

## Bible Study

### Lesson: Genesis 47-50

Jacob moves to Egypt with his twelve sons and all their family. Before he moved to Egypt God spoke to Jacob in a vision saying, “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” (Genesis: 46:3). So Jacob followed God's direction and went down to Egypt to be with his son Joseph who God had made prosperous, favored, and influential in Egypt.

Knowing what we know about the bondage suffered by the Hebrews in Egypt, one would say, why would God move His people to Egypt, and why would He say I will make you a great nation there, when they ended up in slavery? Well, what does it mean to be great? Great means: large in numbers; numerous, considerable in power, notable, exceptionally outstanding, distinguished, important, much in use or favor, etc., and what builds greatness is strength through overcoming obstacles and conquering the enemy. That the children of Israel indeed did with the Exodus.

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In these chapters we see the Israelites settle into Egypt, Pharaoh welcomed them, and they were given the best of the land to dwell in as a family, “the people of Israel settled in the region of Goshen in Egypt. There they acquired property, and they were fruitful, and their population grew rapidly” (Genesis 47:27). And shortly before Jacob's death he told his son Joseph, “God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me. He said to me, I will make you fruitful, and I will multiply your descendants. I will make you a multitude of nations” (Genesis 48:3).

Jacob and his sons, the twelve tribes of Israel, indeed became a great nation. Through the tribe of Judah and the line of King David, Jesus Christ, Messiah, was given to us. Through their descendants came Jesus who is our saving grace, our Savior, our redeemer, and we conquer the evil plan of the enemy, through the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Take away: Through God's plan, His people were strengthened and became a great nation. A nation whose descendants led to the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.**

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Devotional

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*God's purpose for your life is great. How do you know this?*



*God has a plan for your life. How do you know this?*

## Devotional

*To be great you have to overcome obstacles. How do you know this from examples in your life?*

*To know who you are and to understand your purpose you have to connect to God. What is your practice for doing this?*