

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).
- Jacob was no doubt happy to see his sons safely home again, especially Benjamin about whom he was particularly concerned.
- Jacob was not prepared for the incredible report that (1) Joseph was

- alive; (2) he was the second ruler of Egypt; (3) he wanted the whole family to move to Egypt; and (4) he would care for them all throughout the next five years of continuing famine.
- The shock was almost too much for Jacob. “Jacob’s heart fainted” (46:26). He almost had a heart attack!

- It was only when Jacob saw the wagons from Egypt that his spirit revived (45:27).

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

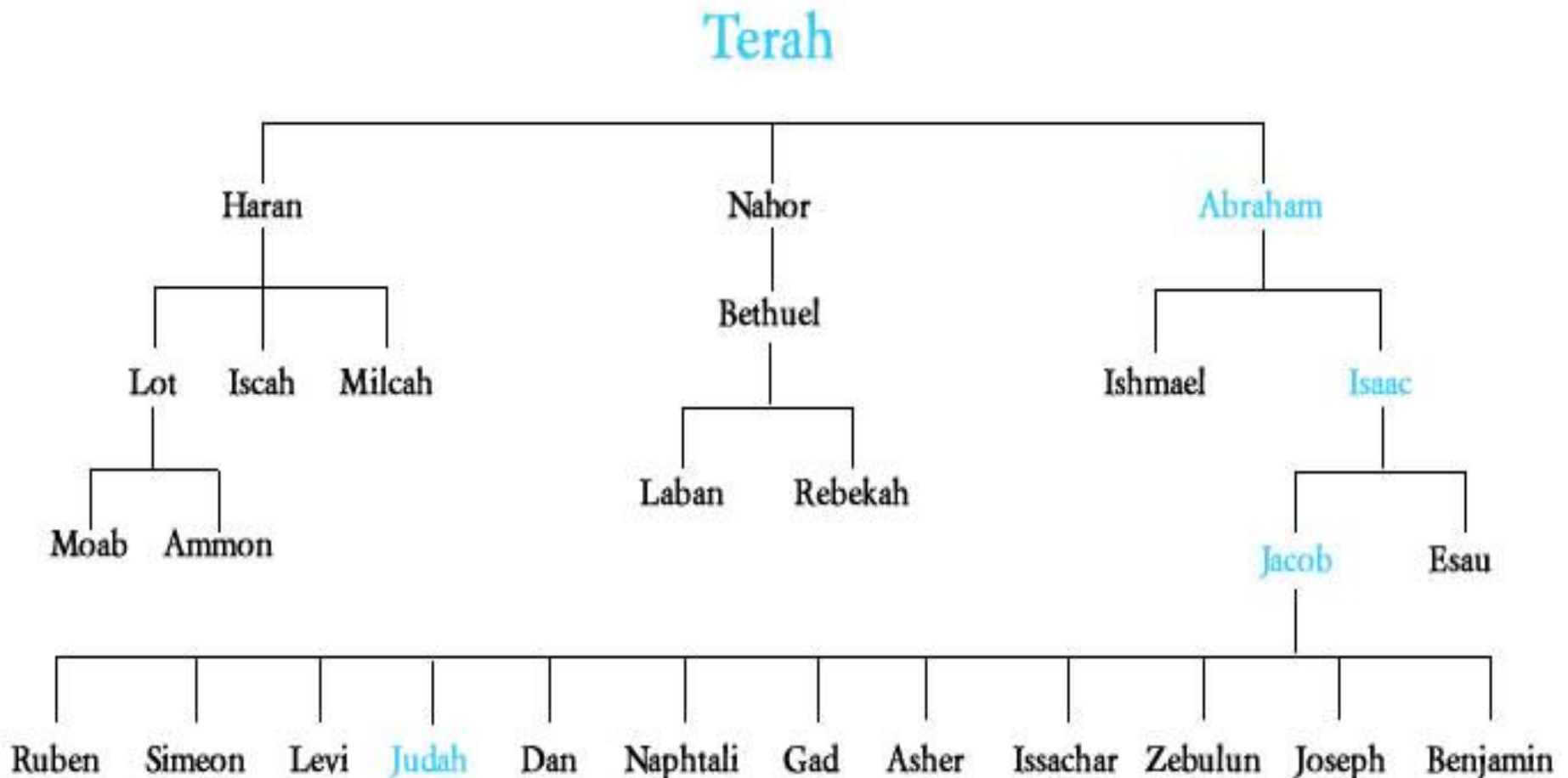
- (Read Genesis 46:1-4)
- God spoke to Jacob (Israel) in a vision at night at Beersheba, where he had stopped to offer sacrifices to God.

- 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)

- 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.
- (**Read Genesis 46:5-27)

The Chosen Line in Genesis



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

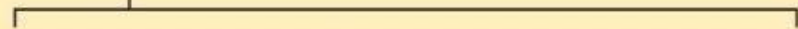
Bilhah



Leah's
servant



Rachel's
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Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Issachar

Zebulun

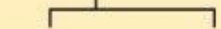


Gad

Asher

Joseph

Benjamin



Dan

Naphtali

- 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.

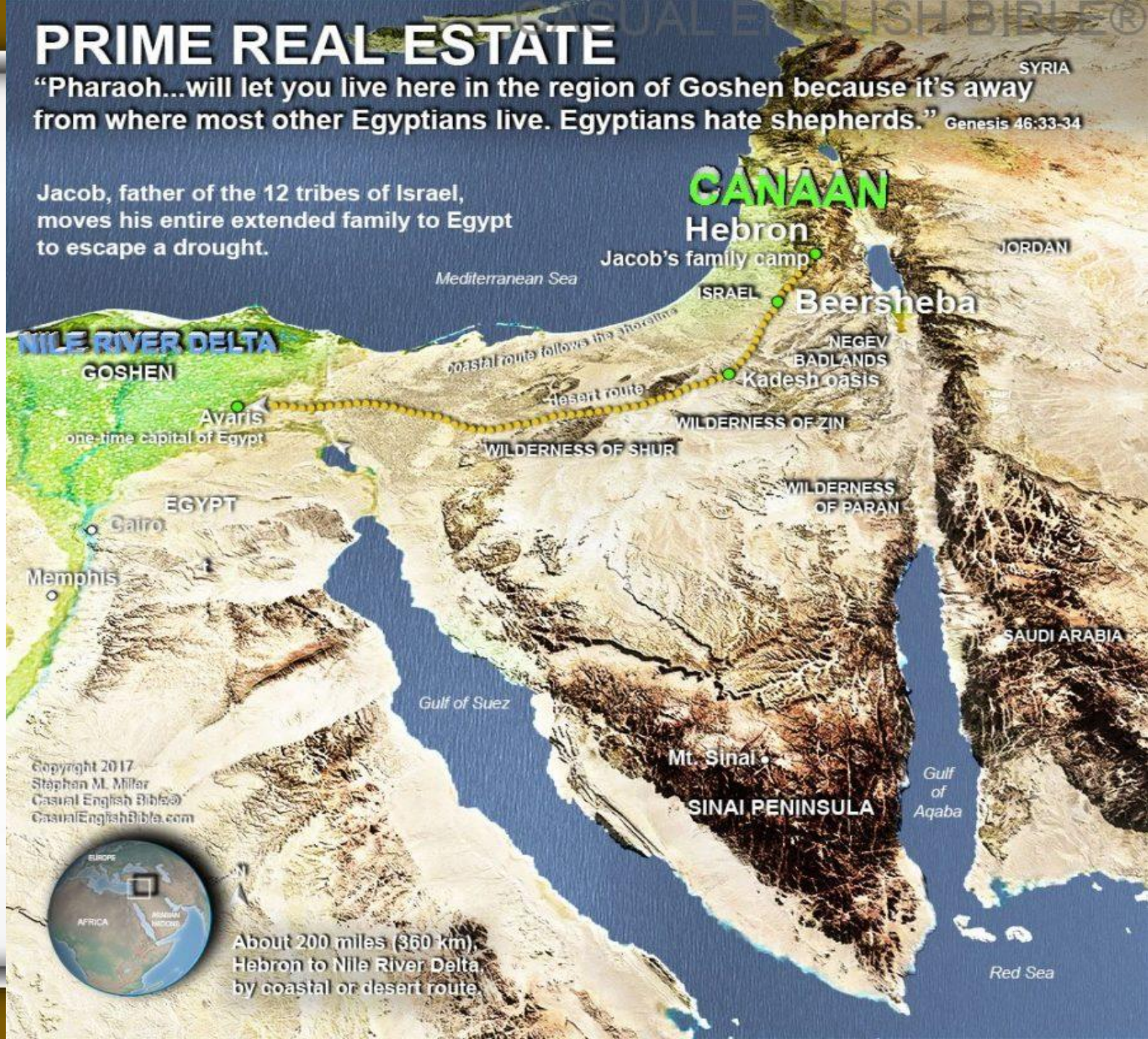
Reuben	None
Simeon	None
→ Levi	Aaron, Moses, Eli, Zacharias, John the Baptist
Judah	David, Jesus
Dan	Samson
Naphtali	Barak, Elijah (?)
Gad	Jephthah (?)
Asher	None
Issachar	None
Zebulun	None
Joseph	Joshua, Gideon, Samuel
Benjamin	Saul, Esther, Paul



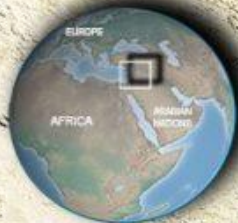
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“Pharaoh...will let you live here in the region of Goshen because it’s away from where most other Egyptians live. Egyptians hate shepherds.” Genesis 46:33-34

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



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

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 17 more years of life before that moment comes (47:28).
- Jacob was 130 years old when he went to Egypt (47:9) and he died at the age 147 (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.

Conclusion

- Our sovereign God overruled the plots of evil people, including family members, and accomplished His will for Jacob, Joseph and his brothers.
- For the next 400 years the Jewish people will be in Egypt, first as honored guests and later as suffering slaves.

Conclusion

- Through it all, God will keep His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and create a Jewish nation.
- You and I can trust God with our future. His plans are always the best.
- When we yield our life to his will and walk in his truth, he always will lead us in paths of righteousness.

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