

28. Joseph

Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

The seven years of abundance in Egypt came to an end, and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all the other lands, but in the whole land of Egypt there was food. When all Egypt began to feel the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph and do what he tells you."

When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. And all the countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the world. (Genesis 41:50-57 NIV)

When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you just keep looking at each other?" ... ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. (Genesis 42:1-4 NIV)

And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes." Then Jacob left Beersheba ... (Genesis 46:2-5 NIV)



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ABUNDANCE	GRAIN	PHARAOH
AFRAID	GREAT	POTIPHERA
ASENATH	HARM	SEVERE
BEERSHEBA	HOUSEHOLD	SOLD
BENJAMIN	JACOB	SPREAD
EPHRAIM	JOSEPH	STOREHOUSES
FAMINE	MANASSEH	SUFFERING
FIRSTBORN	NATION	TROUBLE
FORGET	ON	VISION
FRUITFUL	OPENED	WHOLE