

Read Genesis 46:26-34

26 The total number of Jacob's direct descendants who went with him to Egypt, not counting his sons' wives, was sixty-six.

27 In addition, Joseph had two sons who were born in Egypt. So altogether, there were seventy members of Jacob's family in the land of Egypt.

28 As they neared their destination, Jacob sent Judah ahead to meet Joseph and get directions to the region of Goshen. And when they finally arrived there,

29 Joseph prepared his chariot and traveled to Goshen to meet his father, Jacob. When Joseph arrived, he embraced his father and wept, holding him for a long time.

30 Finally, Jacob said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen your face again and know you are still alive."

31 And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's entire family, "I will go to Pharaoh and tell him, 'My brothers and my father's entire family have come to me from the land of Canaan.

32 These men are shepherds, and they raise livestock. They have brought with them their flocks and herds and everything they own.'"

33 Then he said, "When Pharaoh calls for you and asks you about your occupation,

34 you must tell him, 'We, your servants, have raised livestock all our lives, as our ancestors have always done.' When you tell him this, he will let you live here in the region of Goshen, for the Egyptians despise shepherds."

Verses 8-25 tell us the names of Jacob's children and grandchildren. What was the total number of Jacob's family that went to Egypt with him (vv. 26-27)? Sixty-six.

What did Jacob do when they got close to Egypt (v. 28)? (Read) He sent Judah ahead of them to talk to Joseph and find out how to get to Goshen.

Why did he send Judah? Judah had established himself as the trusted leader of the brothers.

What did Joseph do when his father arrived in Goshen (v. 29)? He went down to meet him and they hugged and cried for a long time. They were so happy to see each other. The last time they had seen each other was around 24 years before this.

What did Jacob say to his son Joseph (v. 30)? Now I can die in peace since I know you are alive.

What did Joseph tell his brothers and family (vv. 31-32)? He was going to tell Pharaoh that they had arrived safely and they have brought their animals with them.

What did Joseph tell his family to say to Pharaoh (vv. 33-34)? That they have always been shepherds.

Why did Pharaoh let Jacob and his family live in Goshen? It wasn't real close to where Pharaoh and his people lived which was good because Egyptians didn't like shepherds.