

Genesis 47:1-12 **Joseph brought his brothers and father to see Pharaoh**

¹ Then Joseph went and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; and indeed they are in the land of Goshen." ² And he took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. ³ Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we and also our fathers." ⁴ And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to dwell in the land, because your servants have no pasture for their flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen." ⁵ Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land; let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know any competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock."

⁷ Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸ Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?" ⁹ And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years; few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage." ¹⁰ So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

¹¹ And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹² Then Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father's household with bread, according to the number in their families. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Joseph told Pharaoh that his father and all his brothers had come to Egypt with their families and all their possessions and that they are now in the land of Goshen. Then Joseph brought five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh, and Pharaoh asked them about their occupation, they answered Pharaoh and asked permission to live in the land of Goshen.
- ✧ Pharaoh told Joseph that the land of Egypt is before you, let them dwell in the best of the land in the land of Goshen, and if any of his brothers are competent, make them chief herdsmen over Pharaoh's livestock.
- ✧ Joseph then brought his father before Pharaoh and Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from before him. We learn that the greater blesses the lesser as was the case when Melchizedek blessed Abraham. [\[Hebrews 7:7\]](#)
- ✧ Jacob was 130 years old when he was brought before Pharaoh and he died at age 147 so he lived in Egypt 17 years. [\[Genesis 47:28\]](#)
- ✧ Joseph gave his father and brothers a possession in the land of Egypt in the land of Rameses as Pharaoh had commanded.
- ✧ When Israel came into the land of Egypt they were welcomed warmly and given a possession in the best of the land because of Pharaoh and his servants love for Joseph.
- ✧ Joseph provided bread for his father, his brothers, and their households.