

Questions for Genesis 46 & 47

1. Jacob prayed and thanked God as soon as he knew Joseph was alive and well. T F
2. God told Jacob not to fear going to Egypt because He would be going with him. T F
3. God told Jacob that Joseph would put his hand upon his eyes, this meant that Joseph would be at his bedside at his death. T F
4. Jacob sends Judah ahead to make sure the way was set for the family in Cairo. T F
5. When Joseph and Jacob saw each other for the first time in 20 years they laughed and talked together for a good while. T F
6. Jacob stated that now that he had seen his son Joseph again, he was ready to die. T F
7. Joseph instructed his brothers not to tell Pharaoh they were shepherds because the Egyptians despised shepherds. T F
8. Pharaoh asks Joseph's brothers only one question. T F
9. Pharaoh asks Jacob only one question. T F
10. Pharaoh blesses Jacob when they met. T F
11. What did Jacob call his life's years?
12. During the famine the people of Egypt spent all their money on grain and corn. T F
13. After the Egyptians ran out of money the next thing they used to barter for grain was their land. T F
14. Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. T F
15. Joseph set up a 20 percent taxation plan and a share cropping system in Egypt. T F

48 And it came to pass after these things, **that one told Joseph¹**, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

² And **one told Jacob**, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

³ And Jacob said unto Joseph, **God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me²**,

⁴ And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

⁵ And now **thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine;**³ as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

⁶ And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

⁷ And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

⁸ And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, **Who are these⁴?**

⁹ And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

¹¹ And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, **God hath shewed me also thy seed⁵**.

¹ In these bible days it was common for people of substance to have messengers, or to hire messengers to deliver information.

² Jacob is either repeating or revealing the information that God gave him many years before, this is customary death bed instruction.

³ Jacob claims Joseph's sons as his own. He adopts them to give them an inheritance which enhances Joseph's inheritance thru his children.

⁴ Just as his father's vision failed late in life Jacobs does also. This lesson is very similar to the deceptive blessing that Jacob stole from his brother.

¹² And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

¹³ And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.⁶

¹⁴ And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head⁷, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph,⁸ and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

¹⁶ The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude⁹ in the midst of the earth.

¹⁷ And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

¹⁸ And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

¹⁹ And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.¹⁰

²⁰ And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

⁵ Jacob is grateful to God that not only did he get to see his favorite son again, but he got to see his son's seed as well.

⁶ Joseph positions the boys with the eldest on the right, and the youngest on the left. This was because the right hand was reserved for the biggest blessing.

⁷ Jacob repeats willingly the reverse blessing he tricked his father into giving him.

⁸ Instead of blessing one of the boys or both, he blesses Joseph first.

⁹ The blessing of Jacob is the same one Isaac blessed him with, a multitude of descendants.

¹⁰ Just as Rebecca was given the prophesy of the younger son being greater than the older, it is here repeated with Joseph's sons.

²¹ And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die¹¹: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

²² Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren¹², which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

¹¹ Unlike Isaac who lived long after he was thought to be on his death bed, Israel announces his death is shortly coming, and it does.

¹² Joseph gets the double portion of inheritance which was reserved for the eldest son. Rather than do it in the traditional way, Jacob does it through Joseph's sons.