

# **Old Testament Survey**

**Week 5**

**Joseph**

**Israel and sons go to Egypt**



# Old Testament Survey

## Joseph tending flocks (Gen 37)

- With Sons of Bilhah and Zilpah
  - Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher
- Joseph 17 years old
- Bad report



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## Disharmony among brothers

- Joseph was the favorite
  - coat of many colors
- Hated by his brothers



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## Joseph's dreams

- Sheaves of grain bow
- Sun, moon, eleven stars bow



# Old Testament Survey

## Joseph sent to his brothers

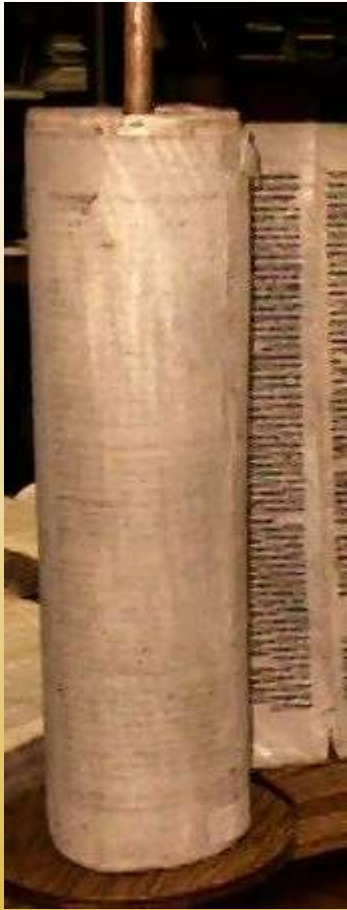
- Plotted to kill him
- Reuben opposed plan
- Thrown into cistern



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## Ishmaelite, Midianite merchants

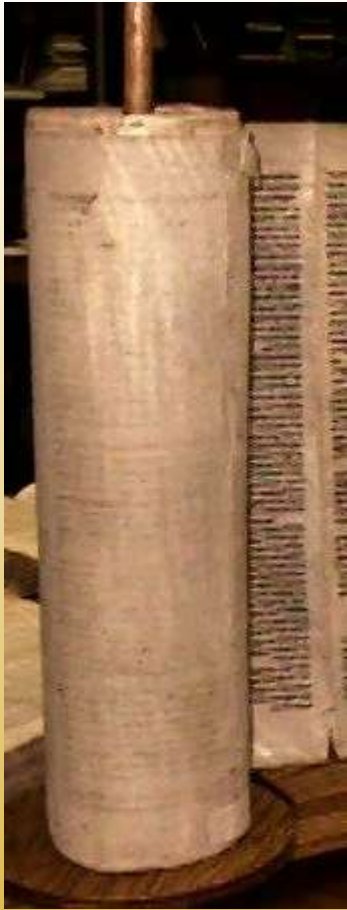
- Judah proposes selling Joseph
- Sold for 20 shekels of silver
- Joseph taken to Egypt
- Sold to Potiphar, captain of guard



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## Covering up the deed

- Reuben's distress
- Deception of bloody coat
- Jacob mourns



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## Judah's sons (Gen 38)

- Er – put to death by the Lord
- Onan
  - refused to provide children for his brother's wife
  - put to death by the Lord
- Shelah





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## Judah withholds Shelah

- Third son should have provided children for Tamar
- Judah feared Shelah would die also
- Tamar lived as a widow



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## Judah and Tamar

- Tamar poses as prostitute
- Judah offers young goat
- Seal, cord, staff as pledge



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## Consequences of sin

- Tamar pregnant
- Judah calls for her to be burned
- Seal, cord, staff prove Judah responsible
- Judah humbles himself



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## Joseph and Potiphar (Gen 39)

- God blessed everything Joseph did
- Placed in charge of Potiphar's house
- God blessed Potiphar's house



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## Potiphar's wife

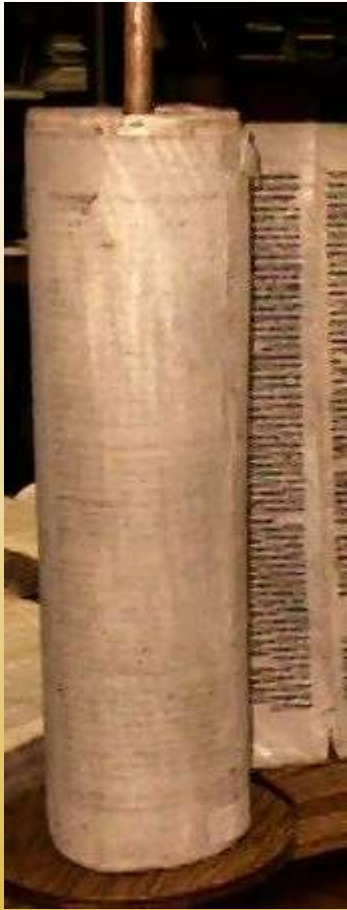
- Tried to seduce Joseph daily
- Joseph refuses, cites three reasons:
  - honor (trusted by Potiphar)
  - righteousness (wicked thing)
  - godliness (sin against God)
- Joseph avoided her



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## Joseph is “set up”

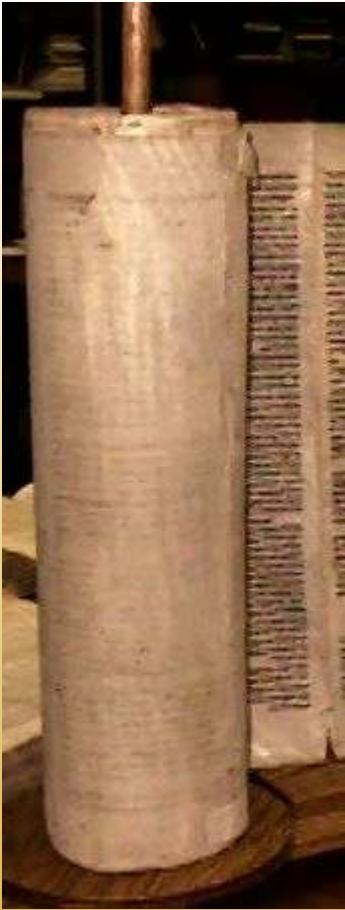
- Joseph doing his duties in house
- Potiphar's wife propositions Joseph
- Grabs coat
- Joseph flees, leaving coat behind



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## Joseph thrown in prison

- Potiphar's wife accuses Joseph
- Coat as evidence
- Thrown into prison
- God continued to bless Joseph in prison

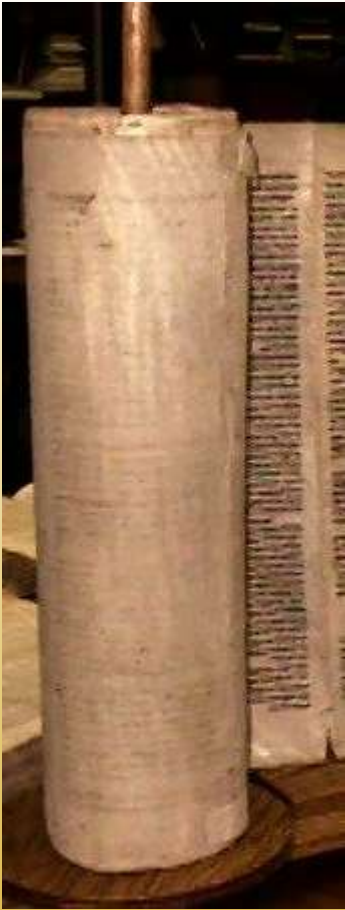


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## Cup bearer and Baker

- Thrown into same prison
- Both have dreams
- Joseph interprets them





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## Cup bearer's dream

- Vine with three branches
- Budded, blossomed, grapes
- Pharaoh's cup

## In three days, cup bearer restored

- “Remember me”



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## Baker's dream

- Three baskets of bread on head
- Birds eating bread out of basket

**In three days will be hanged**



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**Both dreams fulfilled**

- But cup bearer forgets Joseph



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## Pharaoh's dreams (Gen 41)

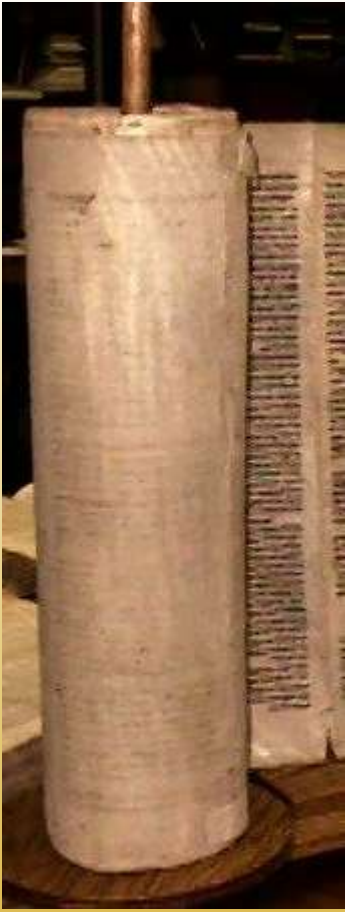
- Seven fat cows, seven gaunt cows
- Seven healthy heads of grain, seven thin
- Wise men and magicians could not interpret
- Cup bearer remembers Joseph



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## Joseph interprets dreams

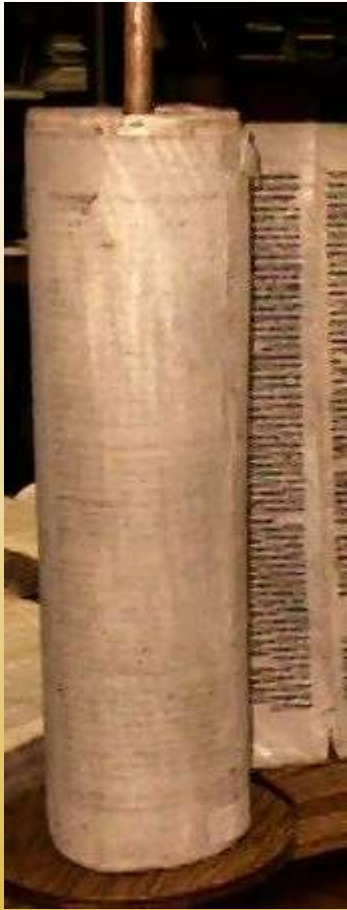
- Seven good years
- Seven years of famine
- Store food during good years
- Appoint wise man in charge



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## Pharaoh chooses Joseph

*"Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"*

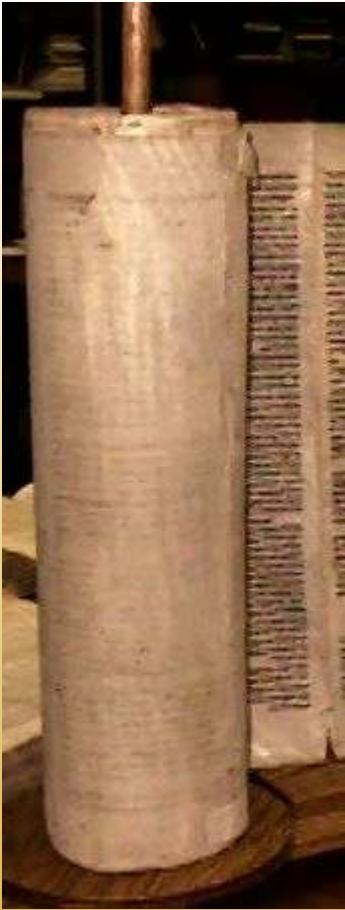


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## Joseph appointed ruler of Egypt

*"I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt."*

- From prisoner to ruler in one day!
- At age 30
- 13 years after brothers sold him

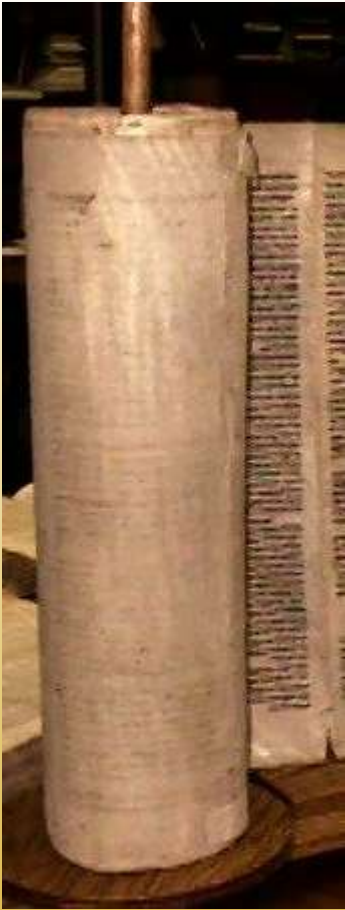


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## Seven years of abundance

- Collected huge quantities of grain
- Stored in cities





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## Joseph's sons

- Manasseh
  - God made him “forget”
- Ephraim
  - God made him “fruitful”



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## Seven years of famine

- Worldwide
- Joseph sold grain



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## Jacob sends sons to Egypt (Gen 42)

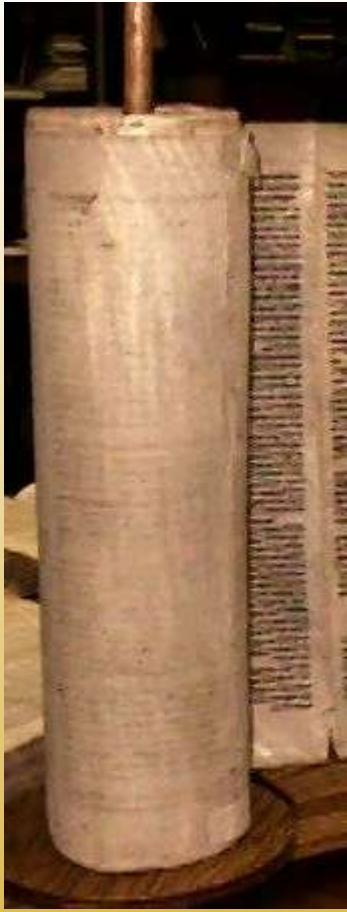
- Ten brothers (all but Benjamin)
- They bow to Joseph
- 20 years after he was sold
- Joseph recognizes brothers
- Brothers did not recognize Joseph



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## Joseph speaks harshly

- Remembers dreams
- Accuses them of spying
- Imprisons them three days
- Simeon kept in prison
- Others sent back with food
- Must return with Benjamin



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## Brothers return to Jacob

- Find money in sacks
- Fear of retribution

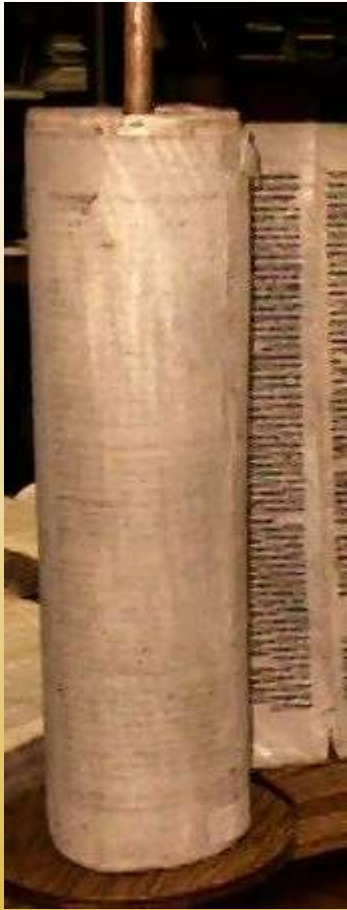
*“You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!”*



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## Brothers return to Egypt (Gen 43)

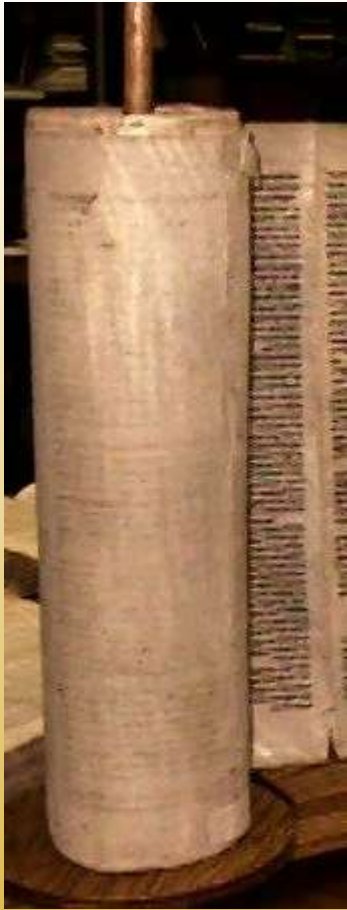
- With Benjamin
  - “if I am bereaved, I am bereaved”
- Judah guarantees Benjamin's safety
- Returning money for previous grain
- Gifts for ruler



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## Preparations to dine with Joseph

- Received earlier payment
- Presented gifts to Joseph
- Joseph inquired about father
- Joseph left room and wept

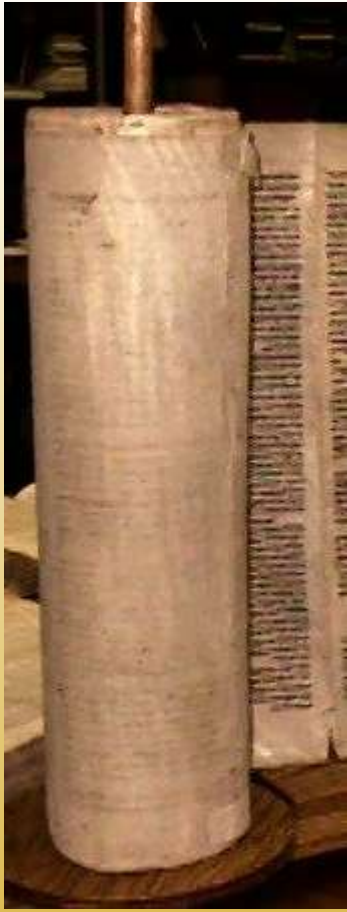


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## Dining with Joseph

- Separate from Egyptians
- Seated in order by age
- Benjamin's portion 5x others





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## Joseph tests brothers (Gen 44)

- Places money in sacks
- Places cup in Benjamin's sack
- Sends men in pursuit
- Brought back to Joseph



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## Joseph tries brothers

- Commands Benjamin to remain as slave
- Judah pleads to substitute himself



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## Joseph reveals identity (Gen 45)

- Sent Egyptians out of room
- Wept loudly
- “I am Joseph”
- Brothers were terrified



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## Joseph reveals identity

*And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.*



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## Joseph calls family to Egypt

- Pharaoh is pleased
- Sent carts, ten donkeys, provisions
- Loaded with best things of Egypt

*“Never mind about your belongings, because the best of all Egypt will be yours.”*

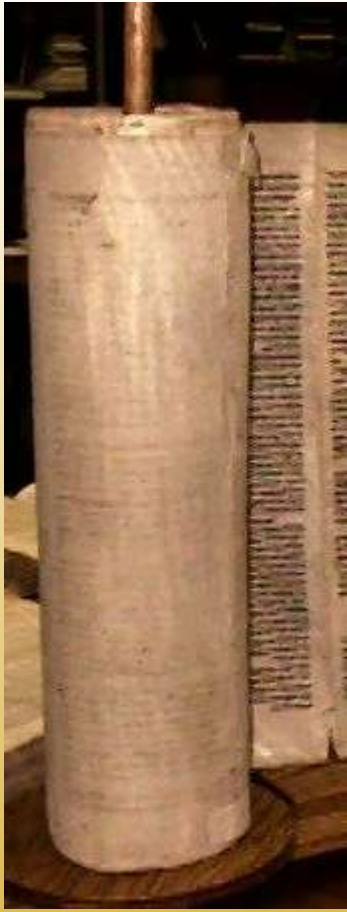


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## Brothers tell Jacob

- At first does not believe
- Then becomes convinced

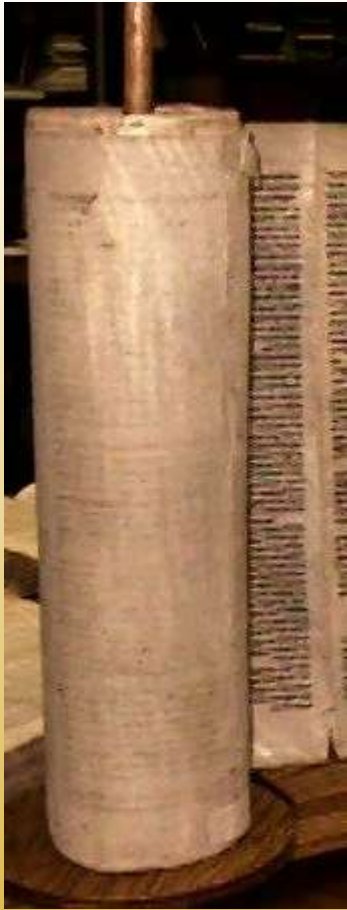
*"I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."*



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## God speaks to Jacob

*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."*

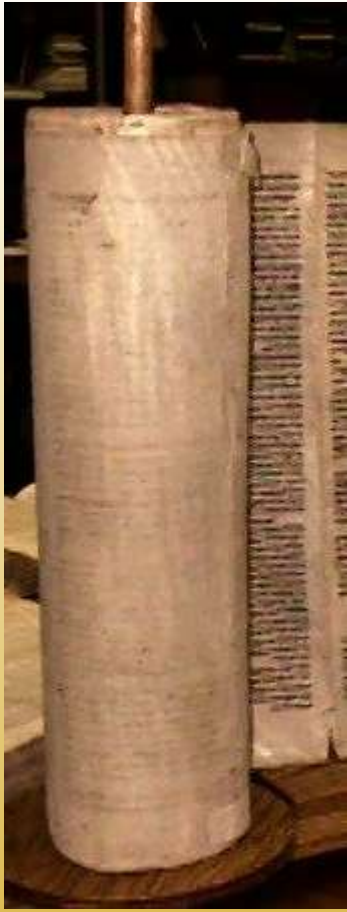


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## Joseph meets Israel in Goshen

- Emotional reunion
- Arranges for them to live as shepherds in Goshen





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## Famine continues

- Joseph's family was given food (Gen 47:12)
- Egyptians and Canaanites bought food
- All money, livestock, land exchanged for food
- Pharaoh becomes owner of everything



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## Manasseh and Ephraim (Gen 48)

- Blessed by Jacob
- Reckoned as Jacob's sons
- Joseph's other sons reckoned under them



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## Ephraim ahead of Manasseh

- Num 1:33,35
- Joshua descended from Ephraim
  - 1 Chron 7:27
- Jeroboam (first king of northern kingdom) descended from Ephraim
  - 1 King 11:26



# Old Testament Survey

## Jacob blesses his sons (Gen 49)

- Some blessings, some curses

*Gen 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.*

- *Heb 11:21*



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## Jacob's death

- Instructions about his burial
- Gen 50 Joseph buries Jacob
- Joseph reassures brothers
- Joseph gives instructions about his bones
- Death of Joseph



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**End of Week 5**

End of Genesis

Next week: Exodus

Moses; Slaves in Egypt;

The Plagues