

God Speaks (46:1-4)

- Beersheba is where God spoke to Hagar, Abraham and Abimelech made a covenant, Abraham lived after Isaac's sacrifice, and where God appeared to Isaac.
- This is a place of deep meaning to Jacob and his family.
- This is the last time God speaks until Moses, 400 years later.
- God encouraged Jacob not to be afraid.
- He is leaving the promised land, but God will go with him.
- God is blessing this departure to Egypt and will help them grow even stronger.
- God promises to bring them out of Egypt one day.
- God promises Jacob will die with Joseph at his side.

Generations (46:5-27)

- Jacob has gotten so old that he needs to be carried.
- All of them depart down to Egypt with everything they own.
- The entire family throughout the generations comes down to Egypt.
- We get a long genealogy totally 70 names who all come to Egypt.
- The names tell us God has kept his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- It serves as a record. When Israel leaves Egypt, they will have over 600,000 military aged men.

Brothers and Pharaoh (46:28-47:6)

- Joseph leaves the palace to meet his father on the way.
- Jacob and Joseph are finally reunited and Jacob can die in peace.
- Joseph wants to prepare his brothers for meeting Pharaoh.
- He coaches them on what best to say in order to receive Goshen.
- It seems like he wants them to downplay the fact they are farmers.
- But the brothers do not lie or deceive and outright state their occupation.
- Pharaoh offers them the best land they want.
- Pharaoh offers them jobs in charge of his own livestock.

Jacob and Pharaoh (47:7-12)

- Jacob does not bow before Pharaoh.
- Jacob appears to be ranked above Pharaoh.
- Twice Jacob is the one who bestows a blessing on Pharaoh.
- Jacob's old age appears to be unusual and remarkable to Pharaoh, who is jealous.
- Jacob describes his life as full of pain and less than his ancestors.
- Jacob gets the land allotted to the king.
- Jacob's family is given food instead of having to purchase it, like everyone else.

Famine (47:13-26)

- The famine still continues to ravage the land.
- It gets so bad that no one has any money at all.
- The people sell their cattle in order to survive that year of famine.
- The next year of famine they sell all of their own land to survive.
- Pharaoh now owns all the money, animals, land, and people.
- Joseph creates some reforms instead of leaving the nations in slavery.
- The people are able to use and rent the land as long as they return a fifth to Pharaoh.
- These reforms lasted even to the days of Moses.
- Joseph saves two nations and Egypt from slavery.

Jacob's Dying Wish (47:27-31)

- Israel settles in the land, not as sojourners, but as owners.
- The people of Israel are fruitful and begin to finally multiply quickly.
- Jacob lives for 17 more years experiencing God's blessings.
- On his deathbed, Jacob wants Joseph to promise him something.
- The last time Jacob made someone swear an oath was Esau giving up his birthright.
- Now Jacob makes someone swear an oath in an act of faith.
- Jacob trusts that God will return His people to the promised land.
- He asks to be buried with Abraham and Isaac.
- Jacob bows falling asleep, but does not bow to Joseph.

Application

- Jacob and Joseph do not keep the blessing for themselves, but are willing to spread it even to Egypt.
- Jacob trusts in God's promises even though he will not be alive to see them accomplished.
- We should trust God to keep His promises and bless others.