## Chapter 47:27-31 - The End of the Jacob Story

1. How long does Jacob live in Egypt? How many years did Jacob have with Joseph before he was sold into slavery? What do you make of this? What did Jacob ask Joseph to swear he would do for him? What did this show? cf. Hebrews 11:21

## Chapter 48 - Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons

2. Read 48:1-7. Jacob announces what to Joseph regarding Joseph's sons? What does Jacob tie this announcement to in vv. 3-6?

3. Read 48:8-20. Which of Joseph's sons was his firstborn? Joseph carefully guides which son toward Jacob's right hand? Why? cf. Exodus 15:6; Ps. 89:13; Acts 2:33. Also 2 Chron. 21:1-3. What action does Jacob take as he blesses the sons of Joseph? Did this please or displease Joseph? Why? What reason did Jacob give for doing this?

4. Read 48:21-22. What did Jacob tell Joseph God would do? By giving Joseph two tribes in the nation, what did Jacob do for Joseph?

## Chapter 49 – Jacob Blesses His Twelve Sons

5. Read 49:1-7. The "blessings" Jacob bestows on his sons look like (to some of the sons) as "curses" instead of blessings (v. 28). Why do you think they are still called "blessings"?

6. Reuben (vv. 3-4) – What right is being taken from Reuben (1 Chron. 5:1-2)? Why was Reuben demoted?

7. Simeon & Levi (vv. 5-7). How did Jacob describe the character of these two sons? To what incident or incidents do you think Jacob was referencing? Because of their character flaws, what would happen to their descendants?