

#### IV. The Blessing Points to a Promise (47:27-31)

- A. The Israelites are being fruitful and multiplying in famine.
- B. Seventeen Years
- C. Jacob dies in hope.

#### LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.  
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- When Jacob hears that Joseph is alive, where is the first place he goes? Why? What can we learn from this?
- The vision Jacob has at Beersheba has echoes back to Abraham's call in Genesis 22. In what way is Jacob's move to Egypt with his family similar to Abraham's test regarding Isaac?
- What is unusual about the scene in 47:7-10? What are some surprises? How is this scene fulfilled in 47:13-26? How do you think Jacob may have felt standing before the most powerful man on earth?
- Why is it important to remember that the blessing of God on us is the blessing of Abraham and not just a personal blessing that we have received ourselves?
- How does the picture of Israel in Goshen foreshadow the church?
- What are some of the ways we see in these chapters that the promise goes beyond death?
- What is the significance the blessing of Abraham for us today?

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##### *The Blessing of Abraham and You*

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Text: Genesis 46–47

#### Introduction

- A. “Blessed”
  - i. Genesis 1:28
  - ii. Galatians 3:13-14
- B. “I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.” (45:28)

#### I. The Blessing Means God is *With You* (46:1-27)

- A. Beersheba was a place of God's provision and blessing. (46:1)
  - i. Before he going to Egypt to see his son, he goes to God in worship and brings a sacrifice.
  - ii. Genesis 28:20-22
- B. The Vision (46:2)
  - i. Genesis 22:1, 11 (cr. rf. Hebrews 11:19)
  - ii. “Land” – used 28x in 46–47.
- C. The Promise (46:3-7)
  - i. Who is the “you”?

ii. "I myself will go down, descend, with you and come back up."

D. 70 go down to Egypt (46:26-27)

## II. The Blessing is *for Others* (46:28-47:12)

A. Joseph and Jacob meet (46:28-30)

B. Jacob's Blessing of Pharaoh (47:7-10 ESV)

i. The lesser is blessed by the greater (Hebrews 7:7).

a) The Woman at the Well (John 4:10-12)

b) "How many are the years of your life?" (ESV)

ii. Few and Difficult

a) God's blessing doesn't promise a life of comfort and ease, it doesn't offer the luxury of earthly kingdoms.

➤ The blessing came with a cost.

b) We are sojourners.

iii. The blessing Jacob offers is the blessing of Abraham (12:2-3).

C. A Land Outside *the* Land (47:11-12)

i. The heirs of the promise are outside the land of promise and in *the land* of the kingdoms of this world.

ii. God provides for His people in their sojourning.

iii. The nation will be kept pure because though they are scattered, they are gathered.

➤ Hebrews 12:22-23

## III. The Blessing is *Through You* (47:13-26)

A. The blessing Jacob gives Pharaoh is fulfilled through Joseph.

B. The fourfold effect of the blessing on Pharaoh through Joseph:

i. All the money in Egypt became Pharaoh's.

ii. All the livestock in Egypt became Pharaoh's.

iii. All the land in Egypt became Pharaoh's.

iv. A percentage of everything produced into perpetuity became Pharaoh's.

C. The Egyptians view of Joseph: "You have saved our lives."

D. But how would the Israelites have viewed it?

i. YHWH does not allow Israel's kings to own land.

ii. Israel as a Kingdom of Priests

iii. In Israel the priests had no land but had to trust the Lord.

iv. The Israelites provided for the priests.