

Genesis 46.1-27 shape and keywords

When Israel **set out on his journey** with all that he had and **came to Beer-sheba**, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

God spoke to Israel in visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up, yes, bring you up; and Joseph's own hand shall close your eyes."

Then Jacob **set out from Beer-sheba**; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, their little ones, and their women, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

They also took their livestock and the possessions that they had possessed in the land of Canaan, and **they came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him**,

his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters;
all his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who came to Egypt.

Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and the children of Reuben: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

The children of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

The children of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

The children of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan); and the children of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

The children of Issachar: Tola, Puvah, Jashub, and Shimron.

The children of Zebulun: Sered, Elon, and Jahleel. These are the sons **of Leah**, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, together with his daughter Dinah; in all his sons and his daughters numbered **thirty-three**.

The children of Gad: Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.

The children of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah.

The children of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel; these are the children **of Zilpah**, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and these she bore to Jacob--**sixteen** persons. **[33+16=49 = 7x7]**

The children of Jacob's woman Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. To Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.

The children of Benjamin: Bela, Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. These are the children **of Rachel**, who were born to Jacob--**fourteen** persons in all.

The children of Dan: Hashum.

The children of Naphtali: Jahzeel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. These are the children **of Bilhah**, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and these she bore to Jacob--**seven** persons in all. **[14+7=21 = 7x3]**

All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own offspring, **not including the women of his sons, were sixty-six** persons in all.

The children of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two; **all the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.**