

Genesis 46:1—50:3



JACOB IN EGYPT

Jacob Sojourns to Egypt, 46:1-7



- Divine reassurance and program
- “Remnant in the earth” (First occurrence of the word “Remnant” and intro to an important OT theme)
- The Seventy (see next slide). LXX has 75 in verse 27, cf. Acts 7.14.

The List of Jacob's Family, 46:8-27



The Seventy

Jacob & his daughter Dinah included in the number (* mentioned but not included in the total)

Reuben	Simeon	Levi	Judah	Issachar	Zebulun	Gad	Asher	Joseph	Benjamin	Dan	Naphtali
Hanoch Pallu Hezron Carmi	Jemuel Jamin Ohad Jachin Zohar Shaul	Gershon Kohath Merari	Er * Onan * Shelah Perez (sons Hezron, Hamul) Zerah	Tola Puvvah Iob Shimron	Sered Elon Jahleel	Ziphion Haggi Shuni Ezbon Eri Arodi Areli	Imnah Ishvah Ishvi Beriah (sons Heber, Malchiel) Serah (sister)	Manasseh Ephraim	Bela Becher Ashbel Gera Naaman Ehi Rosh Muppm Huppm Ard	Hushim	Jahzeel Guni Jezer Shillem

The Math



Leah's children and grandchildren	33
Zilpah's children and grandchildren	16
Rachel's children and grandchildren	14
Bilhah's children and grandchildren	7

	70
Dinah	+ 1

	71
Minus Er and Onan; Joseph and 2 sons	-5

Jacob's direct decedents coming to Egypt (v. 26)	66
Joseph, Manasseh, Ephraim, Jacob	+4

Jacob and all his sons and daughters in Egypt	70

Rehearsal of What to Say to Pharaoh, 46:28-34

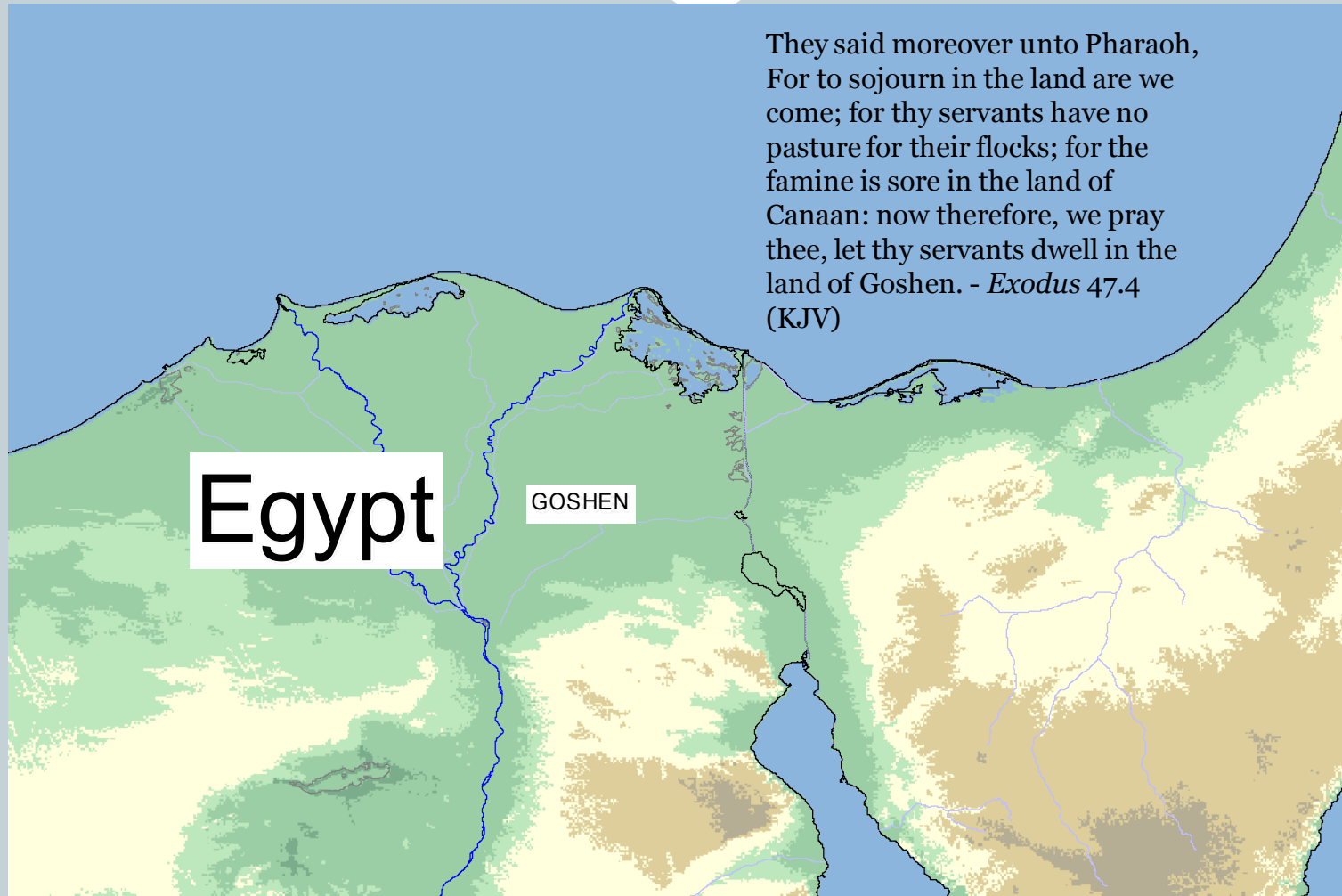


- Egyptian culture disdained shepherds
- The importance of Goshen
- Joseph instructs his family as to protocol

The Land of Goshen



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. - *Exodus 47.4*
(KJV)



Jacob's Audience with Pharaoh, 47:1-12



- The Patriarchal Blessing upon Pharaoh, vv. 7, 10
- Jacob's secular analysis of his life, v. 9

Joseph's Administration, 47:13-26



- The famine reaches its severity, v. 13.
- Joseph's wise administration includes desperate but fair measures. It increases Pharaoh's wealth.

Joseph's Oath to Jacob, 47:27-31



- Similarity with the oath of Abraham's servant
- Covenant
- The significance of v. 31

Jacob's Blessing of Joseph's Sons, 48:1-20



Jacob's Special Blessing of Joseph, 48:21-22



The Prophecies Concerning Israel's Sons, 49:1



בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים (bəʾaḥărîṭ hayyāmîm) “in the end of days.” In the OT, the phrase almost always speaks of the future in reference to Israel in the end of the times of the Gentiles, Tribulation or Messianic Age (13x - Gen. 49:1; Num. 24:14; Deut. 4:30; 31:29; Isa. 2:2; Jer. 23:20; 30:24; 48:47; 49:39; Ezek. 38:16; Dan. 10:14; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 4:1).

The Prophecies Concerning Israel's Sons, 49:1-27



Son	Oracle	Meaning	Reference
Reuben	Shall not have pre-eminence	Birthright transferred to Joseph	49:3-4; 1 Chron 5:1-2
Simeon and Levi	Cursed because of violence and treachery	Their vengeance results in dispersion; Levi's curse reversed	49:5-7; Josh 19:1-9; Judg 1:3; Josh 21; Deut 33:8-10; Ex 32:8
Judah	Praised	National leaders (& Messiah) would derive from him	49:8-12; 1 Chron 5:2
Zebulun	Dwell towards sea	Commerce from ships	49:13; cf., Josh 19:10
Issachar	Donkey lying between "saddlebags/sheepfolds"	Toil and servitude/lethargy & wallowing in filth	49:14-15; Josh 19:17-23
Dan	Judge his people; be a serpent	Serpent = overthrow those who antagonize him; or no vindication but violence and treachery like a serpent	49:16-17; Judg 13:2 Samson
Gad	Raiding troop	Open to attack from desert; strike back	49:19; Judg 11:12, 32-33
Asher	Rich food	Possessed a rich land	49:20; Deut 33:24 "oil"
Naphtali	Running doe	Rapidly moving warriors	49:21; Judg 4:6, 10; 5:15
Joseph	Fruitful bough	Though attacked, keep strong	49:22-26; cf. 2Sam 22:32
Benjamin	Ravenous wolf	Violence of Ehud, tribe	49:27; Judg 3:15-23, 26-29; 19:22-20:25

The Judah Oracle, Genesis 49:8-12



- Prophecy concerning Judah, 49:8-12 (“praise” word play, 29.35 [also by his mother Leah])
- Three oracles
 - 1. Judah, your brothers shall praise you
 - 2. Judah is a lion's whelp (figure of Jesus Christ, taken up in NT, Rev 5:5)
 - 3. The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet
 - ✦ The feature of dominance (v. 8 his hand shall be on the neck of his enemies, allusion to the earlier serpent oracle?)
 - ✦ The feature of courage and strength (v. 9 picture of conquest)
 - ✦ The oracle of the regal rule (dominion and sovereignty, v. 10 follow by the blessing of plenty during his rule)

Who or What Is Shiloh?, Genesis 49:10



Meaning of “Until Shiloh Comes” - K שִׁילָה, Q שִׁילוֹ (šîlō^h [šîlô])

The Aramaic Targum has מְשִׁיחָא (məšîḥā) “Until the Messiah comes, to whom the kingdom belongs.” Greek^TOT is similar, “Until there come the things laid up for him” An earlier version has, “The one for whom it has been stored up” or reserved.

Options

- A place?
- Related to word for “One sent” שָׁלַח šālah
- “To be at rest, safe” שָׁלַח šālah, i.e., “the one who gives rest”
- A proper name, figurative, “The one to whom (it [scepter] belongs),” ie., the one who controls things, own things, cf., Ezek. 21:27 (Hebrew 21:32)

Here is a miniature of the biblical scheme of history.

Further notes:

v 10 gathering/obedience -

v 11 blood of grapes (a tradition of likeness of grapes being called blood; cf. later Lord’s supper; wrath of God)

The Death of Jacob, 49:28–50:3

