

Genesis 48

Genesis 48.1-7

V1 – What message did Joseph receive? That his father was near death

-Whom did Joseph take with him to see his father? His two sons Manasseh and Ephraim

V2 – What did Jacob do when he heard that Joseph was there? Sat up in bed

V3 – Where had God appeared to Jacob? At Bethel (Luz) on way to his uncle's land (where Jacob had the dream of the angels going up and down the ladder to heaven)

V4 – What had God promised to Jacob in the dream? That he would have many descendants after him

V5 – What was Jacob essentially doing here? Adopting Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons (they would be his sons, just as Reuben and Simeon were)

V6 – What about future sons to be born to Joseph? They would belong to Joseph

V7 – What had caused sorrow in Jacob's life? The death of Rachel

-Where was she buried? At Bethlehem

-How had she died? In giving birth to Benjamin

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V8 – Why did Jacob not recognize Ephraim and Manasseh? Poor vision

V9 – To whom did Joseph attribute his son? To God and His power

-What did Jacob want to do? Bless the two boys

V10 – Joseph brought them close to Jacob, and Jacob hugged them and kissed them

V11 – How had God blessed Jacob? In getting to see his grandsons through Joseph

V12 – Joseph bowed before Jacob to honor him

V13 – Joseph put Ephraim on his right (facing Jacob's left), and Manasseh at his left hand (facing Jacob's right)

-Why? So that Manasseh (the elder) would be opposite Jacob's right hand (and would bless him first)

V14 – What did Jacob do? "Crossed" his right hand and put it on the head of Ephraim

V15 – How did Jacob identify God? The God of Abraham and Isaac, the shepherd of his life

V 16 – Jacob blessed the two boys (with his right hand on the head of Ephraim)

Genesis 48.17-22

V 17 – **What did Joseph try to do?** Move his father's hand from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head

V 18 – He tried to correct his father

V 19 – **Why had Jacob put his right hand on the head of Ephraim?** Because he would be greater than Manasseh

V 20 – **What did Jacob prophesy?** That this would become a blessing to be used by the Israelites down through its history (to be blessed as Ephraim and Manasseh were blessed by Jacob)

V 21 – **What did Jacob prophecy about Joseph?** That he would return to the land of Canaan

V 22 – **What did Jacob do?** Gave an extra 12th of the land to Joseph (so that each of his sons could have 1/12 of the land)

-But didn't this make 13 tribes? Yes, but the tribe of Levi did not get a land promise

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