

“Egypt’s Salvation and Joseph’s Inheritance” (Genesis 47:13–48:22)

Big Idea: Though Joseph mediates blessing to Egypt, God’s blessings promised to Joseph are far better.

I. The Story in the Text

a. Joseph saves the Egyptians from the prolonged famine. (47:13–28)

i. Joseph shows wisdom and mercy in providing for the destitute Egyptians. (47:13–26)

ii. While the Egyptians lost their land to Pharaoh, Israel prospered in the land of Goshen. (47:27–28)

b. Jacob speaks to Joseph before dying. (47:29–48:22)

i. Jacob gets Joseph’s sworn promise to bury him with his fathers in Canaan. (47:29–31)

ii. Jacob adopts Joseph’s two sons as Rachel’s sons. (48:1–7)

iii. Jacob pronounces the firstborn blessing on Joseph’s two sons. (48:8–20)

iv. Jacob points Joseph to the promised land and Joseph’s inheritance there. (48:21–22)

Joshua 24:32

II. The Applications of the Text

a. Trust God’s preserving hand even in the worst times.

Psalm 33:10–22; Matthew 16:16–18

b. Trust God’s sovereign choices despite your natural expectations.

Matthew 16:21–23

c. Treasure God’s best gifts the most.

Hebrews 11:13–21; John 4:5–14