

Genesis 41:47-57 **Years of abundance and start of famine**

⁴⁷ Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. ⁴⁸ So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. ⁴⁹ Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was without number.

⁵⁰ And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. ⁵¹ Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house." ⁵² And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

⁵³ Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, ⁵⁴ and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵ So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do." ⁵⁶ The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷ So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands. NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Joseph considered Egypt to be the land of his affliction.
- ✧ In the seven years of abundance Joseph gathered up food and stored it in the cities like the sand of the sea in abundance.
- ✧ Joseph was given Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah the priest of On as wife, and she bore Manasseh (causing to forget) and Ephraim (double fruit) during the years of plenty.
- ✧ When the seven years of plenty ended, the famine began and it was in all the lands.
- ✧ Egypt was prepared because of the dream of Pharaoh and the advice of Joseph. [[Genesis 41:1-36](#)]
- ✧ When the people were famished and cried to Pharaoh, he sent them to Joseph who then opened the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians.
- ✧ The famine was severe over all the face of the earth, and all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain.