and he will let you keep this land of Goshen where you are right now. Here you'll be separate from the Egyptians and the Egyptians don't want anything to do with shepherds."

- c. Joseph takes five of brothers and goes to Pharaoh.
 - 1) Joseph tells them that all his family has come down.
 - 2) Pharaoh asks them what their occupation is and they tell him that they are shepherds and they ask if they can settle in Goshen.
 - 3) Pharaoh says they can and asks, "If you have any people with special abilities, ask them to take care of my flocks as well."
- d. The date of Jacob's arrival in Egypt was 1879 B. C.
- e. The famine is still going on in the land.
 - 1) The people of Egypt need food.
 - They use up all their money to buy food.
 - They give their livestock in exchange for food.
 - i) This lasts a year.
 - 4) The they give their land to Pharaoh and promise to be his slaves in exchange for food.
 - 5) A fifth of all the food they raise is to belong to Pharaoh.
 - i) That was a law which was established.
 - ii) It was a law concerning land in Egypt that was still in existence in Moses' day (47:26).
- f. Jacob lived in Egypt for 17 years and was 147 years old when he died.
 - 1) He wanted to be buried in the land of Canaan when he died.
 - He asks Joseph to swear that when he dies that Joseph will not bury him in Egypt, but rather in the land of Canaan.

xiv. The blessing of his children (48:1-22)

- a. Jacob becomes ill and Joseph comes to see him with his two sons.
- b. 48:3-6
 - 1) Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appears to me at Luz and blessed me. And he told me that I was going to have two things happen. 1) I was going to have so many descendants that I couldn't count them. 2) My descendants would possess the land of Canaan."
 - 2) "Now then, your two sons born to you before I can here to Egypt will be reckoned as mine."
 - i) In other words, Jacob is going to adopt Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.
 - ii) They are going to be just like Reuben and Simeon.