

# Jacob's family goes to Egypt



**Genesis: Chapter 46**

So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.



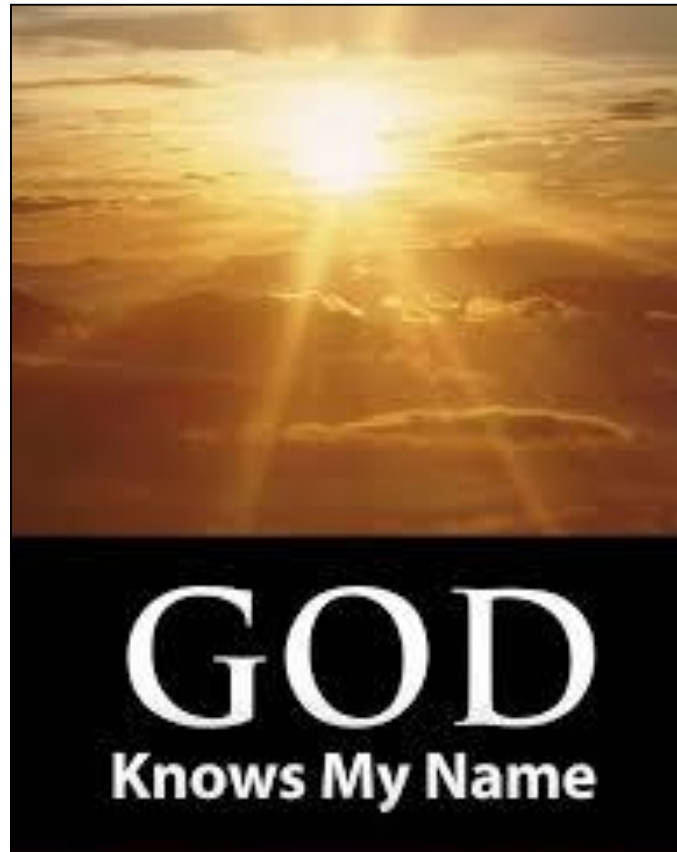
**Why did he stop there ?**

And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night



**Each word is special !**

And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said,  
"Jacob! Jacob!"



**Why did God say his name twice ?**

"Here I am," he replied.  
"I am God, the God of your father," he said.



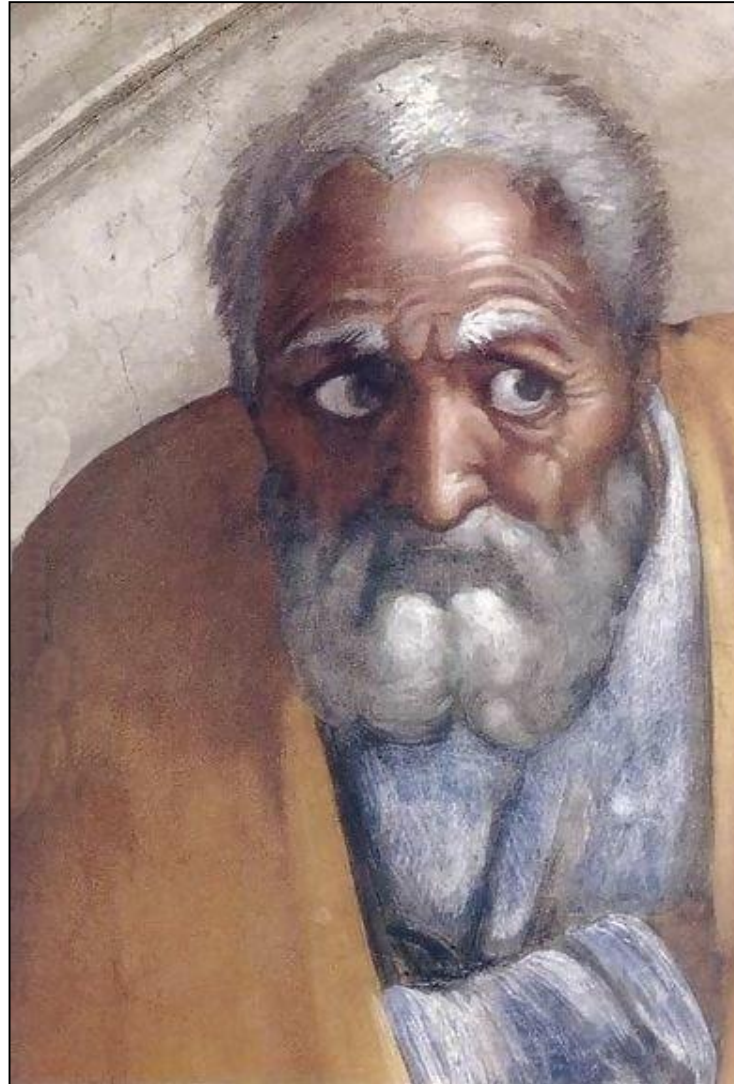
**“Can you remember what I said to him?”**

"Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again.



**Do you think he was worried about leaving Canaan ?**

And Joseph`s own hand will close your eyes."



**RIP**

Then Jacob left Beersheba, and Israel`s sons took their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to transport him.

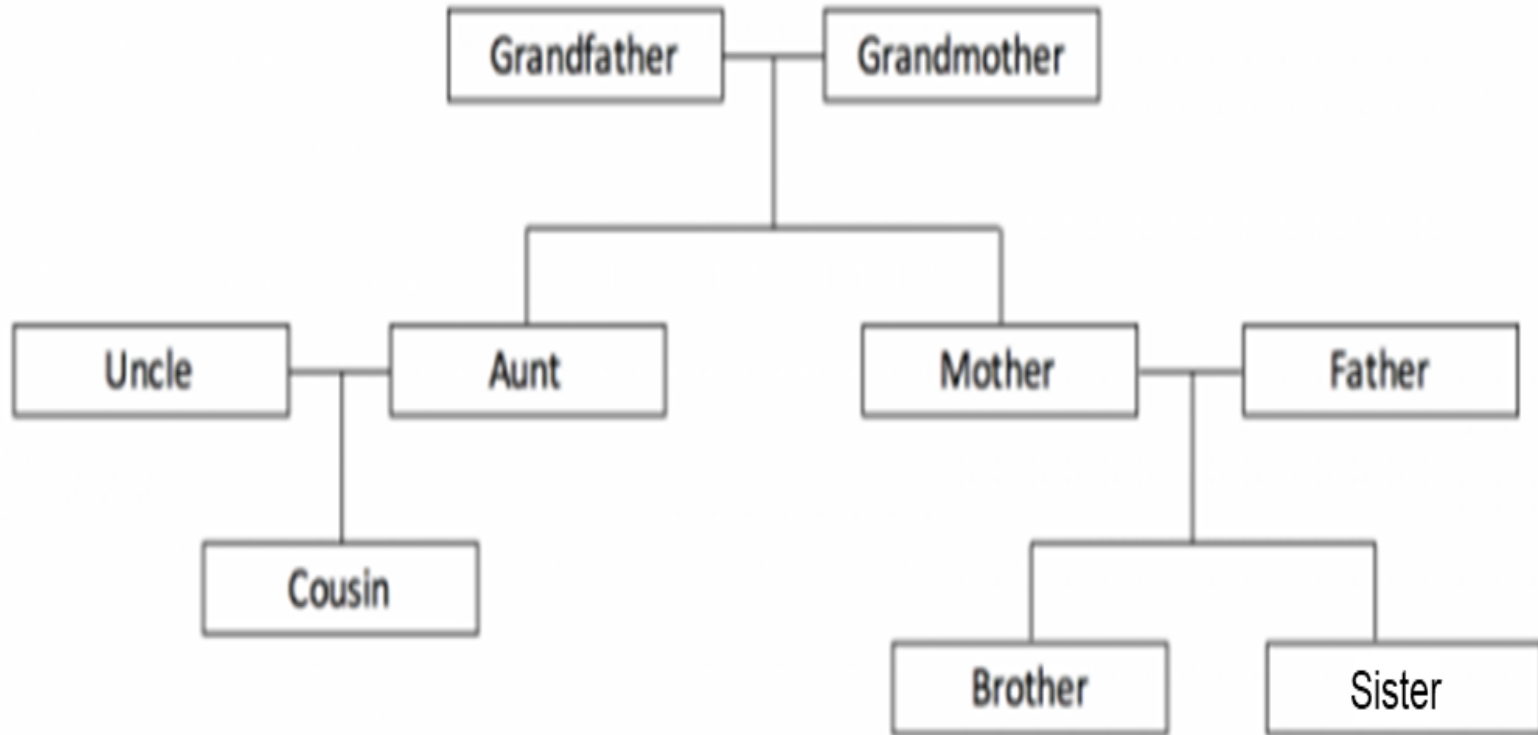




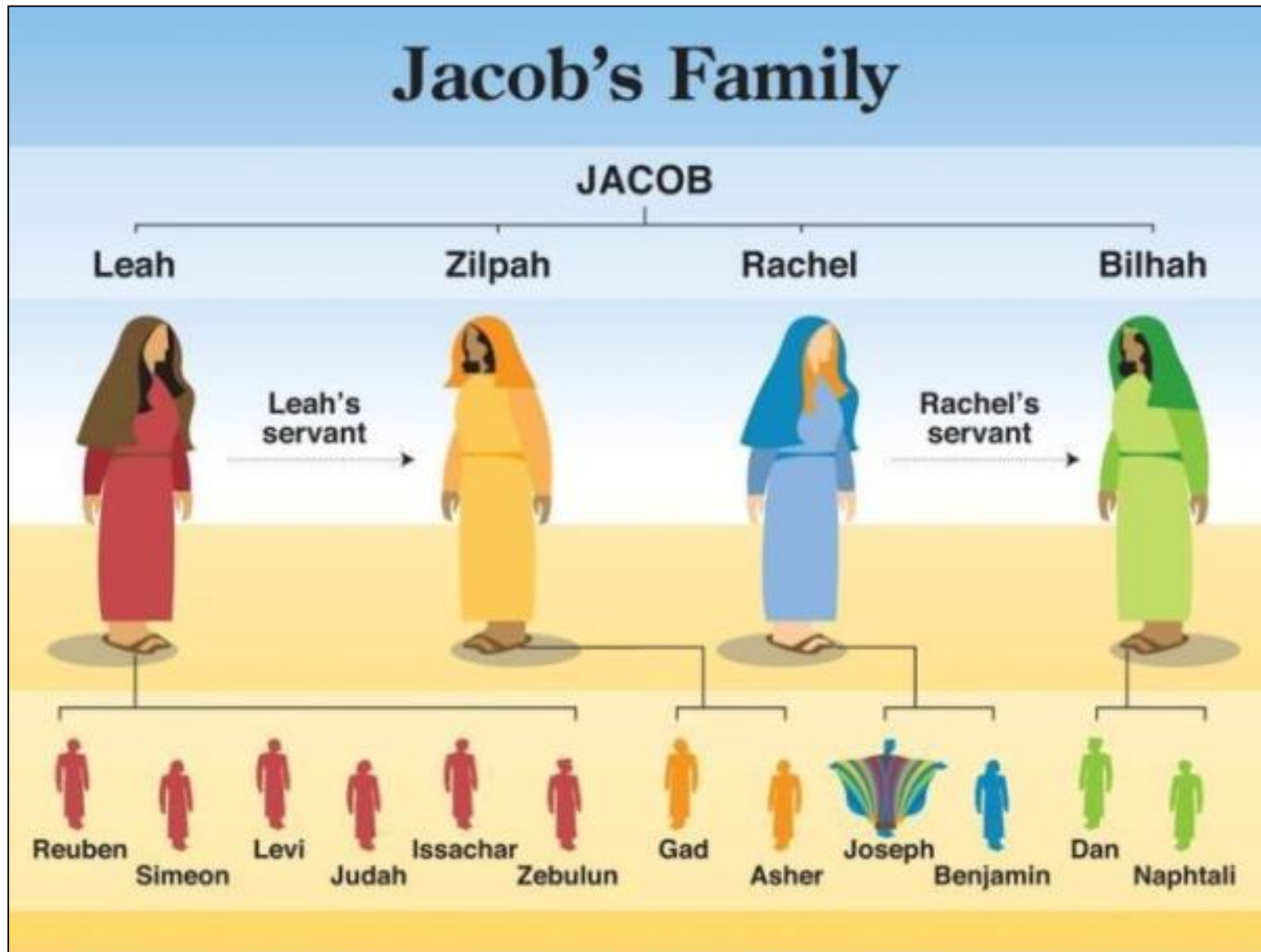
They also took with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in Canaan, and Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt.



He took with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons and his daughters and granddaughters--all his offspring.



These are the names of the sons of Israel (Jacob and his descendants) who went to Egypt..



Reuben the firstborn of Jacob. The sons of **Reuben** - Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron and Carmi. The sons of **Simeon** - Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and **Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman**. The sons of **Levi** - Gershon, Kohath and Merari. The sons of **Judah** - Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan). The sons of Perez - Hezron and Hamul. The sons of **Issachar** - Tola, Puah, Jashub and Shimron. The sons of **Zebulun** - Sered, Elon and Jahleel. These were the sons Leah bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, besides his daughter Dinah. These sons and daughters of his were **thirty-three** in all.

## Leah's children

*There are  
32 children counted  
including Dinah  
Jacob is counted in.*



The sons of Gad - Zephon, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi and Areli. The sons of Asher - Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi and Beriah. **Their sister was Serah.** The sons of Beriah - Heber and Malkiel. These were the children born to Jacob by Zilpah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Leah--**sixteen** in all.

Zilpah's children



The sons of Jacob`s wife Rachel - Joseph and Benjamin. In Egypt, Manasseh and Ephraim were born to **Joseph** by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. The sons of **Benjamin** - Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim and Ard. These were the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob - **fourteen** in all.

## Rachel`s children

*This number also includes Joseph who was in Egypt already*

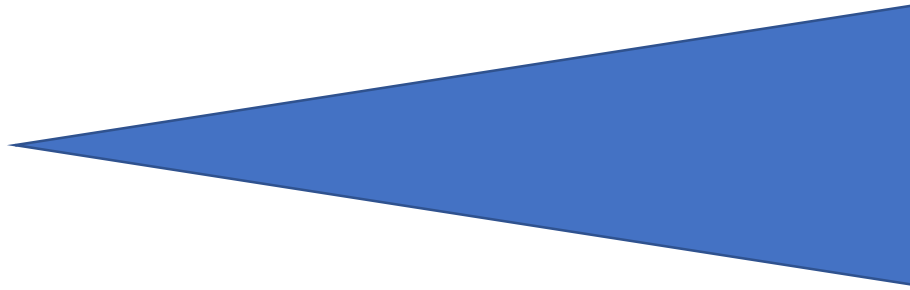
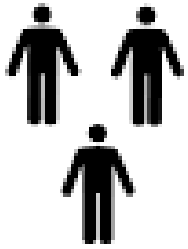


The son of **Dan** - Hushim. The sons of **Naphtali** - Jahziel, Guni, Jezer and Shillem. These were the sons born to Jacob by Bilhah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Rachel--**seven** in all.

## Bilhah's children



All those who went to Egypt with Jacob--those who were his direct descendants, **not counting his sons` wives**--numbered sixty-six persons (+*Jacob, Joseph* ). With the two sons who had been born to Joseph in Egypt, the members of Jacob`s family, which went to Egypt, were seventy in all.



70

*Including wives, servants and their children, there were more than seventy people in the group on the journey.*

As many  
as the stars  
in the sky



# A few complications :-



The Septuagint translation says there were 75 ( It includes Joseph's 3 grandchildren +2 great-grandchildren – who were born in Egypt)



Benjamin by the age of about 26 appears to have 10 children (or 8 + 2 grandchildren from Numbers 26:38-40)

Joseph is counted as 'coming' but is there already.

It seems Moses is giving us the completed list of Jacob's family that has all the ancestors of the tribal families.

Now Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to get directions to Goshen.

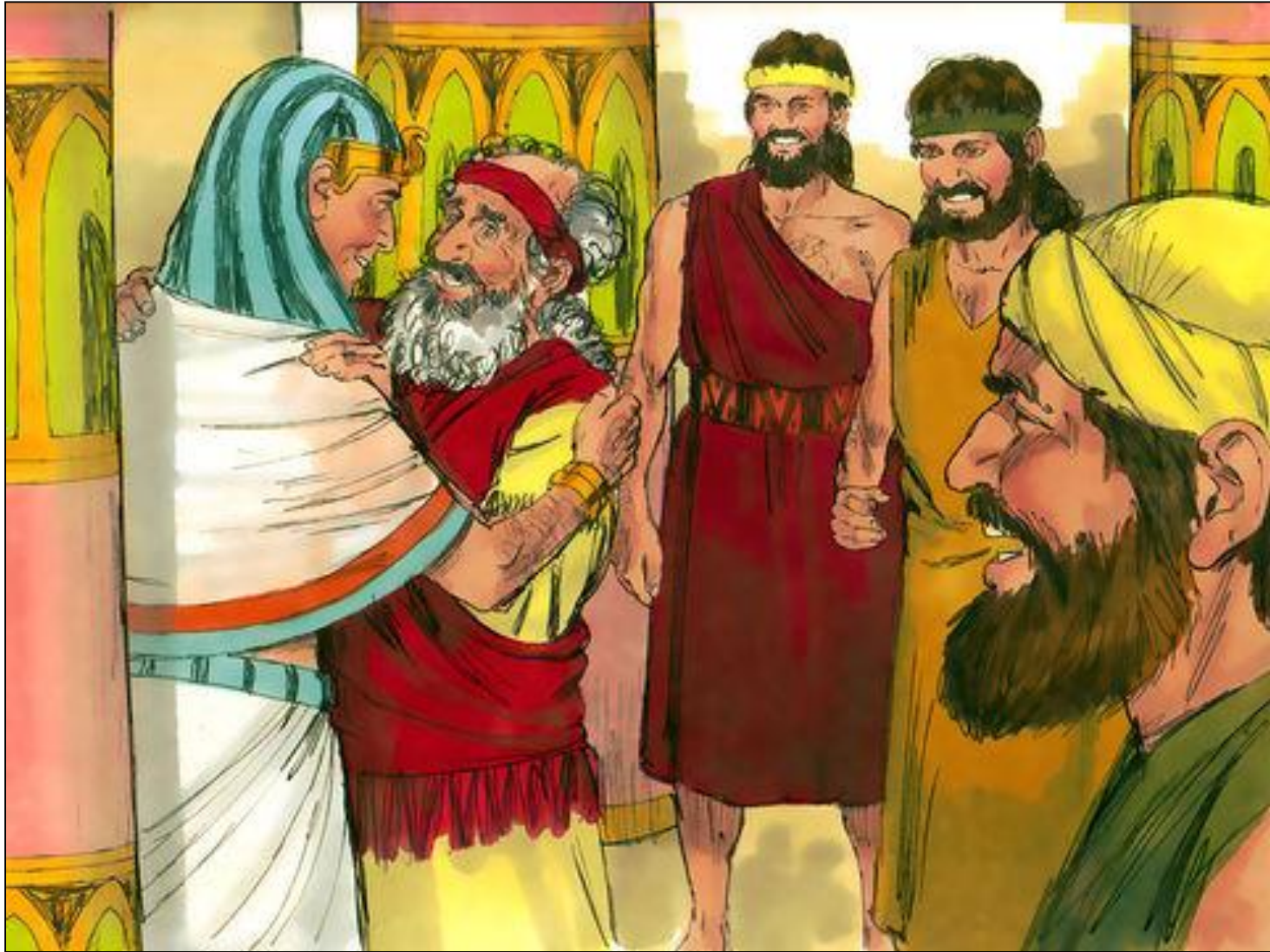


He is now acting as the family leader.

When they arrived in the region of Goshen, Joseph had his chariot made ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel.



As soon as Joseph appeared before him, he threw his arms around his father and wept for a long time.



Israel said to Joseph, "Now I am ready to die, since I have seen for myself that you are still alive."



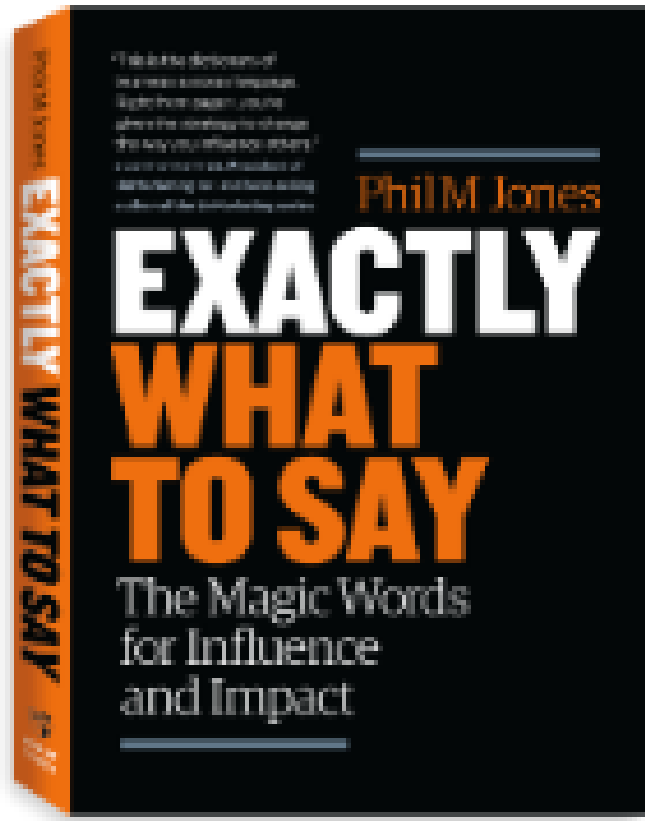
Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father`s household, "I will go up and speak to Pharaoh and will say to him, `My brothers and my father`s household, who were living in the land of Canaan, have come to me.



The men are shepherds; they tend livestock, and they have brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own.'



When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, `What is your occupation?` you should answer, .....





“Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.” Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians.”

**Shepherds ?**





Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.