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Title: “Everything Sad Coming Untrue”

Series: Genesis – Beginnings

Text: Genesis 46

Main point: *God preserves His People*

I. God **Abides** with His People, vv. 1-7 (*see also Gen. 3:17-19; 12:10; 15:13-16; 22:1, 11; 26:1-6; 31:3, 11; Exod. 33:14; Josh. 1:9; Matt. 1:23; Jn. 1:14; 14:20; Rev. 21:3-4*)

II. God **Flourishes** His People, vv. 8-27 (*see also Gen. 9:1; 15:4-5; Exod. 1:1-5, 20; 6:14-16; Num. 26; Ruth 4:18-22; 1 Chron. 2-3; Matt. 1; Acts 2:47; 6:7; 1 Cor. 3:6-9*)

III. God **Sets Apart** His People, vv. 28-34 (*see also Gen. 19:12-17; Exod. 8:22-23; 19:5-6; Lev. 19:2; Matt. 5:48; Eph. 2:11-22; Col. 3:6-7; 2 Tim. 2:14-19; 1 Pet. 1:15-16*)

Questions for Reflection

1. Read Genesis 15:13-16 and 46:1-7. The first audience to read this would have been Israelites in the wilderness at the cusp of returning to the Promised Land. Why is it important that the Lord tells Jacob to go down to Egypt? How would an Israelite read this after hundreds of years of slavery? How could a just God permit his chosen people to be treated this way? How does that connect to our circumstances today? How do God's promises to Jacob then prefigure our redemption and resurrection?

2. Read Genesis 46:8-27. Why are genealogies so important in the Bible? How does this text bear similarities to Genesis 10? Why is Israel being singled out among the nations? Look back at Gen. 29:31. Who is the one who gives life in the biblical process of procreation? How does new life come in the New Covenant? How does all this connect to church growth today? How are we able to take part in the growth of God's kingdom?

3. Read Genesis 46:28-34. After such long waiting and mourning for Joseph that began in 37:35, why does Jacob's reunion with Joseph seem so brief and anticlimactic? Why is it necessary for Joseph to set about devising a plan to keep Israel in Goshen? How does this show God's preservation of his people? What happens when God's people want to be like the world around them? Read Colossians 3:5-7. What is on the line if we refuse to be a distinct people? What did God do to Israel when she refused to be distinct? How then is the holiness of the church tied to the hope of the world hearing the Gospel of Christ? Does your life resemble this distinct holiness from the world?

5. Christ is speaking so that you might hear and in hearing you might turn to him, and in turning to him, he might heal you. What do you need to bring before him today?

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 47, Andy McClellan

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