

# THE FAMILY OF JACOB COMES TO EGYPT — GENESIS 46

## GOD SPEAKS TO JACOB ON THE WAY TO EGYPT –

v.1-4

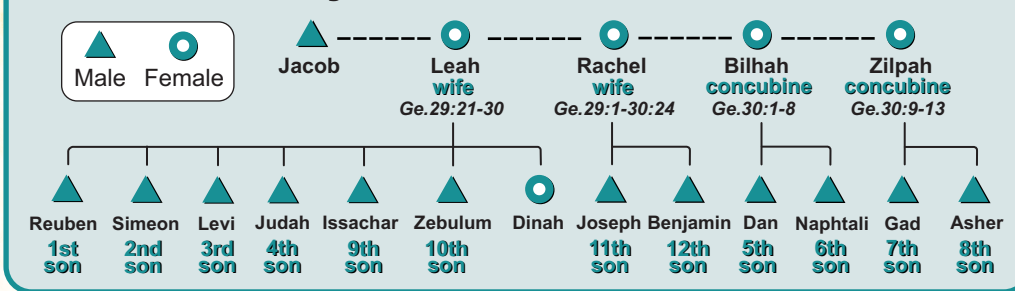
- Jacob is already moving by faith, but he is anxious and wants confirmation.
- The Lord reiterated the promise that He would make Jacob's family a great nation even in Egypt (Ge.15:13).
- God promised that Jacob would not die until he had seen Joseph.

## LISTING JACOB'S FAMILY WHO CAME TO EGYPT –

v.5-27

- All the children through LEAH was 33. All the sons through ZILPAH was 16. All the sons through RACHEL was 14. All the sons through BILHAH was 7. The total was 70.

### Jacob's Family Mini



## EMOTIONAL MEETING BETWEEN JOSEPH AND HIS FATHER –

v.28-30

- Finally, after 22 years, Joseph and Jacob are reunited.
- The last time Joseph saw his father was when he was 17 (Ge.37:2).
- This was more than a family reunion. It was a confirmation that God's promised blessing was intact.
- Jacob had said that the loss of his sons would bring him to the grave in mourning (Ge.37:35; 42:38). Joseph's "resurrection" enabled his father to die in peace.

## JOSEPH TELLS HIS FAMILY OF THE PLAN FOR GOSHEN –

v.31-34

- The Egyptians were agricultural in the sense of farming crops.
- They considered sheep unclean, and therefore detested shepherds.
- The social stigma regarding the Hebrews, who were shepherds (Ge.46:34), played a critical role in protecting Israel from intermingling and losing their identity in Egypt.