

GENESIS CHAPTER 47

¹ And Joseph came and told Pharaoh, *saying*, "My father, my brothers, their cattle, their oxen, and all their possessions have come out of the land of Canaan, and behold, they are in the land of Goshen." ² And he took five men from among his brothers, and set them before Pharaoh. ³ And Pharaoh said to Joseph's brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we and our father." ⁴ And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for the flocks of your servants, for the famine has prevailed in the land of Canaan. Now then, we will dwell in the land of Goshen." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Let them dwell in the land of Goshen; and if you know that there are among them able men, make them overseers of my cattle." So Jacob and his sons came into Egypt, to Joseph; and Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard *of it*. ⁵ And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ Behold, the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best land."

⁷ And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸ And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?" ⁹ And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my life, wherein I sojourn, are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, they have not attained to the days of the life of my fathers, in which days they sojourned." ¹⁰ And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and departed from him.

¹¹ And Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh commanded. ¹² And Joseph gave provision to his father, and his brothers, and to all the house of his father, bread for each person.

¹³ And there was no bread in all the land, for the famine prevailed greatly; and the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan fainted on account of the famine. ¹⁴ And Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and the land of Canaan, *in return for* the grain which they bought, and he distributed grain to them; and Joseph brought all the money into the house of Pharaoh. ¹⁵ And all the money failed out of the land of Egypt, and out of the land of Canaan. And all the Egyptians came to Joseph, saying, "Give us bread, and why do we die in your presence? For our money is spent." ¹⁶ And Joseph said to them, "Bring your cattle, and I will give you bread for your cattle, if your money is spent." ¹⁷ And they brought their cattle to Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in return for their horses, and for their sheep, and for their oxen, and for their donkeys; and Joseph maintained them with bread for all their cattle in that year. ¹⁸ And that year passed, and they came to him in the second year, and said to him, "Must we then be consumed from before our lord? For if our money has failed, and our possessions, and our cattle, *brought* to you our lord, and there has not been left to us before our lord more than our own bodies and our land, *we are indeed destitute*." ¹⁹ In order then that we die not before you, and the land be made desolate, buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: give seed that we may sow, and live and not die, so our land shall not be made desolate."

²⁰ And Joseph bought all the land of the Egyptians for Pharaoh, for the Egyptians sold their land to Pharaoh; for the famine prevailed against them, and the land became Pharaoh's. ²¹ And he brought the people into bondage to him, for servants, from one extremity of Egypt to the other, ²² except for the land of the priests; Joseph did not buy this, for Pharaoh gave a portion in the way of a gift to the priests, and they ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land. ²³ And Joseph said to all the Egyptians, "Behold, I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh; take seed for yourselves, and sow the land. ²⁴ And there shall be the fruits of it; and you shall give the fifth part to Pharaoh, and the four *remaining* parts shall be for yourselves, for seed for the earth, and for food for yourselves, and all that are in your houses." ²⁵ And they said, "You have saved us; we have found favor before our lord, and we will be servants to Pharaoh." ²⁶ And Joseph appointed it to them for an ordinance until this day; to reserve a fifth part for Pharaoh, of the land of Egypt, except for the land of the priests, that was not Pharaoh's.

²⁷ And Israel dwelt in Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they gained an inheritance upon it; and they increased and multiplied very greatly. ²⁸ And Jacob survived seventeen years in the land of Egypt; and Jacob's days of the years of his life were one hundred and forty-seven years. ²⁹ And the days of Israel drew near for him to die. And he called his son Joseph, and said to him, "If I have found favor before you, put your hand under my thigh, and you shall execute mercy and truth toward me, so as not to bury me in Egypt. ³⁰ But I will sleep with my fathers, and you shall carry me up out of Egypt, and bury me in their tomb." And he said, "I will do according to your word." ³¹ And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. And Israel bowed down, leaning on the top of his staff.