

(Genesis 46 - 47)
Faith & Obedience Series

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **"By Faith We Live"**
 - (Genesis 46 - 47) NKJV

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- We are down to the final two studies of our Genesis Study.
 - The time has gone fast & we have covered a lot!

HOWEVER... TONIGHT...

- I want us to begin from a New Testament perspective...
 - About why we study the whole Bible:
- (Rom. 15:4-6) NKJV
 - *Learning & hope* (v.4)
 - *Like-mindedness* (v.5)
 - *Glorify God the Father* (v.6)

SO... AGAIN...

- The big picture of Genesis:
 - 1) God created the heavens & the earth.
 - 2) Man disobeyed God & sin entered the world.
 - 3) Sin spread in Adams family.
 - 4) Death spread to all mankind.
 - 5) God destroyed the earth & all living things.
 - 6) God used Noah & his family to re-populate the earth.
 - 7) Finally... God chose Abraham to start the nation – **Israel**...
 - And in (Gen. 12 – 50) the focus is on four main characters:
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Joseph

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SUMMARY

In (Chp. 46) Jacob's family (Israel) is on the move & headed to Egypt.

- The story communicates to us the family-line of Israel...
 - Which came out of Jacob AND thru his (4) wives.
 - Chp. 29 & 30, 35, & 46 explain these details.

IDEA #1 – DON'T FORGET THE PROMISE

JACOB A MAN WHO HAS WRESTLED WITH FEAR...

- Most of his adult life...
 - Is on the move again at 130-years old.

AND... DURING AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIME...

- Jacob is forced to leave home again...
 - Because of the devastation of the ongoing famine.

BUT...

- He's to remember that God is with him!
 - Just as we're to remember (Heb 13:5-6) NLT

READ (Gen 46:1-4)

NEXT...

- We read the record of Israel's beginning thru Jacob (vv.8-27).

Wife #1 – *Leah* bore 6-sons & 1-daughter (Dinah) to Jacob:

- i. Reuben
- ii. Simeon
- iii. Levi
- iv. Judah
- v. Issachar
- vi. Zebulun

***From Leah there came 33-desendants (v.15)**

Wife #4 – *Zilpah* (Leah's maid) bore 2-sons:

- i. Gad

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- ii. Asher

***From Zilpah there came 16-desendants (v.18)**

Wife #2 – *Rachel* bore 2-sons:

- i. Joseph
- ii. Benjamin

***From Rachel there came 14-desdants (v.22)**

Wife #3 – *Bilhah* (Rachel's maid) bore 2-sons:

- i. Dan
- ii. Naphtali

***From Bilhah there came 7-desdants (v.25)**

THE HISTORY LESSON:

- There are a total of 70-people (Gen 46:27)...
 - That came thru Jacob (Israel) and went into Egypt.

(Exodus 1:1-7) NKJV

- In 300-years this 70-people turned into 2-million people.
 - It was about a 3% yearly growth rate for Israel.
 - Which is explosive!

HERE'S THE POINT:

THE FULFILLMENT OF THE BLESSING... (Gen. 28:3-4) NKJV

- Isaac blessing Jacob:

“May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples; and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.”

SO... THE CHAPTER CLOSES WITH...

- Jacob seeing Joseph... who he thought had died as a teenager...

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➤ 22-yrs earlier.

IDEA #2 – CONTINUE LIVING BY FAITH

(Gen. 47:1-12)

PHARAOH HONORS JOSEPH'S FAMILY...

- And gives them a place to live...
 - While supplying all they need during the famine.

GOD MADE A WAY FOR HIS PEOPLE!

(vv.13-26) describe the extent of damage done to the people during the famine.

- The money system failed
- They lost / sold all their possessions
- They sold their land
- They sold themselves into slavery to survive

AND FINALLY

IDEA #3 – HARDSHIP PRODUCES GROWTH

(v.27)

(Jer. 29:4-7) NKJV

- Build houses
- Work on your family
- Grow don't shrink
- Keep at spiritual matters & pray

~ IN CLOSING ~

Keep living by faith and looking for the Lord to return at any moment!