

Chapter 46

46:1-2

So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to ^aBeersheba, named such in Genesis 26. The last time he was there was in 28:10. He was not married and therefore did not have children. This was probably 53 years ago. Since we cannot assume he had never returned for anything, we must assume the writer is attempting to communicate with the reader. In both cases, though, Jacob is leaving Canaan. and offered sacrifices ^bto the God of his father Isaac. ²Then God spoke to Israel “in the visions of the night, and said, “Jacob, Jacob!” And he said, “Here I am.”

³So He said, “I am God, ^dthe God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, One of the reasons he might fear is because of his father’s and grandfather’s own stories of trips to **Egypt** (Genesis 12 and Genesis 26). Another great reason is that Jacob might be wondering how to regain possession for his land in this “Promised Land.” **for I will ^emake of you a great nation there.** ^{4f}**I will go down with you to Egypt** Just as God went with Joseph (39:2). Either God left **Egypt** (and Joseph) or He is omnipresent. **and I will also surely ^gbring you up again** He comes up in a coffin or “box of bones,” though. **and ^hJoseph ¹will put his hand on your eyes.”** Another way of saying that **Joseph** would be there when he (Jacob) died.

⁵Then ⁱJacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, in the ²carts ^jwhich Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶So they took their livestock and their goods, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to Egypt, ^kJacob and all his descendants with him. ⁷His sons and his sons’ sons, his daughters and his sons’ daughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt. So, his daughters-in-law are not included.

⁸Now ^lthese were the names of the children of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: ^mReuben was Jacob’s firstborn. ⁹The ⁿsons of Reuben were Hanoch, same as Enoch—one of four in the Bible. **Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.** ¹⁰^oThe sons of Simeon You can see the sons are mentioned in order of their birth, then. were ³Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, ⁴Jachin,

^a Gen. 21:31, 33; 26:32, 33; 28:10

^b Gen. 26:24, 25; 28:13; 31:42; 32:9

^c Gen. 15:1; 22:11; 31:11; Num. 12:6; Job 33:14, 15

^d Gen. 17:1; 28:13

^e Gen. 12:2; Ex. 1:9; 12:37; Deut. 26:5

^f Gen. 28:15; 31:3; 48:21; Ex. 3:12

^g Gen. 15:16; 50:12, 24, 25; Ex. 3:8

^h Gen. 50:1

¹ Will close your eyes when you die

ⁱ Gen. 47:9; Acts 7:15

² wagons

^j Gen. 45:19–21

^k Deut. 26:5; Josh. 24:4; Ps. 105:23; Is. 52:4; Acts 7:15

^l Ex. 1:1–4

^m Num. 26:4, 5; 1 Chr. 2:1

ⁿ Ex. 6:14

^o Ex. 6:15; Num. 26:12

³ Nemuel, 1 Chr. 4:24

⁴ Jarib, 1 Chr. 4:24

⁵**Zohar** also the name of the person who sold land to his great great grandfather (Genesis 23). **and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.** ¹¹ **The sons of ^pLevi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.** ¹² **The sons of ^qJudah were ^rEr, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan).** ^s**The sons of Perez were Hezron the second one in this caravan (46:10). and Hamul.** ¹³ **The sons of Issachar were Tola, ⁶Puvah, ⁷Job not the same word as the famous one. and Shimron.** ¹⁴ **The ^tsons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.** ¹⁵ **These were the ^usons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram, with his daughter Dinah. All the persons, his sons and his daughters, were thirty-three.** Listed among them is two women: **Leah** and **Dinah**. Below you will notice that verses 16-18 lists only one additional woman: **Zilpah**. Perhaps it was more than these males plus four women that went to Egypt—even though it would be actually many more, probably, than 70.

¹⁶ **The sons of Gad were ⁸Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, ⁹Ezbon, Eri, ¹Arodi, and Areli.** ¹⁷ **The sons of Asher were Jimnah, Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel.** ¹⁸ **^wThese were the sons of Zilpah, ^xwhom Laban gave to Leah his daughter since Zilpah is part of the relationship with Leah. She is listed before Rachel in 46:19. and these she bore to Jacob: sixteen persons.** A total of 50 with Jacob (and those in verse 15).

¹⁹ **The ^ysons of Rachel, ^zJacob's wife, were Joseph and Benjamin.** ²⁰ **^aAnd to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.** ²¹ **^bThe sons of Benjamin the youngest son has ten sons. were Belah, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, ^cEhi, Rosh, ^dMuppm, ²Huppm, and Ard.** ²² **These were the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob: fourteen persons in all.** With the math under verse 18, we now have 64 total people.

⁵ Zerah, 1 Chr. 4:24

^p Ex. 6:16, 17; 1 Chr. 6:1, 16

^q Num. 26:19, 20; 1 Chr. 2:3; 4:21

^r Gen. 38:3, 7, 10

^s Gen. 38:29

⁶ Puvah, Num. 26:23; 1 Chr. 7:1

⁷ Jashub, Num. 26:24; 1 Chr. 7:1

^t Num. 26:26

^u Gen. 35:23; 49:31

⁸ Sam., LXX *Zephon* and Num. 26:15

⁹ Ozni, Num. 26:16

¹ Arod, Num. 26:17

^v Num. 26:44–47; 1 Chr. 7:30

^w Gen. 30:10; 37:2

^x Gen. 29:24

^y Gen. 35:24

^z Gen. 44:27

^a Gen. 41:45, 50–52; 48:1

^b 1 Chr. 7:6; 8:1

^c Num. 26:38

^d Num. 26:39; 1 Chr. 7:12

² Hupham, Num. 26:39

²³ The son of Dan was ³Hushim. ²⁴ ^eThe sons of Naphtali were ⁴Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and ⁵Shillem. ²⁵ ^fThese were the sons of Bilhah, ^gwhom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob: seven persons in all. We now have 71 (with the math under verse 22).

²⁶ ^hAll the persons who went with or “belonged to” Jacob to Egypt, who came from his body, ⁱbesides Jacob’s sons’ wives, were sixty-six persons in all. ²⁷ And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. ^jAll the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt grammatically this phrase could be describing Jacob or the 70. In other words the 70 could be either those of the house of Jacob or those who went to Egypt. Acts 7:14 says there were 75 which may include wives not included in this passage.

were seventy. Counting the wives and Jacob we get to 70. So counting 70 in this verse we get down to “66” could be gotten down to 66 two ways: 1. Don’t count the wives or Jacob (verse 26); or 2. Subtract, verse verse 26, Er and Onan. They did not get to Egypt and get us down to 68. It seems as though Joseph’s sons (verse 20), since they did not migrate to Egypt, get us down to 66.

²⁸ Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, ^kto point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came ^lto the land of Goshen. ²⁹ So Joseph made ready his ^mchariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and ⁿfell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while.

³⁰ And Israel said to Joseph, ^o“Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive.”

³¹ Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, ^p“I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘My brothers and those of my father’s house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. ³² And the men are ^qshepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.’ ³³ So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, ^r“What is your occupation?” ³⁴ that you shall say, ‘Your servants’ ^soccupation has been with livestock ^tfrom our youth even till

³ Shuham, Num. 26:42

^e Num. 26:48

⁴ Jahziel, 1 Chr. 7:13

⁵ Shallum, 1 Chr. 7:13

^f Gen. 30:5, 7

^g Gen. 29:29

^h Ex. 1:5

ⁱ Gen. 35:11

^j Ex. 1:5; Deut. 10:22; Acts 7:14

^k Gen. 31:21

^l Gen. 47:1

^m Gen. 41:43

ⁿ Gen. 45:14, 15

^o Luke 2:29, 30

^p Gen. 47:1

^q Gen. 47:3

^r Gen. 47:2, 3

^s Gen. 47:3

^t Gen. 30:35; 34:5; 37:17

now, both we *and* also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is ^uan ⁶abomination to the Egyptians."

46:8-12¹

I wanted to suggest something, perhaps, a little more easy to swallow on the difference between the 66 and the 70 of Genesis 46:26-27. I suggested that it were Ephraim, Manassah, Er, and Onan that made up the four, but I needed to be honest with myself following the lesson and see that Exodus 1 says "70" and it removes all doubt that these "70" came into Egypt. So, since, Genesis 47:27 tells us #'s 67 and 68 are Ephraim and Manassah, but you may also notice that Jacob could be added to the "66" to make "69." Also, if you see Genesis 46:15, you will notice Dinah is not included in the "66" can also be included in the "70." Anyway, I think the difference between the 66 and the 70 may be better said as "Ephraim, Manassah, Jacob, and Dinah."

²⁸ Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, ^kto point out before him *the way to Goshen*. And they came ^lto the land of Goshen. Nearly as close to the Mediterranean Sea on the Nile River as one can get.

³⁴ that you shall say, 'Your servants' ^soccupation has been with livestock He is told to tell the head man that they are the very kind of people he wants nowhere near himself. Consequently, they are given some of the most fertile land in the whole country (47:11).

47 Then Joseph ^awent and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; and indeed they *are* in ^bthe land of Goshen." ² And he took five men from among his brothers and ^cpresented them to Pharaoh. ³ Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, ^d"What *is* your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, ^e"Your servants *are* shepherds we heard in an earlier chapter that Egyptians wouldn't even eat with **shepherds so this may have been a sneaky way to get them as far away from **Pharaoh** as possible. Verse 11 tells us where this happens and it plays into Exodus 1:12 where they are still building—making 47:11 a proleptic label for a town yet to be built.**

both we *and* also our fathers." ⁴ And they said to Pharaoh, ^f"We have come to dwell in the land, because your servants have no pasture for their flocks, ^gfor the famine *is* severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants ^hdwell in the land of Goshen."

^u Gen. 43:32; Ex. 8:26

⁶ loathsome

¹See under 38:25-26.

^k Gen. 31:21

¹ Gen. 47:1

^s Gen. 47:3

^a Gen. 46:31

^b Gen. 45:10; 46:28; 50:8

^c Acts 7:13

^d Gen. 46:33; Jon. 1:8

^e Gen. 46:32, 34; Ex. 2:17, 19

^f Gen. 15:13; Deut. 26:5; Ps. 105:23

^g Gen. 43:1; Acts 7:11

^h Gen. 46:34

⁵ Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ⁱThe land of Egypt *is* before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell ^jin the land of Goshen. And if you know *any* competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.”

47:11²

ⁱ Gen. 20:15; 45:10, 18; 47:11

^j Gen. 47:4

²See under 47:1-3.