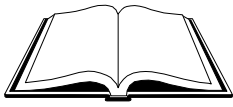


Lesson Twelve: Joseph Reunited with Jacob

Lesson Text

Genesis 45:16 - 47:31

Daily Bible Reading



Monday

Genesis 45:16-28

Tuesday

Genesis 46:1-24

Thursday

Genesis 46:25-34

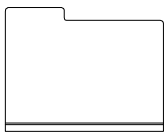
Friday

Genesis 47:1-12

Saturday

Genesis 47:13-31

Lesson Concept



OBEDIENCE

Forgiving

Pharaoh's Invitation (45:16-21)

1. What was Pharaoh's proposal to the brothers of Joseph?

Jacob and the News Concerning Joseph (45:21-28)

2. What was Jacob's first reaction to the news that Joseph was alive?
3. What had Jacob done when his sons had told him a lie about Joseph? (37:31-35) What did he do now when they told him the truth? Are one's feelings and emotions reliable guides as to what is truth?
4. What convinced Jacob concerning Joseph?

The Move to Egypt (46:1-34)

5. Why did Jacob need God's reassurance before moving to Egypt? What indicates that the ultimate future of Israel was not in Egypt?
6. Where in Egypt did the Israelites live? What would tend to keep them separated from the Egyptians?

Jacob Before Pharaoh (47:1-12)

7. Since "evil" in verse nine refers to hardships and difficulties, what, specifically, did Jacob have in mind?
8. How could one in Jacob's circumstances bless a king? In what way are God's children, even if they are poor, in a position to bless even the wealthy and powerful?

The Results of the Famine in Egypt (47:13-26)

9. How did all the land and even the people come to belong to Pharaoh? What exception was there?
10. In contrasting the remarkable way in which the Israelites were provided for with the low estate to which even the Egyptians were reduced, how does the expression "blessings in disguise" apply to the life of Jacob?

Jacob's Last Days (47:27-31)

11. How do verses 29 and 30 show Jacob's faith in God's promises despite the passing of so long a time?
12. Give a short description of the predominant characteristic of each of the following periods in Jacob's life:
 - a. Birth to leaving home.
 - b. Period away from Canaan.
 - c. Return to Canaan until the selling of Joseph.
 - d. The selling of Joseph until the entrance into Egypt.
 - e. Last years in Egypt.