

A FAMILY REUNION WORTH ATTENDING {Genesis 46}

- **FIVE FACTS about FORGIVENESS:**

- 1) The true God is a righteous yet _____ God. (Ps. 103:10-12)
 - 2) The assurance of _____ is one of the greatest needs of the human heart. (Ps. 130; Isa. 38:17; 1 John 2:12)
 - 3) There is _____ forgiveness before God as the Supreme Judge, when a sinner believes the Gospel. (Romans 4:1-8; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; Colossians 1:14)
 - 4) There is _____ forgiveness with God, as your Heavenly Father, when a saint / believer confesses his known sins as the Holy Spirit convicts. (Ps. 32:1-5; 86:5; Prov.28:13; 1 John 1:9)
 - 5) There is to be _____ forgiveness toward others who have offended us, especially other believers, and it is to be done _____ in view of how God has forgiven us by _____ because of _____. (Eph. 4:31-32) In some aspects, you are never more like God that when you FORGIVE others. But what does forgiveness not immediately restore on some occasions depending on the nature of the offense?
- How does forgiveness intersect into the story of Joseph and this family reunion?

A. The FAMILY of ISRAEL / JACOB TRAVELS to BEERSHEBA. {46:1-4}

1. Israel / Jacob expresses appreciation for God's faithfulness and grace. {46:1}

- What is the significance of this name? {46:1a}
- What is significant about "Beersheba"? What did he do there? {vs. 1b} What can this remind us of?

2. God speaks to Israel / Jacob and assures him with His promises. {46:2-4}

- How did God speak to Israel? What did He call him? How does God speak to us today? {46:2a}
- How does Jacob respond to the voice of God? {46:2b} What does God remind Israel of? {46:3a}
- What does God assure him about? Why did he need this? {46:3b}
- What does God promise to him and how does He do this? {46:3c-4}
- Why was this needed and important? Do you know some of God's great & precious promises?

B. The FAMILY of ISRAEL / JACOB TRAVELS to EGYPT. {46:5-27}

1. Israel / Jacob walks by faith in God's plan & promises? {46:5} What does "sons of Israel" mean?
2. Who *generally* went with Israel / Jacob? {46:6-7}

3. **Who specifically went with Israel / Jacob? {46:8-25}**

{from Leah}

- Reuben's family {vs.8-9}
- Levi's family {vs.11}
- Simeon's family {vs. 13}
- Zebulen's family {vs. 14}
- Simeon's family {vs. 10}
- Judah's family {vs.12}
- Issachar's family {vs. 13}
- What was the total? {vs. 15}

{From Zilpah}

- Gad's family {vs. 16}
- Beriah's family {vs. 17}
- Asher's family {vs.17}
- What was the total? {vs. 18}

{From Rachel}

- Joseph's family {vs. 19-20}
- Benjamin's family {vs. 21}
- What was the total? {vs. 22}

{From Bilhah}

- Dan's family {vs.23}
- Naphtali's family {vs.24}
- What was the total? {vs. 25}

● **What was the total that traveled to Egypt? {vs. 26-27}**

● **Who is missing in this head count?**

● **What is the significance of this genealogy?**

C. **The FAMILY of ISRAEL / JACOB ARRIVES in EGYPT. {46:28-34}**

1. **The reunion of Joseph & Israel / Jacob. {46:28-30}**

- Who was sent ahead of their arrival to advise / prepare? Why him? {vs. 28a}
- What was their specific destination? {vs. 28b} What was the reunion like? {vs. 29}
- How did Israel / Jacob now remark about his life? {vs. 30} How was this different from the past?
- How should believers view and respond to death?
- What was fulfilled on this occasion?

2. **The plan and instructions of Joseph. {46:31-34}** What is very significant in Joseph's instructions and why?

- How does all this apply to you?