

Jacob Moves to Egypt (1876 BC)

Genesis 46:1–7

- 1 So Israel began his journey, taking with him all that he had. When he came to Beer Sheba he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
- 2 God spoke to Israel in a vision during the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob!” He replied, “Here I am!”
- 3 He said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.
- 4 I will go down with you to Egypt and I myself will certainly bring you back from there. Joseph will close your eyes.”
- 5 Then Jacob started out from Beer Sheba, and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little children, and their wives in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent along to transport him.
- 6 Jacob and all his descendants took their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and they went to Egypt.
- 7 He brought with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons, his daughters and granddaughters—all his descendants.

Record of Jacob’s Descendants Who Migrated to Egypt (1876 BC)

Genesis 46:8–27

Exodus 1:1–5

- 8 These are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt— Jacob and his sons:
Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob.
- 9 The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.
- 10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar, and Shaul (the son of a Canaanite woman).
- 11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 12 The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.
- 13 The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron.
- 14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.
- 15 These were the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, along with Dinah his daughter. His sons and daughters numbered thirty-three in all.
- 16 The sons of Gad: Zephon, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.
- 17 The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and Serah their sister. The sons of Beriah were Heber and Malkiel.
- 18 These were the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter. She bore these to Jacob, sixteen in all.
- 19 The sons of Rachel the wife of Jacob: Joseph and Benjamin.
- 20 Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt. Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore them to him.
- 21 The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim and Ard.
- 22 These were the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob, fourteen in all.
- 23 The son of Dan: Hushim.
- 24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.
- 25 These were the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter. She bore these to Jacob, seven in all.
- 26 All the direct descendants of Jacob who went to Egypt with him were sixty-six in number. (This number does not include the wives of Jacob’s sons.)
- 27 Counting the two sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt, all the people of the household of Jacob who were in Egypt numbered seventy.

- 1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who entered Egypt— each man with his household entered with Jacob:
- 2 Reuben,
- Simeon,
- Levi,
and Judah,
- 3a Issachar,
Zebulun,
- 4b Gad
and Asher.
- 3b and Benjamin,
- 4a Dan
and Naphtali,
- 5 All the people who were directly descended from Jacob

numbered seventy. But Joseph was already in Egypt,

Jacob and Joseph are Reunited (1876 BC)

Genesis 46:28–47:12

A Tearful Reunion

46:28 Jacob sent Judah before him to Joseph to accompany him to Goshen. So they came to the land of Goshen.

29 Joseph harnessed his chariot and went up to meet his father Israel in Goshen. When he met him, he hugged his neck and wept on his neck for quite some time.

30 Israel said to Joseph, “Now let me die since I have seen your face and know that you are still alive.”

31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and his father’s household, “I will go up and tell Pharaoh, ‘My brothers and my father’s household who were in the land of Canaan have come to me.

32 The men are shepherds; they take care of livestock. They have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.’

33 Pharaoh will summon you and say, ‘What is your occupation?’

34 Tell him, ‘Your servants have taken care of cattle from our youth until now, both we and our fathers,’ so that you may live in the land of Goshen, for everyone who takes care of sheep is disgusting to the Egyptians.”

Joseph Presents Five of His Brothers to Pharaoh

47:1 Joseph went and told Pharaoh, “My father, my brothers, their flocks and herds, and all that they own have arrived from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.”

2 He took five of his brothers and introduced them to Pharaoh.

3 Pharaoh said to Joseph’s brothers, “What is your occupation?” They said to Pharaoh, “Your servants take care of flocks, just as our ancestors did.”

4 Then they said to Pharaoh, “We have come to live as temporary residents in the land. There is no pasture for your servants’ flocks because the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants live in the land of Goshen.”

5 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 The land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best region of the land. They may live in the land of Goshen. If you know of any highly capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

Jacob Blesses Pharaoh

7 Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and presented him before Pharaoh. Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How long have you lived?”

9 Jacob said to Pharaoh, “All the years of my travels are 130. All the years of my life have been few and painful; the years of my travels are not as long as those of my ancestors.”

10 Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

11 So Joseph settled his father and his brothers. He gave them territory in the land of Egypt, in the best region of the land, the land of Rameses, just as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 Joseph also provided food for his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household, according to the number of their little children.

The Famine Intensifies (1876–1871 BC)

Genesis 47:13–26

13 But there was no food in all the land because the famine was very severe; the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan wasted away because of the famine.

14 Joseph collected all the money that could be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan as payment for the grain they were buying. Then Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh’s palace.

15 When the money from the lands of Egypt and Canaan was used up, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, “Give us food! Why should we die before your very eyes because our money has run out?”

16 Then Joseph said, “If your money is gone, bring your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock.”

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for their horses, the livestock of their flocks and herds, and their donkeys. He got them through that year by giving them food in exchange for livestock.

18 When that year was over, they came to him the next year and said to him, “We cannot hide from our lord that the money is used up and the livestock and the animals belong to our lord. Nothing remains before our lord except our bodies and our land.

19 Why should we die before your very eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we, with our land, will become Pharaoh’s slaves. Give us seed that we may live and not die. Then the land will not become desolate.”

20 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. Each of the Egyptians sold his field, for the famine was severe. So the land became Pharaoh’s.

21 Joseph made all the people slaves from one end of Egypt’s border to the other end of it.

22 But he did not purchase the land of the priests because the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh and they ate from their

allotment that Pharaoh gave them. That is why they did not sell their land.

23 Joseph said to the people, “Since I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh, here is seed for you. Cultivate the land.

24 When you gather in the crop, give one-fifth of it to Pharaoh, and the rest will be yours for seed for the fields and for you to eat, including those in your households and your little children.”

25 They replied, “You have saved our lives! You are showing us favor, and we will be Pharaoh’s slaves.”

26 So Joseph made it a statute, which is in effect to this day throughout the land of Egypt: One-fifth belongs to Pharaoh. Only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh’s.

Jacob Dwells in the Land of Goshen (1876–1859 BC)

Genesis 47:27–28a

27 Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they owned land there. They were fruitful and increased rapidly in number.

28a Jacob lived in the land of Egypt 17 years;

Jacob Adopts Joseph’s Two Sons as His Own (1859 BC)

Genesis 47:29–48:22

Jacob Makes Joseph Swear to Bury Him in Canaan

47:29 The time for Israel to die approached, so he called for his son Joseph and said to him, “If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt,

30 but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place.” Joseph said, “I will do as you say.”

31 Jacob said, “Swear to me that you will do so.” So Joseph gave him his word. Then Israel bowed down at the head of his bed.

Jacob Near Death

48:1 After these things Joseph was told, “Your father is weakening.” So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

2 When Jacob was told, “Your son Joseph has just come to you,” Israel regained strength and sat up on his bed.

3 Jacob said to Joseph, “The sovereign God appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me.

4 He said to me, ‘I am going to make you fruitful and will multiply you. I will make you into a group of nations, and I will give this land to your descendants as an everlasting possession.’

5 “Now, as for your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, they will be mine. Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine just as Reuben and Simeon are.

6 Any children that you father after them will be yours; they will be listed under the names of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 But as for me, when I was returning from Paddan, Rachel died—to my sorrow—in the land of Canaan. It happened along the way, some distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there on the way to Ephrath” (that is, Bethlehem).

Jacob Blesses Manasseh and Ephraim

8 When Israel saw Joseph’s sons, he asked, “Who are these?”

9 Joseph said to his father, “They are the sons God has given me in this place.” His father said, “Bring them to me so I may bless them.”

10 Now Israel’s eyes were failing because of his age; he was not able to see well. So Joseph brought his sons near to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them.

11 Israel said to Joseph, “I never expected to see you again, but now God has allowed me to see your children too.”

12 So Joseph moved them from Israel’s knees and bowed down with his face to the ground.

13 Joseph positioned them; he put Ephraim on his right hand across from Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh on his left hand across from Israel’s right hand. Then Joseph brought them closer to his father.

14 Israel stretched out his right hand and placed it on Ephraim’s head, although he was the younger. Crossing his hands, he put his left hand on Manasseh’s head, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

15 Then he blessed Joseph and said,

“May the God before whom my fathers
Abraham and Isaac walked—
the God who has been my shepherd
all my life long to this day,

16 the Angel who has protected me
from all harm—
bless these boys.

May my name be named in them,

and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac.
May they grow into a multitude on the earth.” [[Heb 11:21](#)]

Jacob Places Ephraim Before Manasseh

17 When Joseph saw that his father placed his right hand on Ephraim’s head, it displeased him. So he took his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head.

18 Joseph said to his father, “Not so, my father, for this is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his head.”

19 But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He too will become a nation and he too will become great. In spite of this, his younger brother will be even greater and his descendants will become a multitude of nations.”

20 So he blessed them that day, saying,

“By you will Israel bless, saying,
‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.’”

So he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, “I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 As one who is above your brothers, I give to you the mountain slope, which I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.”

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