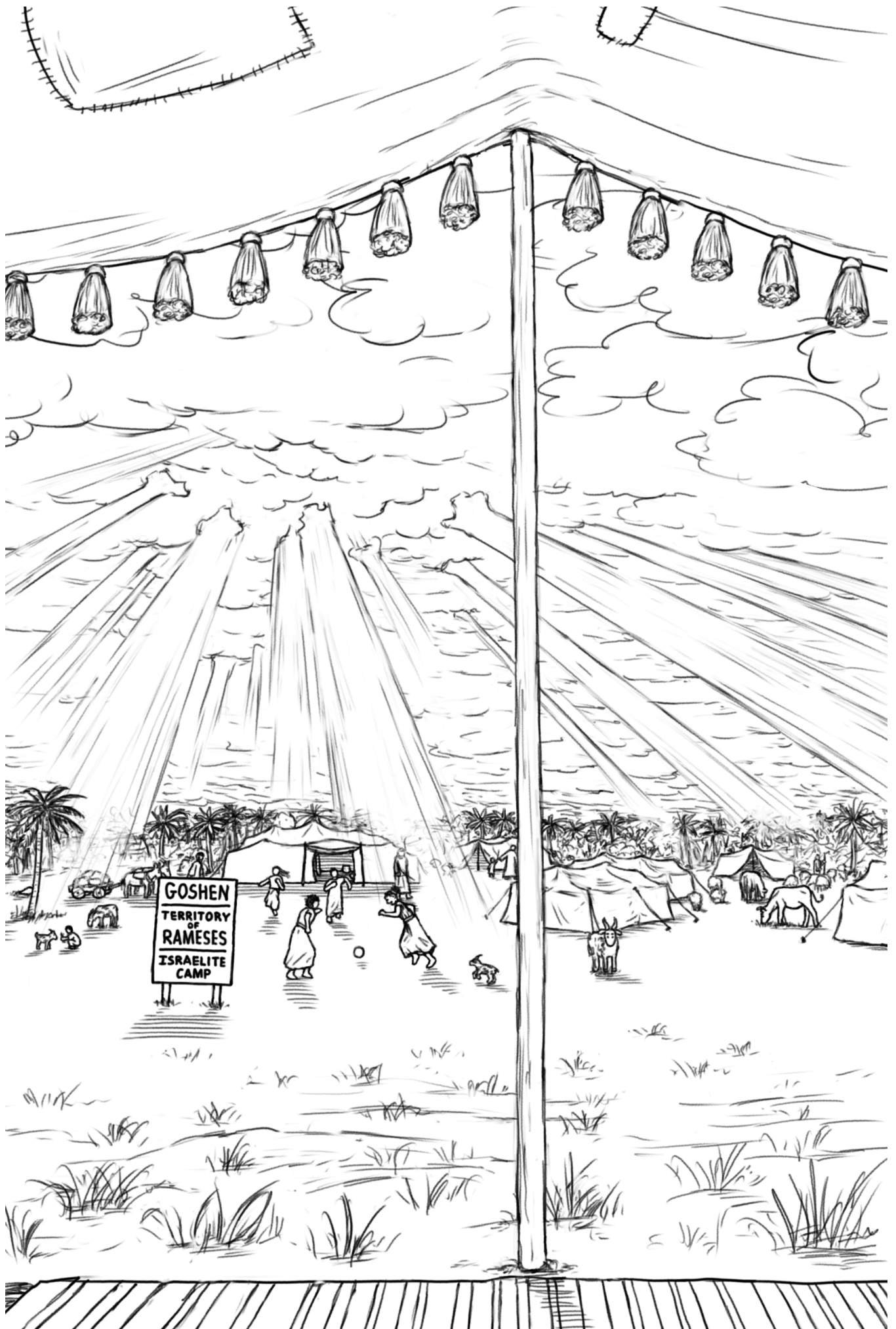




Lesson 18

Deuteronomy 7:6–7a

You [Israel] are a holy nation. The Lord your God has set you apart for Himself. He has chosen you to be His special treasure. He chose you out of all the nations on the face of the earth to be His people. The Lord chose you because He loved you very much.

Jacob and His Family Settle in Goshen

Genesis 47:1–12, 27–31

¹Joseph went to Pharaoh. He told him, “My father and brothers have come from the land of Canaan. They’ve brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own. They are now in Goshen.” ²Joseph had chosen five of his brothers to meet with Pharaoh.

³Pharaoh asked the brothers, “What do you do for a living?”

“We’re shepherds,” they replied to Pharaoh. “And that’s what our fathers were.” ⁴They also said to him, “We’ve come to live in Egypt for a while. There isn’t enough food anywhere in Canaan. There isn’t any grass for our flocks. So please let us live in Goshen.”

⁵Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶The land of Egypt is open to you. Let your father and brothers live in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. Do any of them have special skills? If they do, put them in charge of my own livestock.”

⁷Then Joseph brought his father Jacob in to meet Pharaoh. Jacob gave Pharaoh his blessing. ⁸Then Pharaoh asked him, “How old are you?”

⁹Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The years of my journey through life are 130. My years have been few and hard. They aren’t as many as the years of my father and grandfather before me.” ¹⁰Jacob gave Pharaoh his blessing. Then he left him.

¹¹So Joseph helped his father and his brothers make their homes in Egypt. He gave them property in the best part of the land, just as Pharaoh had directed him to do. That part was known as the territory of Rameses. ¹²Joseph also provided food for his father and brothers. He provided for them and the rest of his father’s family. He gave them enough for all their children.

²⁷The people of Israel lived in Egypt in the area of Goshen. They received property there. They had children and so became many.

²⁸Jacob lived 17 years in Egypt. He lived a total of 147 years. ²⁹The time came near for Israel to die. So he sent for his son Joseph. He said to him, “If you are pleased with me, put your hand under my thigh. Promise me that you will be kind and faithful to me. Don’t bury me in Egypt. ³⁰When I join the members of my family who have already died, carry me out of Egypt. Bury me where they are buried.”

“I’ll do exactly as you say,” Joseph said.

³¹“Give me your word that you will do it,” Jacob said. So Joseph gave him his word. And Israel worshipped God as he leaned on the top of his walking stick.

Questions

- 1 How many brothers did Joseph choose to meet with Pharaoh? Joseph chose _____ of his brothers to meet with Pharaoh. (Gen. 47:2)
- 2 Was Pharaoh kind and generous to Joseph's brothers when they met with him? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 47:5–6)
- 3 Who did Pharaoh say could be in charge of Pharaoh's livestock? Pharaoh said _____ of Joseph's brothers who had _____ could be in charge of Pharaoh's livestock. (Gen. 47:6)
- 4 What did Joseph's father, Jacob, do when Joseph brought him to meet Pharaoh? Jacob gave Pharaoh his _____. (Gen. 47:7)
- 5 How old was Jacob when he met with Pharaoh? Jacob was _____ years old. (Gen. 47:9)
- 6 How did Jacob describe his years? Jacob said his years had been _____ and _____. (Gen. 47:9)
- 7 What did Joseph help his father and brothers do? Joseph helped his father and brothers _____ their _____ in Egypt, and he provided _____ for them. (Gen. 47:11–12)
- 8 What was the part of Goshen that was given to Jacob and his family called? That part of Goshen was known as the territory of _____. (Gen. 47:11)
- 9 What was the land there like? It was the _____ part of the land. (Gen. 47:11)
- 10 Did Jacob's family continue to grow? (Yes/No) _____. They had _____ children. (Gen. 47:27)
- 11 How many years did Jacob live in Egypt? Jacob lived in Egypt _____ years. (Gen. 47:28)
- 12 How old was Jacob when he died? Jacob was _____ years old when he died. (Gen. 47:28)
- 13 When it came time to die, where did Jacob want to be buried? Jacob wanted to be buried where the members of his family who had _____ died were buried. (Gen. 47:30)
- 14 Did Joseph agree to his father's request? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 47:30)
- 15 What did Jacob/Israel do as he leaned on top of his walking stick thinking about his death? Why? Israel _____ God, because Israel knew he would soon meet his Heavenly **F** _____ and join his **f** _____ members who had already died. (Gen. 47:30–31)

Ephraim and Manasseh

Genesis 48:1–22

¹Some time later Joseph was told, "Your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim along with him. ²Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you." So Israel became stronger and sat up

in bed.

³Jacob said to Joseph, “The Mighty God appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan. He blessed me there. ⁴He said to me, ‘I am going to give you children. I will make your family very large. I will make you a community of nations. And I will give this land to your children after you. It will belong to them forever.’

⁵“Now then, two sons were born to you in Egypt. It happened before I came to you here. They will be counted as my own sons. Ephraim and Manasseh will belong to me, in the same way that Reuben and Simeon belong to me. ⁶Any children born to you after them will belong to you. Any territory they receive will come from the land that will be given to Ephraim and Manasseh. ⁷As I was returning from Paddan, Rachel died. It made me very sad. She died in the land of Canaan while we were still on the way. We weren’t very far away from Ephrath. So I buried her body there beside the road to Ephrath.” Ephrath was also called Bethlehem.

⁸Israel saw Joseph’s sons. He asked, “Who are they?”

⁹“They are the sons God has given me here,” Joseph said to his father.

Then Israel said, “Bring them to me. I want to give them my blessing.”

¹⁰Israel’s eyes were weak because he was old. He couldn’t see very well. So Joseph brought his sons close to him. His father kissed them and hugged them.

¹¹Israel said to Joseph, “I never thought I’d see your face again. But now God has let me see your children too.”

¹²Then Joseph lifted his sons off Israel’s knees. Joseph bowed down with his face to the ground. ¹³He placed Ephraim on his right, toward Israel’s left hand. He placed Manasseh on his left, toward Israel’s right hand. Then he brought them close to Israel. ¹⁴But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim’s head. He did it even though Ephraim was the younger son. He crossed his arms and put his left hand on Manasseh’s head. He did it even though Manasseh was the older son.

¹⁵Then Israel gave Joseph his blessing. He said,

“May God bless these boys.

He is the God of my grandfather Abraham and my father Isaac.

They walked faithfully with him.

He is the God who has been my shepherd

all my life right up to this day.

¹⁶He is the Angel who has saved me from all harm.

May He bless these boys.

May they be called by my name.

May they also be called by the names of my grandfather Abraham and my father Isaac.

And may the number of them greatly increase
on the earth.”

¹⁷Joseph saw his father putting his right hand on Ephraim’s head. And Joseph didn’t like it. So he took hold of his father’s hand to move it over to Manasseh’s head. ¹⁸Joseph said to him, “No, my father. Here’s my older son. Put your right hand on his head.”

¹⁹But his father wouldn’t do it. He said, “I know, my son. I know. He too will become a nation. He too will become great. But his younger brother will be greater than he is. His children after him will become a

group of nations.” ²⁰On that day, Jacob gave them his blessing. He said,

“The people of Israel will bless others in your name.

They will say, ‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.’”

So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh.

²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, “I’m about to die. But God will be with all of you. He’ll take you back to the land of your fathers. ²²But to you, Joseph, I am giving more land than your brothers. I’m giving you the land I took from the Amorites. I took it with my sword and bow.”

Questions

- 16 Who visited Jacob/Israel when he was sick? _____ and his two _____, Manasseh and Ephraim, visited Jacob when he was sick. (Gen. 48:1)
- 17 What happened when Israel was told Joseph had come to visit him? Israel became _____ and _____ up in bed. (Gen. 48:2)
- 18 How did Israel view Joseph’s two sons? Israel viewed them as his _____. (Gen. 48:5)
- 19 What about any children born to Joseph after these two sons? Any children born to Joseph after these two sons would belong to **J** _____. (Gen. 48:6)
- 20 Where was Rachel buried? Rachel was buried beside the _____ to Ephrath, which was also called _____. (Gen. 48:7)
- 21 Why did Israel ask Joseph to bring his two sons close to him? Israel asked Joseph to bring his two sons close to him because Israel wanted to **b** _____ them. (Gen. 48:9)
- 22 What was the first thing Israel did when Manasseh and Ephraim were brought close to him? Israel _____ and _____ them. (Gen. 48:10)
- 23 What did Joseph do next? Joseph _____ his sons off Israel’s knees, _____ down with his face to the ground, and placed Ephraim on his right, toward Israel’s _____ hand, and Manasseh on his left, toward Israel’s _____ hand. (Gen. 48:12–13)
- 24 What did Israel do? Israel _____ his arms and put his right hand on Ephraim’s head and his left hand on Manasseh’s head. (Gen. 48:14)
- 25 Did this upset Joseph? (Yes/No) _____. Why? This upset Joseph because Ephraim was the _____ son and Manasseh was the _____ son. (Gen. 48:17–18)
- 26 Did Israel allow Joseph to move his right hand to Manasseh’s head? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Because Jacob knew from God that the younger son would be _____ than the older son. (Gen. 48:19)



It was the same way with Jacob/Israel and his older brother, Esau: before Jacob and Esau were born, God had said that Jacob, the younger son, would become greater than Esau, the older son.

- 27 After Israel blessed Manasseh and Ephraim, what did he say to Joseph? Israel said to Joseph that _____ would be with Joseph and his family and would take them _____ to the land of their fathers. (Gen. 48:21)
- 28 What else did Israel say to Joseph? Israel said he would give Joseph _____ land than his brothers. Israel would give Joseph the land Israel had taken from the Amorites. (Gen. 48:22)

Jacob Gives Blessings to His Sons

Genesis 49:1, 28

¹Then Jacob sent for his sons. He said, “Gather around me so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come.

²⁸All these are the 12 tribes of Israel. That’s what their father said to them when he blessed them. He gave each one the blessing that was just right for him.

Questions

- 29 Whom else did Jacob/Israel bless? Jacob also blessed each of his _____ sons. (Gen. 49:1)
- 30 What would happen to Jacob’s twelve sons? They would become the twelve _____ of Israel. (Gen. 49:28)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God’s Word?
