

PROSPERITY IN EGYPT  
(Genesis 47:1-31)

- I. SETTLING in Goshen (Gen. 47:1-12)
  - A. They received PERMISSION from Pharaoh (47:1-6)
    - 1. Joseph ANNOUNCED his family's ARRIVAL
    - 2. Joseph PRESENTED five of his BROTHERS to Pharaoh
    - 3. They requested PERMISSION to SOJOURN in Goshen
    - 4. Pharaoh GRANTED their request and offered them EMPLOYMENT
  - B. Jacob pronounced a BLESSING upon Pharaoh (47:7-10)
    - 1. Pharaoh's ACCEPTANCE acknowledged Jacob's SUPERIORITY
    - 2. Jacob acknowledged GOD'S LEADING (cf. Heb. 11:13)
  - C. Joseph SETTLED his family on GOOD land (47:11)
  - D. Joseph RATIONED their PROVISIONS by NEED (47:12)
- II. SURVIVING the Famine (Gen. 47:13-26)
  - A. Employed DESPERATE measures (47:13-21)
    - 1. People ran out of MONEY buying FOOD
    - 2. Joseph agreed to BARTER for their LIVESTOCK
    - 3. Next, people offered to trade LAND and LABOR for FOOD

4. Eventually ALL of the MONEY, the LIVESTOCK and LAND accrued to PHARAOH
  5. Many RELOCATED to become STATE EMPLOYEES
- B. Exempted the PRIESTS by PHARAOH'S decree (47:22)
  - C. Established a 20% TAX on PRODUCE (47:23-26)
    1. Government provided LAND and SEED
    2. People provided the LABOR
- III. SEEING God's Blessing (Gen. 47:27-31)
- A. Jacob/Israel PROSPERED GREATLY (47:27*a*)
  - B. Jacob/Israel MULTIPLIED EXCEEDINGLY (47:27*b*)
    1. From Jacob and his wives to about 100 in about FIFTY YEARS: about a 6% annual growth rate
    2. From about 100 to about 2,000,000 in another 430 YEARS: about a 3% annual growth rate
  - C. Jacob/Israel TRUSTED COMPLETELY (47:28-31*a*)
    1. Insistence on being BURIED in Canaan indicated CONFIDENCE in God's promise of THAT LAND
    2. Understood this situation was TEMPORARY because God would KEEP HIS WORD
  - D. Jacob/Israel WORSHIPED FAITHFULLY (47:31*b*)