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Now and to the end of his first book, Moses writes about the History of Joseph in Egypt. In this chapter, we have instances of Joseph's kindness and affection to his relations, presenting his brothers first and then his father to Pharaoh; settling them in Goshen, and providing for them there; of Joseph's justice between prince and people in a very critical affair; selling Pharaoh's grain to his subjects, without any wrong to them. Thus he proved himself wise and good, both in his private and in his public capacity – Matthew Henry.

Jacob and his family settle in Egypt

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph went and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan; and, indeed, they are in the land of Goshen.

<sup>2</sup> And from among his brothers he took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh.

<sup>3</sup> And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherding flocks, both ours and also our fathers.

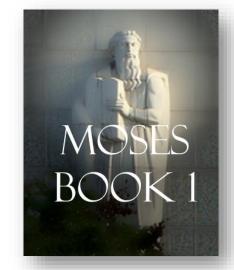
<sup>4</sup> Then they said to Pharaoh, we have come into the land because your servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan: therefore, please, let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

<sup>5</sup> And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you:

<sup>6</sup> the land of Egypt is before you; it's the best of the land to dwell in; your father and brothers let them dwell in the land of Goshen: and if you know any competent men among them, put them in charge of my cattle.

<sup>7</sup> And then, Joseph brought in Jacob his father, to stand before Pharaoh:

and Jacob blessed Pharaoh / and this verse should cause us to pause, because only the greater can bless the lesser. We must remember: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were from the royal lineage of Noah and his son Shem; they were not a bunch of scabby folks.











<sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How many years have you lived?

<sup>9</sup> And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my sojourning are a hundred thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, yet they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.

<sup>10</sup> So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

<sup>11</sup> And Joseph situated his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded / by the time Moses is writing, Goshen was then identified as Rameses.

<sup>12</sup> And Joseph provided for his father and his brothers, and all the household of his father, with bread, according to their little ones.



<sup>13</sup> And when there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan suffered by reason of the famine.

<sup>14</sup> And Joseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money to the house of Pharaoh.

<sup>15</sup> So when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in your presence? for the money has failed.

<sup>16</sup> And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will exchange for you food for your cattle, since the money is gone.

<sup>17</sup> And they brought their cattle to Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and flocks, and the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: thus he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.



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<sup>18</sup> When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is gone; and my lord also has our herds of cattle; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, except our bodies, and our lands:

<sup>19</sup> Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: and give



us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

<sup>20</sup> And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was severe over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

<sup>21</sup> And as for the people, he moved them into cities from one end of the border of Egypt to the other end.

<sup>22</sup> Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests were assigned a portion by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them: thus they did not sell their lands.

<sup>23</sup> Then Joseph said to the people, Indeed, I bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: look, here is seed for you, and you will sow the land.



<sup>24</sup> And it will happen in the harvest, you will give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four parts will be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those of your household, and for food for your little ones.

<sup>25</sup> And they said, You saved our lives: let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be servants of Pharaoh.

<sup>26</sup> And Joseph made it a law (still to this day) over the land of Egypt, that Pharaoh has a fifth, except for the land of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's.

<sup>27</sup>So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and there they had possessions, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.





<sup>28</sup> And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the age of Jacob was a hundred forty-seven years.

<sup>29</sup> And when drew near the time for Israel to die: then he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, please, put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truthfully with me; please, do not bury me in Egypt:

<sup>30</sup> but let me lie with my fathers, carry me from Egypt, and bury me in their burial place. And he said, I will do as you have said.

<sup>31</sup> And he said, Pledge to me. And he pledged to him. Then Israel bowed down at the head of his bed.

Jacob's family were given land in Goshen, the governing region of Egypt which includes Ramses and Avaris on the Nile delta. Check out the covert archeology that Egypt permits and the many various evidences of Joseph and the household of Jacob in Egypt. Avaris freely traded only with the citizens (relatives) of Santorini, Greece. Joseph seems to be the near mythical: Imhotep, the only chancellor to rule alongside Pharaoh during their documented seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. The Bible is so interesting, isn't it? Nine royal rings inscribed in Hebrew, among other items were found in recent digs at Avaris.



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