

GENESIS 46



- Era of Patriarchs is over
- Abraham and Isaac are dead
- Only Jacob remains
- Israel is now given “nation” status and assumes the name “Israelites”

JACOB SUSPECTED THE TIME OF SUBJUGATION HAD ARRIVED

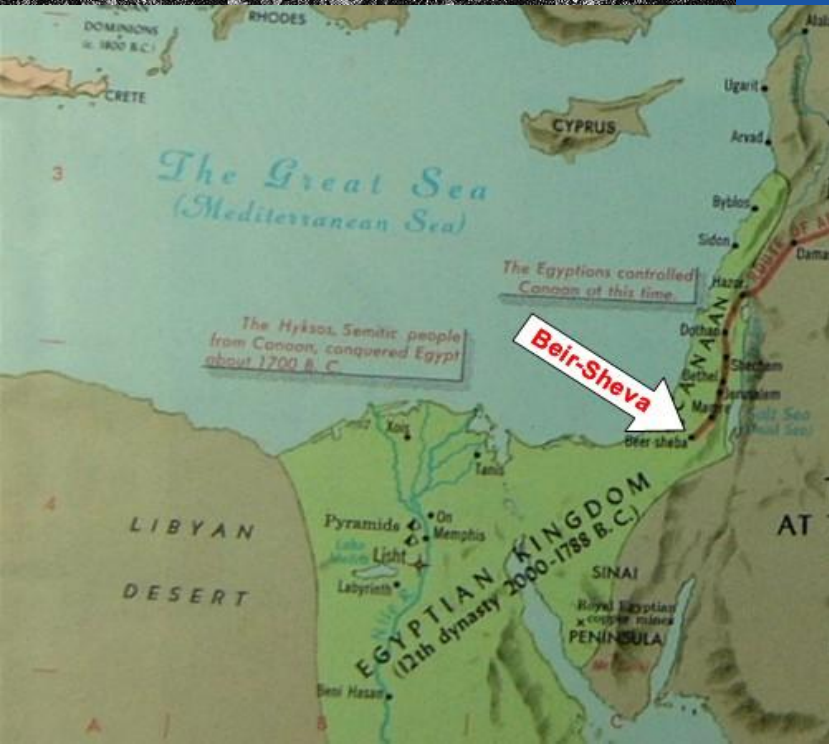
- Jacob was well aware of the prophetic words of God to Abraham
- Gen.15:12 “.....*your descendants will be strangers in a land not yours....they will be enslaved.....for 400 years...*”
- Jacob knew he'd die in Egypt



JACOB HAS A VISION AT BE'ER-SHEVA



- God tells Jacob not to be afraid about going to Egypt
- God says in Egypt Israel will become a great nation
- Jacob offered sacrifices at Beir-Sheva
- **Zevahim** = a specific KIND of sacrifice
- Jacob used an altar to sacrifice, probably the same one Isaac had built



GODS WERE THOUGHT TO BE TERRITORIAL



- An unquestioned belief in gods observing national boundaries
- Jacob feared by going to Egypt, he'd leave Yehoveh behind
- Yehoveh says: "I myself will go with you..."
- Statements like these are not idle comments
- While it was incorrect, people believed it

THE GENEALOGY OF ISRAEL

- Verses 8 – 25 were either ADDED at a later date, or were heavily modified
- The numbers don't add-up, and it is different than in 1Chronicles and Numbers 26
- Benjamin, in his 20's at this time, is shown with 10 sons! Clearly impossible.
- Genealogies have been inserted and amended for several reasons: clans having died out, additional information was available or needed

70 IS A SYMBOLIC NUMBER

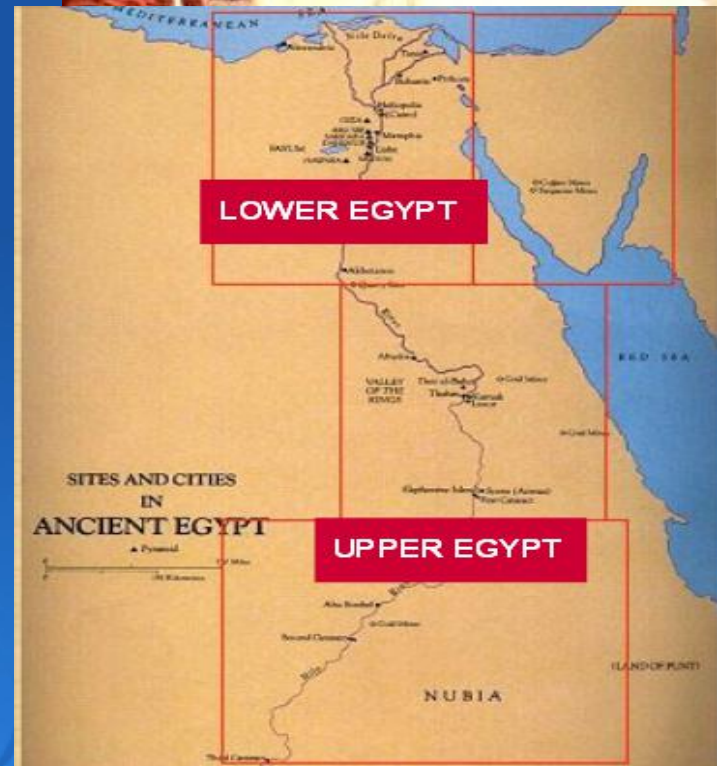
- Biblically, 70 indicates the completion of a cycle
- MORE than 70 individuals went to Egypt
- ANY census counted only males
- At least as many females as males would have been part of Israel
- Probably something around 150 - 200 people went to Egypt
- Some of the people had been taken from Shechem as the sons of Israel raided the city
- Also would have acquired foreign slaves

ALL THE GENEALOGIES HAD A METHOD AND PURPOSE

- Never done at random, or for the reason of being “approximate”
- In Gen.46, the 1st listed was Leah’s children, 2nd was Zilpah (Leah’s servant).
- 3rd was Rachel’s children, and last was Bilah (Rachel’s servant)
- Notice that Manasseh and Ephraim were included...obviously born in Egypt, didn’t come from Canaan
- Originally, verse 28 probably was immediately after verse 7

THE HAPPY REUNION!

- Apparently Judah was now firmly entrenched as the heir apparent
- Jacob and Israel immediately go to Goshen
- Joseph goes to tell Pharaoh of the arrival of his family
- Upper Egypt was to the SOUTH
- Lower Egypt was to the NORTH
- The Land of Goshen becomes the Israelites official home in Egypt

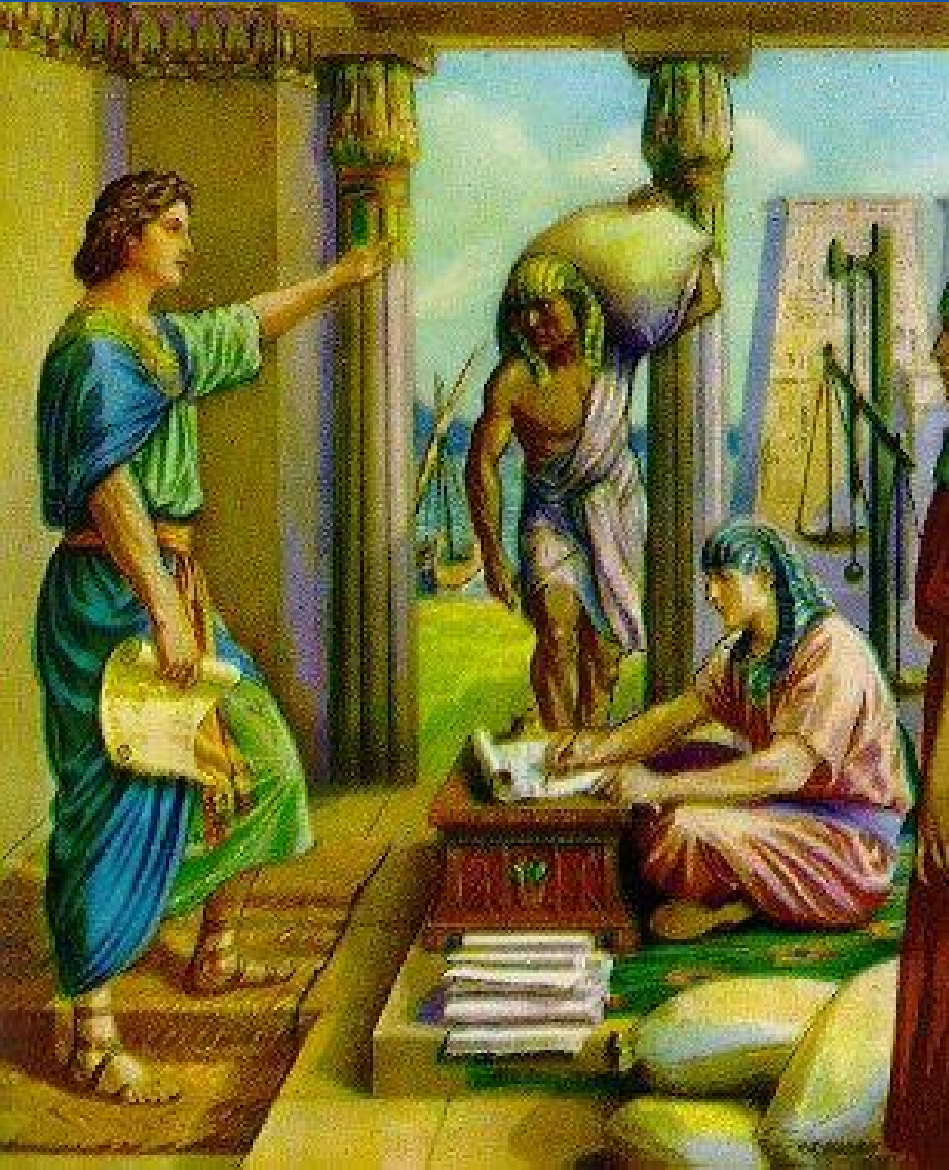


GENESIS 47: JACOB MEETS PHARAOH



- The meeting agenda is pre-planned
- Pharaoh asks their occupation
- “Jacob blessed Pharaoh”
- Jacob probably the oldest man Pharaoh had ever met!
130 years old

PHARAOH GAINS OWNERSHIP OF ALL EGYPT



- The famine worsened
- People ran out of money to buy grain, so they sold their livestock
- When the livestock was gone they sold their land (to Pharaoh)
- When their land was gone, they sold themselves (to Pharaoh)
- But, it was Joseph's face they saw and dealt with
- Land leased back to the former owners, so they became serfs

THE BEGINNING OF THE HATRED

- It was Joseph's plan and administration
- Joseph was seen as taking the people's land and liberty
- Israelites prospered up in Goshen
- The current Semite Pharaoh didn't care about what the Egyptian people thought
- After Joseph died, Egypt took retribution by enslaving the now-prosperous Hebrews



JACOB'S ONLY REMAINING TASK: THE BLESSING



- Jacob survived for 17 years in Egypt
- Died at 147 years of age
- Made Joseph promise that his remains be taken back to Canaan
- Being buried in Canaan was not about nationalism
- Primarily was about “Ancestor Worship”
- How could he be “gathered to his kin” if his body and spirit were in Egypt?