



Introduction

Matthew 18:20 (NIV) "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Genesis 46:1 (ESV) So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Genesis 46:2 (ESV) And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

Genesis 46:3 (ESV) Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation.

Genesis 46:4 (ESV) I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

Philippians 4:7a (ESV) "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"

Genesis 46:28-29 (NIV) "Now Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to get directions to Goshen. When they arrived in the region of Goshen, Joseph had his chariot made ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel."

Genesis 46:29b (NIV) "As soon as Joseph appeared before [Jacob], he threw his arms around his father and wept for a long time."

Genesis 46:33 (NIV) "When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, 'What is your occupation?'

Genesis 46:34 (NIV) you should answer, 'Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.' Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."

Division 1: God's promises are fulfilled in great abundance to Jacob's family.

Genesis 47:1-12, 27-31

John 17:14 (ESV) "I have given them Your Word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."

Matthew 22:31-32 (NIV) "about the resurrection of the dead – have you not read what God said to you, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Genesis 46:34 (ESV) "you shall say, 'Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' in order that you may dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination...."

Genesis 15:5 (NIV) He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

1. Genesis 27: Jacob deceived his father when he received the firstborn's blessing.
2. Genesis 29 & 30:28-35: Jacob was deceived by his father-in-law Laban in marrying Leah and Rachel and then with the striped and spotted animals.
3. Genesis 31:22-23 & 32:1-21: Jacob and his family left Haran without telling Laban; so, Jacob had a doubling of terror: Laban in pursuit and Esau's anger in front.
4. Genesis 32:22-32: Jacob wrestled with a man from God and suffered a wrenched hip, which was painful and required time to heal.
5. Genesis 34: Jacob's daughter Dinah was defiled and his sons were vicious, savage, revenge-seekers.
6. Genesis 35:19: Jacob lost his beloved Rachel in childbirth.
7. Genesis 37:31-34: Jacob lost his beloved son, Joseph, in an apparent animal attack.

Principle #1: God's promises are fulfilled; and history demonstrates time-after-time that God is trustworthy; 'I believe, help my unbelief'.

Mark 9:24 (NASB) 'I believe, help my unbelief'.

Psalms 139:16 (NIV) "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

