

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 Mar.....Genesis 21-23.....A Substitute
- 2) 10 Mar.....Genesis 24.....Guidance Needed
- 3) 17 Mar.....Genesis 25-27.....A Deceiver
- 4) 24 Mar.....Genesis 28-30.....A Stairway
- 5) 31 Mar.....John 20.....Believe!
- 6) 07 Apr.....Genesis 30-31.....Blessed
- 7) 14 Apr.....Genesis 32-33.....Wrestled
- 8) 21 Apr.....Genesis 34-36.....Renewed
- 9) 28 Apr.....Genesis 37.....Dreamer
- 10) 05 May.....Genesis 38-39.....Accused
- 11) 12 May.....Genesis 40-41.....Revealed
- 12) 19 May.....Genesis 42-46.....Reconcile
- 13) 26 May.....Genesis 47-50.....Revenge?

INTRODUCTION

- Jacob's stay in Egypt was to be a temporary sojourn – so everyone thought. 430 years later...

Passage	Comments
47:1-12	<p>Israel Settles in Goshen & Becomes Indispensable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-6. Five brothers out of 11 meet Pharaoh. Large families can be cumbersome to manage in high-profile places. Try taking a large family to the supermarket. • v4. Jacob's sojourn in Egypt was presumably to last for short 1-2 years, maybe 7 at the most. But 430? • v6. Pharaoh asks help from Israelites to take charge of Egypt's livestock. What a precedence – foreign immigrants put in charge of a major industry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Could this type of policy be a problem for Egypt or for any nation? For example, what if Muslims were put in control of America's food supply? ♦ This would not be a problem if the Israelites, who oversaw the livestock, behaved like Joseph in all aspects – Honest, God-fearing, and Loyal to their host nation. But what displaced people group(s) have been Honest, God-fearing, & Loyal to their host nations in recent years? • vv7-10. Jacob blessed Pharaoh HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Did Jacob only bless with a few words or with actions (i.e., honest, hard-working service) .. Jer 29:7 • vv11-12. Joseph settles his family & feeds them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Powerful principle to take care of family..... 1Tim 5:8
47:13-26	<p>Egypt Grows Immensely Under Joseph's Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the famine gets worse, Joseph acquires money, livestock, land, and servants for Pharaoh • vv24-25. Joseph taxes the people 20%, and the people are grateful. What is our typical tax rate here in America today? <input type="checkbox"/> 25% <input type="checkbox"/> 30%? <input type="checkbox"/> 35% <input type="checkbox"/> 40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Are we grateful for our freedoms which are not free? • Egypt now has the wealth to build bigger and better pyramid structures in future generations; to enslave the Hebrews for labor; and to be eventually plundered by rival nations – ALL with God's foreknowledge
47:27-31 48:1-22	<p>Israel's Last Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47:27. Israel acquired additional property (probably outside of Goshen) as an investment for a long stay • 47:28. Jacob is in Egypt for 17 yrs and dies at 147 • 48:5-6. Jacob adopts Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons. Future grandsons of Joseph are Joseph's but they will be called Ephraimites or Manassites • 48:14, 19. Jacob gives the greater blessing to Ephraim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ephraim's name will later be used to represent the northern 10 tribes of Israel who became idolatrous before the southern tribes of Judah & Benjamin

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48:22. Joseph receives one portion more than his brothers, a special piece of property – possibly Shechem ("portion" ~ shoulder), which was probably Reuben's forfeited inheritance cf 49:3-4
49:1-33	<p>Israel's Prophecies of His Kids Before His Death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuben – the right of the 1st born was given away • Simeon & Levi to be scattered throughout Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Levites had only cities, no allotted land ♦ Simeonites were given cities w/in Judah..... Josh 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Jerusalem Targum, "I will divide the tribe of Simeon, that they may be scribes and teachers of the Law in the congregation of Jacob" • v10. Judah becomes the leading clan of Israel, and a special person would arise to lead Israel continuously <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Possibly King David, possibly the Messiah • v17. Dan will be a serpent. In Rev 7, Dan and Ephraim are missing from the listing of Israel's 12 tribes, replaced by Manasseh and Levi, probably due to their deplorable idolatries and apostasies recorded prior to Israel's Babylonian captivity • v20. Asher shall be rich, possibly from oil.... Deut 33:24
50:1-26	<p>The Death of Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-14. Burial of Jacob (he lived 147 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v1, 17. Joseph weeps for the 7th & 8th times ♦ vv7-8. What a great time for all of Israel to return to the Promise Land – but only the leaders went • vv15-21. Lingering concerns force the final and lasting reconciliation between the brothers. Reconciliation may not be a one-time incident – but occurs over time. • vv22-26. Death of Joseph at 110 years of age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Notice the ages of the patriarchs has declined considerably since the days of Noah (950 years)

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- If God can accomplish His will with dysfunctional malcontents as the clan of Abraham – Isaac – Jacob, then He can accomplish great things through us as well. It all depends how humble & willing we are
- Sometimes we have to play out the hand that God dealt to us as Joseph did. He wore 3 robes during his lifetime
 1. Teen years – A robe of many colors..... [Gen 37:3](#)
 2. Prime years – A robe of slavery [Gen 39:11](#)
 3. Senior years – A robe of nobility..... [Gen 41:42](#)
- As Joseph did, let's wear whatever robes we are given faithfully



Why God Was Silent for 430 Years...[Exodus 12:40](#)