

Genesis 47:27-31 and 48:1-22

- Jacob is near death (47:29; 48:1)
- Jacob blesses Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephriam (48:1-22)
- Jacob blesses and prophecies over his twelve sons (49:1-27)
- Jacob's death and burial (49:28-33; 50:1-14)
- Joseph and brothers in Egypt up to Joseph's death (50:15-26)

47:27 – Jacob and sons settle in Egypt and are given property as stated in 47:11 already

- Pharaoh receives property AND Israel receives property (Egyptian priest keep property)

47:28 – Egyptian literate of the time refers to 110 as perfect life span

- Joseph is 110 in 50:22, 26
- No details on 17 years in Egypt for Jacob and boys except for the oath with Joseph in 47:29-31

47:29 – Jacob doesn't want buried in Egypt

- Hand under thigh
 - "thigh" is euphemism for genitals
 - Touching genitals in an oath ceremony is in Akkadian letter (ancient Mesopotamian empire centered in modern-day Iraq in 2334-2154 BC)
- Jacob appeals to Joseph's HESED – "loyalty, covenant love, faithfulness"

47:30 – Buried with ancestors

- 50:5 – "in a tomb I hewed out for myself"
 - "My father made me swear, saying, "I am about to die: in my tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me." Now therefore, let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return."
 - This refers to a grave complex in Hebron where Jacob had cut out a tomb next to Abraham and Isaac and other tombs
- Egypt is temporary.
- Jacob believes in life after death

47:31 – The oath places Joseph under the accountability of God

48:1 – Now this is at the end of the 17 years in Egypt which is the end of Jacob's life

- Joseph hears and GOES to Goshen from his home
- Manasseh and Ephriam are listed here in order at first
- Manasseh and Ephriam were born during the 7 years of plenty
 - 7 years of plenty..... 5 years 3 years
 - 7 years of famine..... 2 years.....2 years.....before Jacob and family arrived
 - 17 years in Egypt17 years.....17 years....with family in Egypt

Manasseh is 24 years old

Ephriam is 22 years old

48:3-4 – Jacob is failing physically, but has his memory

- Jacob recalls what God has done for the family referring to 35:9-15 -
“After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, “Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.” So he named him Israel.”
- Egypt is temporary. Canaan is “olam” or forever

48:5 – Switch from past to future

- Manasseh and Ephriam are going from grandsons to sons
- Jacob uses his two oldest sons as examples: Reuben and Simeon
- AND, Jacob reverses the names to Ephriam and Manasseh, but no one notices

48:6 – Any other sons of Joseph will dwell with Ephriam and Manasseh

48:7 – Back to past, Jacob recalls Rachel. This may be why he is taking Joseph’s sons

- Rachel had prayed at birth of Joseph “may YHWH add another son for me” (30:24)
- Now Rachel has four sons

48:8 – Begins formal ceremony:

- “Who’s sons are these?” is ceremonial like a baptism “what name is given to the child” or wedding, “Who gives this woman?”
- Jacob retains some vision. He is not blind

48:14 – Jacob crosses his hands: Right on younger Ephriam

- Japheth....to Shem
- Ishmael....to Isaac
- Esau.....to Jacob
- Reuben...to Joseph
- Manasseh...to Ephraim

48:15 – The blessing

- Jacob recalls his grandfather and father walking before God
- Jacob recalls God walking before Jacob

48:22 – This cannot be the brothers destroying Shechem since Jacob was displeased

- It must be an event that Jacob secured land when he came back to the land and fear fell on all the people
- Gen. does not record this battle
- Joseph is over brothers
- Joseph receives the “shoulder” or “back” of the land in Shechem
- Joseph is buried here in Joshua 24:32
- Focus is on still owning land in Canaan and going back to the land