



Go for God!

“God’s Favor & Blessings!”

Genesis Chapters 45:16 – 48

> Chapter 45:16 – 28 - “FAMILY!”

(v16-28) Faith—Family—Favor—Food—Fun— Forever – For every believer in Christ!

> Chapter 46 – “Family Reunion!”

(v1-7) Observe 8 keys to a life of faith in God:

#1 - Once again we see the faith of Jacob offering sacrifices to God, Jacob remains a man of WORSHIP!

#2 - God speaks to Jacob, worship prepares our heart to HEAR the voice of God.

#3 - God gives Jacob GUIDANCE (“go to Egypt”),

#4 – God gives Jacob STRENGTH (“don’t be afraid”),

#5 – God promises to PROVIDE for Jacob’s family (“I will make of you a great nation”),

#6 - God promises PROTECTION (I will go down with you to Egypt”),

#7 - God promises the PROMISE LAND (“I will bring you up again”),

#8 - God promises HOPE (“Joseph will put his hand on your eyes”) you will see your son before you die.

(v8-27) Jacob’s family registry that goes to Egypt.

(v28-34) Joseph and the family UNITE!

(Regarding verses 32 – 34, Barnes writes, “Joseph intends to make the "occupation" of his kindred a prominent part of his communication to Pharaoh, to secure their settlement in Goshen. This he considers desirable, on two grounds: first, because Goshen was best suited for pasture; and secondly, because the chosen family would thus be comparatively isolated from Egyptian society. The two nations were in some important respects mutually repulsive. The idolatrous and superstitious customs of the Egyptians were abhorrent to a worshipper of the true God; and "every shepherd was the abomination of Egypt." The expression here employed is very strong, and rises even to a religious aversion. Herodotus makes the cowherds the third of the seven classes into which the Egyptians were divided (Herodotus ii. 164).”)

> Chapter 47 – “Family Favor!”

(v1-12) Joseph’s family finds favor before Pharaoh, once again this is due to God’s GRACE and Joseph’s INTEGRITY.

(v13-26) Here we find Joseph’s STEWARDSHIP, INVESTMENTS, and GOVERNANCE.

(v27-31) Displayed before us is God’s FAITHFULNESS to His FAITHFUL producing PEACE and PROSPERITY. Jacob is ready to die, he knows God’s hand of blessing is truly upon Joseph.

> Chapter 48 – “Family Blessings!”

(v1-7) Jacob reminds and reaffirms the Abrahamic Covenant passed on to him to Joseph.

(v8-20) Jacob blesses the two sons of Joseph, but in reverse order, the younger (Ephraim) blessed over the elder (Manasseh).

(The patriarchal blessing took on prophetic significance with such action and words, since Ephraim would be the most influential of the two to the extent that Ephraim would become a substitute name for Israel. Ephraim did indeed become the dominant tribe of the 10 northern tribes, eventually being used as the national designate for the 10 tribes in the prophets (Is. 7:2,5,9,17; Hos. 9:3–16). Jacob blesses Joseph and his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim.) 1

(v21-22) Israel (Jacob) prophetically promises an INHERITANCE for Joseph’s family back in the land of Canaan.