**Genesis 46 – 50**

**Overview**

* Chapter 46 Jacob travels to Egypt
* Chapter 47 Jacob’s family is honored.
* Chapter 48 Ephraim and Manasseh are blessed.
* Chapter 49 Jacob blesses and prophecies over each son.
* Chapter 50 The death of Jacob.

**Chapter 46**

* VS 3 I will make you a great nation there.
* VS 25 There were 70 people in all.
* VS 28 They settle in the Land of Goshen.
* VS 29 Joseph reunites with his father (22 years apart).
* VS 33 Joseph instructs his family to declare they keep livestock.

**Chapter 47**

* VS 3 Five brothers say they are shepherds – did not listen to Joseph.
* VS 6 Pharoh tells Joseph, the land of Egypt is before you.
* VS 7-10 Jacob blesses Pharoh.
* VS 14 -20 Jacob buys all the land from the people of Egypt for Pharoh.
* VS 21 – 26 Tax of 20% imposed on the harvest.
* VS 28 - 31 Jacob lives 147 years, instructions about his burial.

Genesis 48

* VS 1 – 6 Ephraim and Manasseh are adapted by Jacob.
* VS 8 -16 Jacob blesses Joseph and his two sons.
* VS 19 The younger will be greater than the older.
  + - * Issac over Ishmael
      * Jacob over Esau
      * Ephraim over Manasseh.

Chapter 49

* Ruben He will not excel nor have preeminence, no judge, prince nor prophet from this tribe His numbers went down in the wilderness from 46,500 to 43,730.
* Simeon – took vengeance on Hamor. This tribe will be divided and scattered – their numbers went down by 2/3s in the wilderness and became insignificant.
* Levi – brother to Simeon became the priestly class after Aaron. They were teachers of the law and judges in Israel. Were exempt from military service. Inherited no land only cities.
* Judah -The scepter will not depart until Shiloh comes – Scepter is authority, Shiloh is Messiah. AD 6-7 Caponius became the ruler of Palestine and took away the right to capital punishment from the Jews. The Jews though the word of God had been broken. The scepter was removed (authority) and Shiloh had “not” come. Well Jesus was born in Bethlehem and had actually come. The word of God had not been broken.
* Dan – Was supposed to provide justice but chose treachery. A snake in the grass. This tribe was the first to fall into idolatry in the time of the Judges. Jeroboam set up the golden calf in Dan.
* Naphtali – a free-spirited people dwelling in the hill and mountains near Capernaum, Bethsaida and Chorazin.
* Gad – This tribe was fierce and warlike, strong men of war ready for battle.
* Asher – had a land that was fertile, productive, and yielded rich delicacies.
* Issachar – Was weak and submitted to the Canaanites although 3rd largest tribe.
* Zebulun – Seaborn trade would be his strength – between Sea of Galilee and Mediterranean.
* Joseph – received the greatest blessing from Jacob. He was favored, despised, sold, falsely accused, and then exalted.
* Ephriam – adapted by Jacob and became the leading tribe in the Northern Kingdom. Was the younger son of Joseph but blessed as he was firstborn by Jacob.
* Manasseh – This tribe was known for valor with Giden and Jephthah as examples. The had their inheritance split with the Jordan river running between the two halves.’
* Benjamin -A fierce tribe with a violent spirit. Ehud delivered Israel from the Moabites, King Saul was of this tribe, Queen Esther and St. Paul the Apostle were all Benjamite’s.

**Chapter 50**

* VS 1-3 Jacob dies embalmed (40 days) and mourned for 70 days.
* VS 4-9 Pharoah gives Joseph permission to go to Canaan to burn his father.
* VS 12 -14 Jacob buried in the cave of Machpelah with Abraham, Sarah.
* VS 15 -21 Joseph’s brothers fear he will not enact his revenge for their transgression. Joseph is forgiving and blesses them.
* VS 22 – 26 Joseph’s instruction about his bones to be taken to Canann when they leave Egypt (400 year later). Note Exodus 13: 19
* Abraham 175 years old
* Isaac 180 years old
* Jacob 147 years old
* Joseph 110 years old

**Some Summary Observations**.

* The Book of Genesis begins with the “Creation of the Universe.”
* The Book of Genesis closes with a “Coffin in Egypt.”
* Man’s rebellion brought a curse.
* God’s redemption will be birthed through a nation in the cauldron of Egypt.
* The stage is not set for.
  + The Exodus
  + The Passover
  + The Tabernacle
  + The High Priest.
  + The 10 Commandments
  + The giving of the Law
  + The sacrificial system of worship.
  + The taking of the Promised Land under Joshua.
  + The establishment of the genealogy of the Messiah.