

Genesis 46-Jacob Goes down to Egypt

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III- Replay

Replay is the account of 43-year-old radio journalist Jeff Winston, who dies of a heart attack in 1988 and awakens back in 1963 in his 18-year-old body as a student at [Atlanta's Emory University](#). He then begins to relive his life with intact memories of the next 25 years, until, despite his best efforts at cardiac health, he dies of a heart attack, again, in 1988.

Given chance to live life over and over and make differing decisions which affect his understanding of life.

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"Hebrews 9:27-28 (NLT) And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,"

Living in What if. or If only

We can fall to the problem of basing our lives in the past and be held to the paralysis of regret by the term "If only"

God who knows all but relates in the forgiven now- God knows all, all that was, is and will be, and all that could have been, that is the very definition of an all knowing being. He chooses however to relate to us in the now. He does not let past sin, or possible future disobedience prevent him from expressing his Holiness and justice, which is why the book of Hebrews continues

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"28 so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him."

God who pushes us forward relates in the **future of Hope.**

God knows the future, and wants us to see only the possibility of future hope for those who choose to listen and respond.

Instructs us via his revelation to trust in a better future

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Hebrews 11:1-3 (NLT) Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

3 By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

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Hebrews 11:13-16 (NLT) All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. 14 Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. 15 If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. 16 But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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Hebrews 11:21-22 (NLT) It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff.

22 It was by faith that Joseph, when he was about to die, said confidently that the people of Israel would leave Egypt. He even commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.

Leaving as prophecy-

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Genesis 15:12-16 (NLT) As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him. 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. 14 But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. 15 (As for you, you will die in

peace and be buried at a ripe old age.) 16 After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction.”

The Land was slated for punishment, the people of God were to be taken out to a safe place.

What had the land of Canaan learned from the witness of Abraham (salvation of Lot), and Melchizedek, apparently nothing.

Waiting for confirmation

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"When God, through circumstances, appears to be leading a child of His into some new place of witness, this is the proper course to follow. Assuming there is no scripture to the contrary, one should proceed according to his best judgement, and at the same time continue in prayer for guidance. They can have confidence then that the Lord will either bless the decision, or else overrule and redirect."

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A personal God, a mighty touch

- (1) His advancement of Jacob's descendants to see the covenant expectations through ("I will make of you a great nation").
- (2) His abiding with Jacob personally ("I will go ... with you").
- (3) His assurance of a return later to the covenant land ("I will also surely bring you up again").
- (4) His attention through Joseph ("Joseph will close your eyes").

James E. Rosscup, *An Exposition on Prayer in the Bible: Igniting the Fuel to Flame Our Communication with God* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2008), 122.

The whole family went with Jacob: the thirty-three descendants of Leah (vv. 8–15); the sixteen descendants of Zilpah (vv. 16–18); the fourteen descendants of Rachel (vv. 19–22); and the seven descendants of Bilhah (vv. 23–25). Actually sixty-six traveled with Jacob, and when we add Jacob and Joseph and his two sons (v. 27), we get a total of seventy. See Ex. 1:5. Acts 7:14 says that there were seventy-five in the family, but this may include the five children of Ephraim and Manasseh, listed in 1 Chron. 7:14ff

Warren W. Wiersbe, *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1993), Ge 46–47.

The entire family of Jacob migrated to Egypt (46:5–7). The text contains a catalog of the names of the heads of families who would later lead prominent clans within the family. These points stand out in the list found in 46:8–27: (1) Four sons of Reuben are named, whereas 42:37 suggests he had but two. Two sons must have been born to him in Egypt. (2) Ten sons of Benjamin are listed. All of them probably were born in Egypt. (3) Of many daughters and granddaughters, only two are listed, Dinah and Serah, a daughter of Asher. (4) Adding Joseph, his two sons, and Dinah, the most prominent daughter of Jacob, yields the total figure of seventy who migrated to Egypt.

James E. Smith, *The Pentateuch*, 2nd ed., Old Testament Survey Series (Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co., 1993), 221.

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Map of where they went two slides.

Instructed into the place prepared.

Where God is, is the Ultimate place

Jacob here reflects the covenant idea. Life is a pilgrimage en route to a city whose maker and builder is God! After pronouncing a second blessing, Jacob departed from the presence of Pharaoh (47:7–10).

James E. Smith, *The Pentateuch*, 2nd ed., Old Testament Survey Series (Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co., 1993), 222.

"Scripture warns against "some of those riches and how they can deaden you and place your heart to where suddenly you treasure your life here ... more than the one to come."-Francis Chan

Reason-segregation to grow strong

The list of Jacob's descendants who sojourn to Egypt anticipates the exodus of the nation when the Hebrews have grown to a throng threatening their host nation

K. A. Mathews, *Genesis 11:27–50:26*, vol. 1B, *The New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2005), 822.

Since shepherds were detestable to the Egyptians, Pharaoh would authorize Jacob's clan to settle in the more or less isolated area of Goshen. Joseph had the covenant idea. He wanted his family to be insulated as much as possible from the evil influences of Egyptian culture (46:31–33).

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Joseph settled his family in the best part of Goshen, a region called Rameses

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Egypt- thou as polytheistic as Caanan had a sense of superiority, and thus were reluctant to mix and intermarry with foreigners, especially shepherds. Plus a lot could be learned from this culture as they were at the time, more advanced than surrounding nations.

They also would need to foster their own culture and centre around the God they did know, as opposed to the ones the Egyptians worshipped.

Have you taken any time to look at the core beliefs of other religions /Faiths to see where we agree or disagree with?

Where hero's of faith waited unfulfilled- Heb 11

Where Jesus is the living embodiment of hope

Seeing the whole picture- why we are so better placed, a clear Gospel.

The place we are called to be, even in a sinful world, God relates in a place of future Hope and forgiven Now.

Let us grasp the enormity of our place in history, give thanks, and trustfully walk forward to a Kingdom which is possible on earth, as it is in heaven.