

The Relocation Package

Genesis Chapter 46

Gen 46:1

1) Jacob Leaves for Egypt vs 1-7

So Israel set out with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

- *Israel is moving. This isn't a short stay. He is taking all he had. He knows it is going to permanent relocation.*
- *Israel might recall Grandpa Abraham's story of God telling him that the family will dwell in a foreign land and be servants and afflicted for 400 years (Genesis 15:13)*
- *With concern, (fear vs 3) Israel journeys first to Beersheba.*
 - *Beersheba means The Wells of Oaths*
 - *Abraham dwelt there and made an oath (Genesis 21)*
 - *Isaac dwelt there and made an oath (Genesis 26)*
 - *Beersheba is the southern most edge of Judah or the promised land*
- *He offers sacrifices to God.*
 - *Contrast that with the last time he left Canaan. Fleeing from Esau, Jacob didn't consider God but it was God who came to him upon leaving the land after Beersheba but at Bethel. (Genesis 22)*

Gen 46:2

God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

- *God spoke to Israel possible that evening or some evening soon after the sacrifices at night in a vision.*

Gen 46:3

He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

Gen 46:4

"I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."

- *God Assures Israel of:*
 - *That He is the God of the Covenant* - *"the God of your father"*
 - *That He knows the concerns* - *"don't be afraid"*
 - *That He is sending him to Egypt* - *"to go to Egypt"*
 - *That His Covenant is not forgotten* - *"I will make you a great nation"*
 - *That He will be with him* - *"I will go down with you"*
 - *That He will not leave him there* - *"I will also surely bring you up again"*
 - *That he will see Joseph* - *"Joseph will close your eyes"*

Gen 46:5

Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

Gen 46:6

They took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him:

Gen 46:7

his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

Gen 46:8

2) Jacob Takes His Family vs 8-27

Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

Gen 46:9

The sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

Gen 46:10

The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of

a Canaanite woman.

- Gen 46:11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- Gen 46:12 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.
- Gen 46:13 The sons of Issachar: Tola and Puvvah and Iob and Shimron.
- Gen 46:14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.
- Gen 46:15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter **Dimah**; all his sons and his daughters {numbered} thirty-three.
- Gen 46:16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli.
- Gen 46:17 The sons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and their **sister Serah**. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.
- Gen 46:18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.
- Gen 46:19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.
- Gen 46:20 Now to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.
- Gen 46:21 The sons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, Ehi and Rosh, Muppim and Huppim and Ard.
- Gen 46:22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; {there were} fourteen persons in all.
- Gen 46:23 The sons of Dan: Hushim.
- Gen 46:24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem.
- Gen 46:25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and she bore these to Jacob; {there were} seven persons in all.
- Gen 46:26 All the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, {were} sixty-six persons in all,
- Gen 46:27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, {were} seventy.

- *It is interesting who is not counted and who is in the seventy. There is some question as to the time table for when and where Benjamin had his children. In Canaan or Egypt. Needless to say Benjamin and his children were people of the Promised Land and sojourners in a strange land regardless of where the children were born.*
- *It is also interesting that Stephen in Acts 7:14 he says that 75 came to Egypt. Possible he is counting the living wives of the Sons of Israel.*

Gen 46:28 **3) Jacob Received by Pharoah** vs 28-34

Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out {the way} before him to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

- Gen 46:29 Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

- *This reunion scene is long awaited and so emotional. Joseph after 22+ years embraces without many words and weeps for a long time.*

- Gen 46:30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

- Gen 46:31 Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who {were} in the land of Canaan,

have come to me;

Gen 46:32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

Gen 46:33 "When Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?'

Gen 46:34 you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is loathsome to the Egyptians."

- *To be a shepherd was loathsome to Egyptians so as they call themselves "keepers of livestock" the truth isn't being denied but the picture is gentler to the Egyptian mind.*
- *This will allow them to be in Egypt and yet be separate in Goshen.*

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