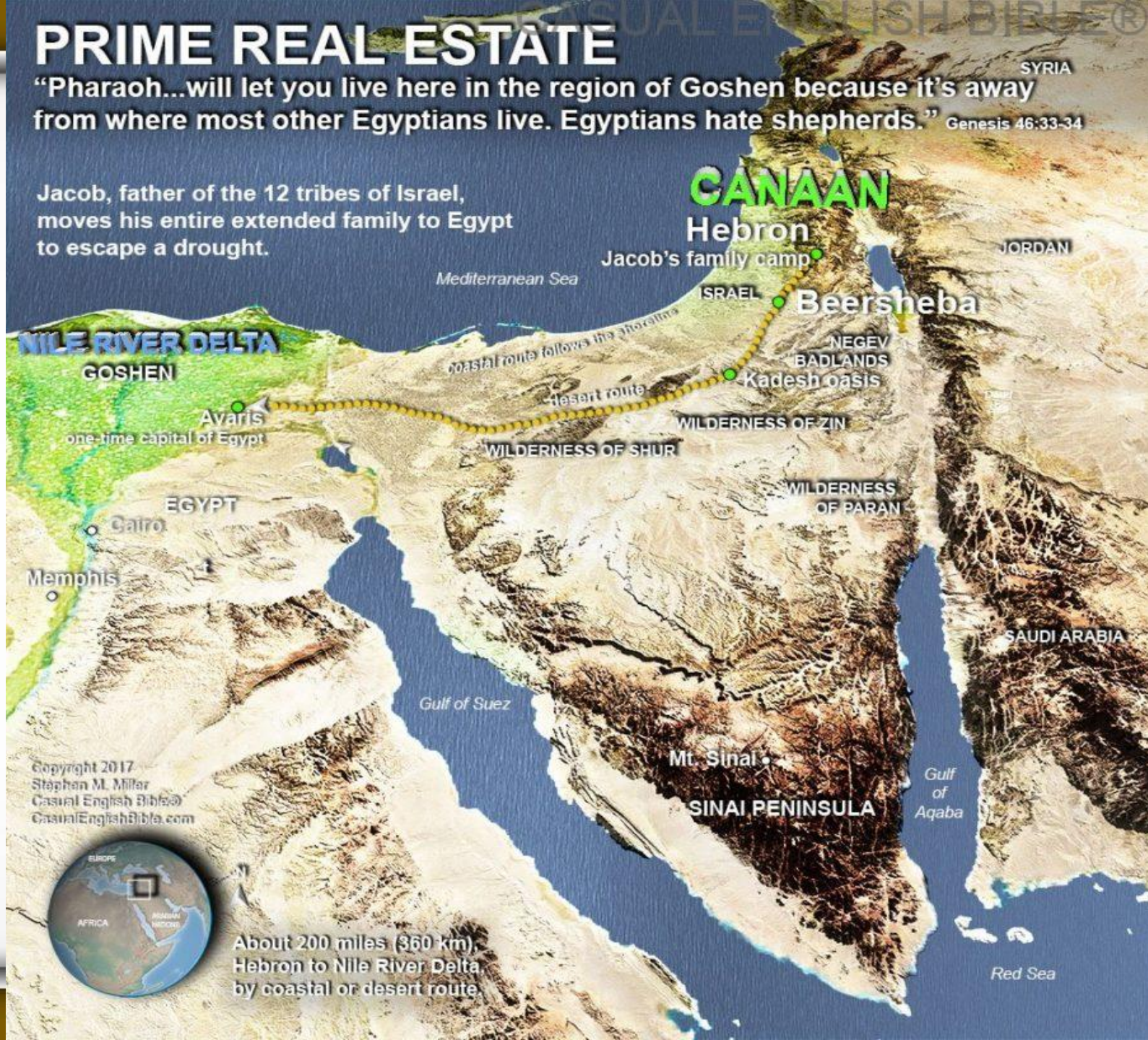
Rachel's
servant



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“Pharaoh...will let you live here in the region of Goshen because it’s away from where most other Egyptians live. Egyptians hate shepherds.” Genesis 46:33-34

Jacob, father of the 12 tribes of Israel, moves his entire extended family to Egypt to escape a drought.



CANAAN

Hebron

Jacob's family camp

Beersheba

Beersheba

NEGEV
BADLANDS

Kadesh oasis

WILDERNESS OF ZIN

WILDERNESS OF SHUR

WILDERNESS
OF PARAN

Mt. Sinai

SINAI PENINSULA

NILE RIVER DELTA

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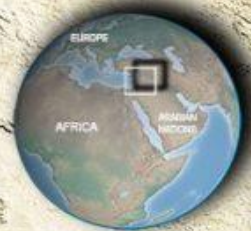
one-time capital of Egypt

EGYPT

Gairo

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About 200 miles (360 km),
Hebron to Nile River Delta
by coastal or desert route

- The genealogy list tells us that there were 66 persons who were direct descendants that went with Jacob to Egypt, plus flocks and herds.
- Counting Joseph and his two sons who were already in Egypt the total came to 70 people.
- The lineage of Jesus: Judah – Perez – Hezron – (Ruth 4:18)

Jacob's Sons & their Notable Descendants

Jacob's 12 sons were the ancestors of the 12 tribes of Israel.
The entire nation of Israel came from these men.

Reuben	None
Simeon	None
➔ Levi	Aaron, Moses, Eli, Zacharias, John the Baptist
Judah	David, Jesus
Dan	Samson
Naphtali	Barak, Elijah (?)
Gad	Jephthah (?)
Asher	None
Issachar	None
Zebulun	None
Joseph	Joshua, Gideon, Samuel
Benjamin	Saul, Esther, Paul



Jacob reunites with Joseph and they settled in Goshen, Egypt (46:28-30)

- (Read Genesis 46:28-30)
- Jacob now feels he can happily accept death since his questions about what happen to Joseph are cleared up (46:30).

- Although Jacob may feel he is now prepared to die, he will have seventeen more years of life before that moment comes (47:28).

Joseph prepares his brothers for a meeting with Pharaoh (46:31-34)

- (Read Genesis 46:31-34)
- Joseph did not want his family to be absorbed into Egyptian culture.
- He stressed that they tell Pharaoh that they are shepherds because

- Egyptians abominated shepherds and this knowledge would help segregate Joseph's family from the Egyptians.