

RESCUE AND RESURRECTION

Genesis 46:1—48:22

“God...has been my shepherd all my life...” Genesis 48:15b

1. Read Genesis 46:1–47:6. Now an old man, Jacob embarks on a move to Egypt. A short way into the journey what does Jacob do? (46:1)
2. How does God reassure Jacob that this move is part of his plan? (46:2–4)
3. Describe the emotions Jacob might feel as he anticipates his reunion with Joseph, especially in light of the events that had separated them 22 years earlier. (46:29–30; also reread Genesis 37:31–35 and 45:25–28)
4. How does Pharaoh treat Joseph’s family? (47:5–6)
5. Why is Jacob’s family kept separate from the Egyptians? (verse 46:34) Why is this separation a good thing?
6. Read Genesis 47:7–27. In verse 9, Jacob describes himself as a pilgrim (in a long line of pilgrims). In what way are we to consider ourselves as pilgrims and how should this affect the way we live? (Matthew 6:19–21; 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:1; Hebrews 11:8–10, 13–16)
7. During the famine how does the fate of the Israelites (47:5–12, 27) differ from the fate of the Egyptians (47:13–26)?

