



## **SERMON NOTES**

April 27, 2014

Scripture: Genesis 46:1-30 (NAS)

Topic: "Jacob's Move to Egypt"

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- 1 So Israel set out with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
- 2 God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "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 a great nation there.
- 4 "I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again; and Joseph will close your eyes."
- 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.
- 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:
- 7 his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his descendants he brought with him to Egypt.
- 8 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.
- 9 The sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.
- 10 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.
- 11 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- 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.
- 13 The sons of Issachar: Tola and Puvvah and Iob and Shimron.
- 14 The sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.
- 15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; all his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.
- 16 The sons of Gad: Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli.
- 17 The sons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and their sister Serah. And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.
- 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.
- 19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.
- 20 Now to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphara, priest of On, bore to him.
- 21 The sons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, Ehi and Rosh, Muppim and Huppim and Ard.
- 22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; there were fourteen persons in all.
- 23 The sons of Dan: Hushim.
- 24 The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem.
- 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.
- 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,
- 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.
- 28 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.
- 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.
- 30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

### **I. THE REUNION**

- A. It Involved A Permanent Move To Egypt
- B. It Was A Fulfillment Of Joseph's Dream

### **II. BREAKDOWN OF THE PASSAGE**

- A. Verses 1-7 Jacob's Journey To Egypt
- B. Verses 8-27 Names Of Those Who Went To Egypt
- C. Verses 28-30 Jacob's Reunion With Joseph

### **III. FACTORS IN THE DECISION TO GO TO EGYPT**

- A. Desire To See His Son
- B. His Age And The Distance
- C. Leaving The Promised Land

### **IV. GOD'S MESSAGE TO JACOB**

- A. I Am The God Of Your Fathers – Covenant God
- B. God Gave His Approval For The Trip
- C. I Will Make You A Great Nation
- D. I Will Go With You *Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5*
- E. I Will Bring Israel Back Out Of Egypt
- F. Joseph Will Close Your Eyes

### **V. CONSIDERING A MAJOR CHANGE**

- A. Seek The Lord And His Desires For Your Family First
- B. You Cannot Know God's Will Without Knowing God
- C. Put Your Own Will On The Back Burner
- D. Place A Premium On Family
- E. Place A Premium On Church