

Joseph, Pharaoh and the Famine

Genesis 47:13-27

- **Gen. 12:3** "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."
- **Exodus 1:8-10** Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."
- **Genesis 47:12** Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with food, according to the number of their children.
- **Genesis 47:13** There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine.

1. Joseph collected all the _____ in Egypt. (Gen. 47:14-15)

2. Joseph collected all the _____ in Egypt. (Gen. 47:16)

- **Gen 47:16** "Then bring your livestock," said Joseph. "I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone."

3. The people _____ their land and themselves to Pharaoh to _____ the famine. (Gen. 47:20-21)

- **Gen 47:20** So Joseph bought all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. The Egyptians, one and all, sold their fields, because the famine was too severe for them. The land became Pharaoh's, 21 and Joseph reduced the people to servitude, from one end of Egypt to the other.

4. Joseph established a sustainable _____ for Pharaoh and Egypt. (Gen. 47:23-24)

- **Gen 47:23** Joseph said to the people, "Now that I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh, here is seed for you so you can plant the ground. 24 But when the crop comes in, give a fifth of it to Pharaoh. The other four-fifths you may keep as seed for the fields and as food for yourselves and your households and your children."

5. Joseph is _____ by the Egyptians. (Gen. 47:25-27)

- **Gen 47:25** "You have saved our lives," they said. "May we find favor in the eyes of our lord; we will be in bondage to Pharaoh."
- 27 Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number..

Principles from this passage for application:

1. Godly people are to be people of _____ and _____.

- As followers of Christ we are to walk in this balance. **The bible calls us to be people who step out in faith. God's Word calls us to be wise.** (Eph. 5:14-17, Matt. 25:14-30)
- **Useful Questions:** How can I be a person who steps out on faith as much as possible? How can I be a person who uses all the wisdom and skill that God has given me to impact this world?

2. God is honored when we do our _____.

3. God is always _____ His people.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be visited by a pastor

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)