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IV. Joseph Cycle

The Abrahamic Covenant Passes to the House of Israel Collectively (Chapters 36-50)

Descendants of Esau

(Chapter 36)

- *First Genealogical List of Esau's Wives, Sone, and Grandsons (36:1-8)*

[36:1]***Now these are the generations of Esau***, who is Edom. [2]Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; [3]And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.
[4]And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel; [5]And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.
[6]And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. [7]For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.
[8]Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

- *Second Genealogical List of Esau's Sons and Grandsons (36:9-19)*

[36:9]***And these are the generations of Esau*** the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: [10]These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.
[11]And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. [12]And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.
[13]And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
[14]And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
[15]These were dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, [16]Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.
[17]And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
[18]And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. [19]These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.

- *Genealogical List of the Descendants of Seir the Horite (36:20-30)*

[36:20]These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, [21]And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. [22]And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna. [23]And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. [24]And these are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. [25]And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. [26]And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. [27]The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. [28]The children of Dishan are these; Uz, and Aran. [29]These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah, [30]Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

- *List of the Kings of Edom (36:31-43)*

[36:31]And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. [32]And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. [33]And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. [34]And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead. [35]And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. [36]And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. [37]And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. [38]And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. [39]And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.
[40]And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth, [41]Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, [42]Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, [43]Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

IV-A. Family Disharmony and Division

(Chapters 37-41a)

A. Joseph's Two Dreams that Brothers Will Serve Him

(Chapter 37a)

- *Jacob Favors Joseph (37:1-4)*

[37:1]***And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger***, in the land of Canaan. [2]***These are the generations of Jacob***. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.
[3]Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. [4]And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

- *Joseph's Dream of Sheaves of Wheat (37:5-8)*

[37:5]***And Joseph dreamed a dream***, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. [6]And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: [7]For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. [8]And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

- *Joseph's Dream of the Sun, Moon, and Stars (37:9-11)*

[37:9]***And he dreamed yet another dream***, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. [10]And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? [11]And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

A'. Brothers' Plans to Get Rid of Joseph

(Chapter 37b)

- *Joseph Sent to Check on His Brothers (37:12-17)*

[37:12]And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. [13]And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? ***come, and I will send thee unto them***. And he said to him, Here am I. [14]And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.
[15]And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? [16]And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. [17]And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

- *Brothers Plan to Kill Joseph (37:18-20)*

[37:18]***And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him*** to slay him. [19]And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. [20]Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

- *Reuben's Plan to Save Joseph Is Frustrated by Judah's Plan to Sell Joseph into Slavery (37:21-24)*

[37:21]And **Reuben** heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. [22]And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.
[23]And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; [24]And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.
[25]And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. [26]And **Judah** said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? [27]Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. [28]Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.
[29]And **Reuben** returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. [30]And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

- *Brothers Report that Joseph Killed, Jacob Mourns Loss of Joseph (37:31-36)*

[37:31]And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; [32]And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. [33]And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.
[34]And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. [35]And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. ***Thus his father wept for him***.
[36]***And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar***, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

B. Judah a Poor Steward and Seduced by Tamar

(Chapter 38)

- *Judah's Three Sons (38:1-5)*

[38:1]***And it came to pass at that time, that*** **Judah** ***went down from his brethren***, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. [2]And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.
[3]And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. [4]And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. [5]And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

- *Judah Refuses to Marry Third Son to Tamar after First Two Sons Die (38:6-11)*

[38:6]And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar. [7]And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him.
[8]And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. [9]And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. [10]And the thing which he did displeased the Lord: wherefore he slew him also.
[11]Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

- *Tamar Disguises Herself as a Harlot and Conceives by Judah (38:12-23)*

[38:12]***And in process of time*** the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.
[13]And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. [14]And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.
[15]When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. [16]And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? [17]And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock.
[17b]And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? [18]And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.
[19]And she arose, and went away, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. [20]And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. [21]Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.
[22]And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. [23]And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

- *Tamar Is Pregnant, Judah Acknowledges He Is the Father (38:27-30)*

[38:24]***And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying***, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.
[25]When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. [26]And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

- *Tamar Bears Pharez and Zarah (38:27-30)*

[38:27]***And it came to pass in the time of her travail***, that, behold, twins were in her womb. [28]And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. [29]And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. [30]And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

B'. Joseph a Good Steward and Resists Potiphar's Wife

(Chapter 39)

- *The Lord Prospers Joseph in Potiphar's House (39:1-6)*

[39:1]***And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither***.
[2]And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. [3]And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. [4]And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. [5]And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. [6]And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

- *Potiphar's Wife Entreats Joseph (39:7-10)*

[39:7]***And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife*** cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. [8]But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; [9]There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?
[10]And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

- *Joseph Falsely Accused by Potiphar's Wife (39:11-20)*

[39:11]***And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business***; and there was none of the men of the house there within. [12]And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.
[13]And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, [14]That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: [15]And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.
[16]And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. [17]And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: [18]And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.
[19]And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. [20]And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

- *The Lord Prospers Joseph in Prison (39:21-23)*

[39:21]***But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison***. [22]And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. [23]The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

C. Joseph Interprets Two Prisoner Dreams

(Chapter 40)

- *The Butler and Baker Cast into Prison and Each Dream a Dream (40:1-8)*

[40:1]***And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker*** had offended their lord the king of Egypt. [2]And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. [3]And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. [4]And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.
[5]***And they dreamed a dream both of them***, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.
[6]***And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad***. [7]And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day? [8]And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

- *The Butler's Dream (40:9-15)*

[40:9]***And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him***, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; [10]And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: [11]And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.
[12]And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days: [13]Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.
[14]But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: [15]For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

- *The Baker's Dream (40:16-19)*

[40:16]***When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph***, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head: [17]And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.
[18]And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days: [19]Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

- *The Dreams Are Fulfilled as Interpreted (40:20-23)*

[40:20]***And it came to pass the third day***, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. [21]And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand: [22]But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.
[23]Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

C'. Joseph Interprets Two Pharaoh Dreams

(Chapter 41)

- *Pharaoh Dreams Two Dreams (41:1-8)*

[41:1]***And it came to pass at the end of two full years***, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. [2]And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fatfleshed; and they fed in a meadow. [3]And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. [4]And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.
[5]And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. [6]And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. [7]And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.
[8]And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

- *The Butler Recommends Joseph to Pharaoh (41:9-16)*

[41:9]***Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying***, I do remember my faults this day: [10]Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker: [11]And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. [12]And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. [13]And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.
[14]***Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph***, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. [15]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.
[16]And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

- *Pharaoh Recounts His Two Dreams (41:17-24)*

[41:17]***And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold***, I stood upon the bank of the river: [18]And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow: [19]And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: [20]And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: [21]And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.
[22]And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good: [23]And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: [24]And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears:
[24b]and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

- *Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams (41:25-37)*

[41:25]***And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one***: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do. [26]The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. [27]And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. [28]This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.
[29]Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: [30]And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; [31]And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. [32]And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.
[33]Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. [34]Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. [35]And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. [36]And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.
[37]And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

- *Joseph Appointed Second Ruler to Prepare against the Seven Years of Famine (41:38-45)*

[41:38]***And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is***, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?
[39]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: [40]Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. [41]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. [42]And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; [43]And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. [44]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.
[45]And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

IV-C. Family Reunited and Saved in Egypt

(Chapters 41b-47a)

D. Pharaoh (through Joseph) Prepares for the Famine

(Chapter 41)

- *Joseph Gathers Grain during the Seven Years of Plenty (41:46-49)*

[41:46]***And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt***. [47]And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. [48]And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. [49]And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

- *Joseph's Two Sons Born during the Seven Years of Plenty (41:50-52)*

[41:50]***And unto Joseph were born two sons*** before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him. [51]And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. [52]And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

- *The Famine Arrives, and Egypt and All Nations Buy Grain from Joseph (41:53-57)*

[41:53]***And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended***. [54]And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. [55]And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. [56]And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. [57]And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

E. Brothers' First Trip to Buy Grain from Egypt

Brothers Bow to Joseph, Simeon a Hostage

(Chapter 42)

a. Jacob Sends His Ten Sons to Egypt to Buy Grain, but Withholds Benjamin (42:1-4)

[42:1]***Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt***, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? [2]And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.
[3]And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt. [4]But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him. [5]And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

b. Joseph Speaks Incognito with His Brothers, Accuses Them of Being Spies, Learns regrading Jacob and Benjamin, and Requires that Benjamin Come to Egypt (42:6-20)

[42:6]***And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him*** with their faces to the earth. [7]And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. [8]And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.
[9]And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. [10]And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. [11]We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies. [12]And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. [13]And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.
[14]And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: [15]Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. [16]Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies. [17]And he put them all together into ward three days.
[18]***And Joseph said unto them the third day***, This do, and live; for I fear God: [19]If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: [20]But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

c. Brothers Acknowledge Their Guilt to Each Other, Joseph Holds Simeon as a Hostage (42:21-24)

[42:21]***And they said one to another***, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. [22]And **Reuben** answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.
[23]And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. [24]And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

c'. Joseph Returns His Brothers' Money (42:25-28)

[42:25]***Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn***, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. [26]And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.
[27]***And as one of them opened his sack*** to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. [28]And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

b'. Brothers Report to Jacob Being Accused as Spies and the Requirement to Take Benjamin to Egypt (42:29-34)

[42:29]***And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan***, and told him all that befell unto them; saying, [30]The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. [31]And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: [32]We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. [33]And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: [34]And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

a'. Jacob's Family Fears to Return to Egypt, Jacob Mourns His Lost Sons and Withholds Benjamin (42:35-38)

[42:35]***And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks***, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.
[36]And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. [37]And **Reuben** spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. [38]And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

E'. Brothers' Second Trip to Buy Grain from Egypt

Brothers Agree to Serve Joseph, Judah a Ransom

(Chapter 43-45)

a. Jacob Sends His Ten Sons to Egypt to Buy More Grain, including Benjamin (43:1-7)

- *Jacob Sends His Sons to Egypt to Buy Grain but Still Withholds Benjamin (43:1-7)*

[43:1]***And the famine was sore in the land. [2]And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt***, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. [3]And **Judah** spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. [4]If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: [5]But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.
[6]And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? [7]And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

- *Judah Offers Himself to Jacob as Security for Benjamin (43:8-10)*

[43:8]***And Judah said unto Israel his father***, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. [9]I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: [10]For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

- *Jacob Instructs His Sons to Take Both Benjamin and a Present (43:11-14)*

[43:11]***And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this***; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: [12]And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: [13]Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: [14]And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

b. Joseph Eats Incognito with His Brothers and Inquires regarding Jacob (43:15-34)

- *Joseph Invites His Brothers to Lunch (43:15-18)*

[43:15]***And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph***. [16]And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon. [17]And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.
[18]And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

- *Joseph's Steward Reassures Brothers and Restores Simeon (43:19-25)*

[43:19]***And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him*** at the door of the house, [20]And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: [21]And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. [22]And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.
[23]And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.
[24]And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. [25]And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

- *Joseph Inquires regarding Jacob, Sees Benjamin, Weeps, and Eats with Brothers (43:26-34)*

[43:26]***And when Joseph came home***, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. [27]And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive? [28]And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance. [29]And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.
[30]And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. [31]And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. [32]And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.
[33]And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another. [34]And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

c. Joseph Returns Brothers' Money and Hides Cup in Benjamin's Sack, Brothers Acknowledge Their Guilt to Joseph and Offer to Serve Him (44:1-17)

- *Joseph Returns Brothers' Money and Hides His Cup in Benjamin's Sack (44:1-5)*

[44:1]***And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food***, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. [2]And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. [3]As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.
[4]***And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward***, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? [5]Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

- *Brothers Deny Wrongdoing to Steward and Offer to Be Servants if Found Guilty (44:6-13)*

[6]***And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words***. [7]And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing: [8]Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? [9]With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. [10]And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless. [11]Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. [12]And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. [13]Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

- *Brothers Acknowledge Their Guilt to Joseph and Offer to Serve Him (44:14-17)*

[14]***And*** **Judah** ***and his brethren came to Joseph's house***; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. [15]And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? [16]And **Judah** said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? **God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants**: behold, **we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found**. [17]And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

c'. Judah Offers Himself to Joseph as a Ransom for Benjamin (44:18-34)

[44:18]***Then*** **Judah** ***came near unto him, and said***, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.
[19]My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? [20]And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. [21]And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. [22]And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. [23]And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.
[24]And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. [25]And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. [26]And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. [27]And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons: [28]And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: [29]And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.
[30]Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; [31]It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.
[32]For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. [33]Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. [34]For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

b'. Jacob's Reveals Both Himself and the Hand of God, and Invites Jacob's House to Egypt (45:1-15)

- *Joseph Reveals Himself, Inquires regarding Jacob, and Weeps with His Brothers (45:1-4a)*

[45:1]***Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried***, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. [2]And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.
[3]And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. [4]And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near.

- *Joseph Interprets the Family's History as Being the Hand of God (45:4b-8)*

[45:4b]And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. [5] **Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. [6]For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. [7]And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. [8]So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God**: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

- *Joseph Invites His Father's Family to Egypt (45:9-13)*

[45:9]Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: [10]And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: [11]And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. [12]And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. [13]And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

- *Joseph Weeps with His Brothers (24:14-15)*

[45:14]And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. [15]Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

a'. Pharaoh Invites Jacob to Egypt, Jacob Rejoices that Joseph Is Alive (45:16-28)

- *Pharaoh Invites Jacob's Family to Egypt (45:16-20)*

[45:16]***And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying***, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.
[17]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; [18]And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. [19]Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. [20]Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

- *Joseph Gives Gifts to His Family (45:21-24)*

[45:21]And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. [22]To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. [23]And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. [24]So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

- *Jacob Learns that Joseph Is Alive (45:25-28)*

[45:25]***And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father***, [26]And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. [27]And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: [28]And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

F. Family's Third Trip to Receive a Gift of Egypt's Best

Joseph Nourishes Family, Jacob a Guest

(Chapter 46-47a)

- *God Appears to Jacob and Assures regarding Moving to Egypt (46:1-4)*

[46:1]***And Israel took his journey*** with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. [2]And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. [3]And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: [4]I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

- *The House of Jacob Moves to Egypt (46:5-7)*

[5]***And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba***: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. [6]And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: [7]His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

- *List of Those Who Move to Egypt (46:8-27)*

[8]***And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt***, Jacob and his sons:
[8b]Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. [9]And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.
[10]And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.
[11]And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
[12]And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.
[13]And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.
[14]And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.
[15]***These be the sons of Leah***, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

[16]And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.
[17]And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.
[18]***These are the sons of Zilpah***, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

[19]The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.
[20]And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.
[21]And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.
[22]***These are the sons of Rachel***, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

[23]And the sons of Dan; Hushim.
[24]And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.
[25]***These are the sons of Bilhah***, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were seven.

[26]***All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt***, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six; [27]And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: ***all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt***, were threescore and ten.

- *Joseph and Jacob Reunited (46:28-31)*

[46:28]***And he sent*** **Judah** ***before him unto*** **Joseph**, ***to direct his face unto Goshen***; and they came into the land of Goshen. [29]And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. [30]And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

- *Joseph Prepares to Present His Family to Pharaoh (46:31-34)*

[31]***And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him***, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; [32]And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. [33]And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? [34]That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

- *Joseph Presents Five Brothers to Pharaoh (47:1-6)*

[47:1]***Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said***, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. [2]And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. [3]And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers. [4]They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.
[5]And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: [6]The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

- *Joseph Presents Jacob to Pharaoh, Jacob Blesses Pharaoh (47:7-10)*

[47:7]***And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh***: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. [8]And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou? [9]And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. [10]And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

- *Joseph Settles Jacob's House in the Best of Egypt and Nourishes Them with Bread (47:11-12)*

[47:11]***And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt***, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. [12]And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

D'. Pharaoh (through Joseph) Profits from the Famine, and the Egyptians Are Impoverished

(Chapter 47b)

- *In First Year Egyptians Pay Their Money and Flocks to Pharaoh (47:13-17)*

[47:13]***And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore***, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. [14]And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
[15]***And when money failed in the land of Egypt***, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. [16]And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. [17]And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

- *In Second Year Egyptians Pay Their Lands and Themselves to Pharaoh (47:18-22)*

[47:18]***When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him***, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: [19]Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.
[20]And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. [21]And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof. [22]Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

- *Joseph Imposes a 20% Grain Tax on Egyptians as Sharecroppers for Pharaoh (47:23-26)*

[47:23]Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. [24]And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. [25]And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. [26]And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

IV-C. Last Days of Jacob and Joseph in Egypt

(Chapters 47b-50)

a. Jacob Desires to Be Buried in Canaan (47:27-31)

[47:27]***And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt***, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. [28]And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.
[29]***And the time drew nigh*** that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: [30]But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. [31]And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

b. Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh (48:1-22)

- *Jacob Adopts Joseph's Two Sons as His Own (48:1-7)*

[48:1]***And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph***, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [2]And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.
[3]And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, [4]And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.
[5]And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. [6]And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.
[7]And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Beth-lehem.

- *Jacob Blesses Joseph's Two Sons (48:8-22)*

[8]***And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?*** [9]And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. [10]Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. [11]And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.
[12]And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. [13]And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. [14]And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.
[15]And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, [16]The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
[17]And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. [18]And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. [19]And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. [20]And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.
[21]And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. [22]Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

b. Jacob Blesses His Sons (49:1-28)

[49:1]***And Jacob called unto his sons, and said***, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. [2]Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.
[3]**Reuben**, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: [4]Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.
[5]Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. [6]O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. [7]Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.
[8]**Judah**, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; **thy father's children shall bow down before thee**. [9]Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? [10]The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. [11]Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: [12]His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.
[13]Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.
[14]Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: [15]And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.
[16]Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. [17]Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. [18]I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.
[19]Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.
[20]Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.
[21]Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.
[22]**Joseph** is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: [23]The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: [24]But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) [25]Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: [26]The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.
[27]Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.
[28]***All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them***; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

a. Jacob Desires to Be Buried in Canaan and Dies (49:29-32)

[49:29]And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, [30]In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace. [31]There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah. [32]The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth. [33]***And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people***.

a. Jacob is Buried in Canaan (50:1-14)

[50:1]And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. [2]And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. [3]And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days. [4]And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, [5]My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again. [6]And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.
[7]And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, [8]And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. [9]And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. [10]And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. [11]And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond Jordan. [12]And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: [13]For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.
[14]And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

c. Brothers Fear Revenge, Again Agree to Serve Joseph (50:15-21)

[50:15]***And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said***, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. [16]And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, [17]So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. [18]And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. [19]And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? [20]But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. [21]Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

a. Joseph Desires to be Buried in Canaan and Dies (50:22-26)

[50:22]***And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years***. [23]And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. [24]And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. [25]And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. [26]So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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