

STORY

Jacob and His Family Live In Egypt - Genesis 46-50

TEACHER PRAYER

Lord God, we thank You for showing us Your loving plan for our salvation. Though mankind, lost in sin, does evil things yet You continue to show mercy and turn evil into good for the sake of Your kingdom and our salvation. Oh Lord, fill us with Your Spirit as we study Your gracious Word together that Your name may be magnified in our hearts and that Your kingdom come to us all. In Your holy name we pray. Amen

VOCABULARY

Goshen - an especially fertile part of Northern Egypt located on the eastern side of the Nile River.

Israel - Prince with God - a name given to Jacob by God (Gen. 32:28)

lion's whelp - a young lion or cub (Gen. 49:9)

From the prey, my son, you have gone up - You are a conquerer and proceed from the battle victorious.

Shiloh - Prince of Peace

OUTER AIM

God directs Jacob to journey to Egypt

INNER AIM

God builds and preserves His chosen nation from which the Christ would be born.

BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 1, pp.130-139)

Many years had passed since Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers. Jacob (Israel) was now 130 years old. The Lord directed him to make the journey to Egypt because of the famine in his homeland. There the Lord promised to make of him a great nation. With Joseph as His key human instrument, God preserved alive His chosen people and builds the nation which would bring forth the Messiah.

Gen. 46 vs. 1-5; 26,27.

As Jacob worshiped at Beersheba, God spoke to Him directing him to go down to Egypt. God promised to be with him and bring him back to his homeland. Jacob's family (including Joseph and his family) numbered 70 souls.

vs. 28-30

The emotional meeting between Jacob and his son Joseph.

Gen. 47 vs. 1-12

Pharaoh, the Ruler of Egypt, granted Jacob's family the privilege to dwell in the most fertile part of Egypt, the land of Goshen, with all of their flocks and herds.



vs. 27-38

Jacob and his family prospered in the land of Goshen. Jacob asked Joseph to promise to bury him in the land of Israel together with his forefathers.

Gen. 48

Jacob, who was about to die, blessed the two sons of Joseph, Manaseh and Ephraim.

Gen. 49 (especially 8-12)

Jacob called his sons together and predicted what would befall them in the days ahead. The prediction for Judah, who would be the carrier of the promise of the Messiah, is especially significant.

Gen. 49:33; 50:1-9

Jacob died in Egypt. He was 147 years old. He was transported to Israel and buried there.

Gen. 50:15-26

Confession of guilt by the brothers and the assurance of forgiveness by Joseph. Joseph died in Egypt and was buried there. He was 110 years old.

STUDENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Your Word is so precious to us because there we see Your hand in the lives of Your people down through the generations. You have always made all things work together for the good of those that love You. As we see these things we pray that You will give us Your Spirit that we may recognize Your hand in our lives guiding, leading and blessing us each day. In Your loving name we pray. Amen

PRESENTATION

Briefly review the previous lesson especially since it naturally flows into this lesson. The first point of primary emphasis should be based upon those special and meaningful words of faith spoken by Joseph to his brothers: "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good...." God watched over Joseph and in the face of the terrible Godless actions of his brothers, Joseph was blessed and became a human instrument through which God carried out His promise of the Messiah.

The second primary point of emphasis should be the blessing given to Judah found in Gen. 49:8-12. These words show the Messianic line carried on in Judah (cf. Mat. 1:2&3 and Luke 3:33&34) The Messianic promise is primary to the proper understanding and teaching of this lesson. Without that emphasis these five chapters in Genesis become merely a nice story about Jacob and his family. It is much more than that!

APPLICATIONS

God's plan of salvation for sinful mankind is carried out in spite of the evil intentions and actions of man. So it is today. God's continual care for His people in Christ Jesus is certain regardless of the opposition of Satan and a sinful world.

God's people are not perfect. Their sinful flesh prodded by Satan is constantly threatening to get in the way of God's good and gracious will. We all need God's forgiveness every day of our lives.. And just as God forgives us, so we should pray that our Lord will give us His Spirit and strengthen us that we may forgive as He has forgiven us.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Romans 8:28 - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Matthew 6:12 - *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

Middle any of the above and...

Ephesians 4:32 - *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God for Christ's sake also forgave you.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

Upper any of the above and...

Luke 17:3-5 - *Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.*

HYMN CHOICES

"I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" (TLH #428)

"How Firm A Foundation" (TLH #427)

"Lord Of My Life Whose Tender Care" (TLH #24)

"Jesus Lead Thou On" (TLH 410)