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46:1-7 *A vision from God.* Jacob (also named Israel) receives a vision that reassures him of going to Egypt: this is God's plan, God will be with him every step of the way, and the Lord will eventually bring His people back out of Egypt.

46:8-27 *The people of God.* Though we often skim through genealogies, we need to recognize that this is important. It is the record of how God has taken one older couple (Abraham and Sarah) and has already begun to fulfill His promise of making them into a great nation. What the Lord has said is exactly what is happening.

46:28-34 *The place for God's people.* The Lord's care even extends to the place they will occupy in Egypt. Because the Egyptians despise folks who raise livestock, Israel and his sons will be given a choice piece of land that is largely separated from the rest of Egyptian society. This ends up preserving and protecting them from unfaithful influences.

Context: Joseph's big reveal to his brothers would soon result in reunion with his father and the family's move to Egypt.

Argument: God has faithfully kept His promises in the past, so God's people have every reason to trust that He will continue to do so in the future.

Gospel: God is with us. He hasn't abandoned us just as He didn't abandon Jacob. Christ is the fullest example of the Lord's perfect care for all who place their trust in Him.

Applications: When was the last time you thanked the Lord for His care over you? Make time to do that this week.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
