

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 47

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Genesis 47.

1. Go back and read chapter 46. What has just happened in the previous chapter? How does chapter 47 progress the story of Joseph?
2. What do the brothers tell Pharaoh their occupation is? Where do the brothers request to live?
3. What is Pharaoh's response to their request? Where does he tell Joseph to have them settle?

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4. In verses 7 and 10, what did Jacob do when presented to Pharaoh and leaving Pharaoh?
5. What has been the significance of “blessing” in the book of Genesis? Where have we seen blessings before?
6. What question does Pharaoh ask Jacob? Do you have any thoughts as to why Pharaoh asks this question?

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7. How old is Jacob at this moment?

8. Why do you think Jacob refers to the years of his life as “few and unpleasant?” What events may he be referring to?

9. How does Joseph portion out the food to his family?

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❖ **DAY 2**

Read Genesis 47 again.

10. How much money did Joseph collect from the lands of Egypt and Canaan? What was the money for?

11. In verse 16, what does Joseph tell the people to use as payment for food?

12. How long does this system sustain the people?

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13. What do the people suggest as a payment system after the first year? What does this indicate about their current state of life?

14. Having sold their fields, where are the people relocated?

15. Whose land was exempt from purchase, according to verse 22?

16. What is the system that Joseph establishes for the future harvest?

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17. What is the people's response to Joseph's harvest system?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Genesis 47 again.

18. How does verse 27 describe the beginning of Israel's time in Goshen?

19. Pay special attention to the language of verse 27. Where in Genesis have we seen this kind of language before?

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20. How does the description of Israel in verse 27 contrast with that of the Egyptians in the previous section?

21. How long did Jacob live in the land of Egypt?

22. What is Israel's dying request of Joseph?

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23. How does Joseph show his commitment to his father's request?

24. What overarching themes or truths do you see in this chapter? How do you see them?

25. Looking at chapter 47 in its entirety, how do you see God's providential hand upon Joseph and Israel?

This week, praise God for his providential faithfulness to you throughout your life. Thank God for His sovereign leading you in all things. Pray that the Spirit might help you better trust God's providence in every area of your life.