

## JOSEPH'S WISE LEADERSHIP

(Genesis 46:31-47:31)

### X. JOSEPH REVEALS HIS TRUE IDENTITY TO HIS BROTHERS (Genesis 45:1-15)

### XI. JACOB IS REVIVED WHEN HE HEARS THAT HIS SON IS STILL ALIVE (Genesis 45:16-28)

### XII. JACOB JOURNEYS TO EGYPT (Genesis 46:1-30)

### XIII. PHARAOH'S BENEVOLENCE TOWARDS JOSEPH'S FAMILY (Genesis 46:31-47:12)

- A. Joseph wisely prepared his brothers for their first encounter with Pharaoh by telling them when asked about their \_\_\_\_\_ they should tell him they were merely dealing with \_\_\_\_\_. (46:31-34)
- B. Joseph's brothers boldly stated that they were shepherds, and amazingly Pharaoh was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ herdsmen. (47:1-6)
- C. Jacob then appeared before Pharaoh and when asked how old he was he responded with, "*few and \_\_\_\_\_ have been the days of the years of my life,*" in other words, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ life. (47:7-10)

\* How was Jacob personally responsible for much of the difficulty?

### XIV. JOSEPH'S FISCAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PEOPLE (Genesis 47:13-26)

- A. Joseph set up his family in a comfortable way in the land of Goshen (or Rameses); God had truly \_\_\_\_\_ for Jacob and his family's \_\_\_\_\_ out of His abundant grace even in a time of great famine. (47:11-12)
- B. Joseph taught Egypt and the surrounding nation's fiscal responsibility in four successive steps as the famine continued...
1. The people first spent all of their \_\_\_\_\_ on food for themselves and their livestock. (vv. 14-15)

2. The people then had to give over ownership of their \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv. 16-17)
  
3. The next year the people ended up having to sign over ownership of their \_\_\_\_\_ to Pharaoh, and Joseph temporarily moved them into the cities in order to \_\_\_\_\_ them. (vv. 18-21)
  
4. Finally when the famine was over Joseph gave each of them \_\_\_\_\_ and reassigned them to their land to produce crops, but he imposed a \_\_\_\_\_ of one fifth (or 20%) to be given to Pharaoh. (vv. 22-26)

C. What are some things we need to remember about Joseph regarding his “form” of government?

1. Joseph was under the \_\_\_\_\_ of Pharaoh and he \_\_\_\_\_ to him, and he used his talents to increase Pharaoh’s wealth.
  
2. Most of the masses of people were under \_\_\_\_\_ by rich land owners who made them work for a pittance, so these policies would most likely “\_\_\_\_\_ the playing field.”
  
3. The Hyksos dynasty was in power at this time and they were sympathetic to Semitic people groups, and because of Joseph’s successful \_\_\_\_\_, Israel would receive \_\_\_\_\_ treatment.

#### **XV. JACOB’S REQUEST TO JOSEPH (Genesis 47:27-31)**

- A. Jacob made Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ that he would \_\_\_\_\_ bury him in Egypt, but in the land of Canaan.
  
- B. Jacob's demand to be buried in Canaan was an act of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 28:13-14; 35:9-12)

\* How can you make application in your own life?