

Chapter 48

- 48:1 And it came to pass after these things,
that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick:
and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
- 48:2 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee:
and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.
- 48:3 And Jacob said unto Joseph,
God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,
- 48:4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a
multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.
- 48:5 And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I
came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.
- 48:6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their
brethren in their inheritance.
thought: *As of this declaration, the sons of Joseph will, together, have a dual place in Israel, as being the joint anchor for the line of Joseph> By this action, as going forward, there are thirteen buds of the house of Israel. These buds will, at this time, start to reach out into the world.*
- 48:7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I **buried** her there **in** the way of Ephrath; the same is **Bethlehem**.
- 48:8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?
- 48:9 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place.
And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.
- 48:10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see.
And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.
- 48:11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy
seed.
- 48:12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.
- 48:13 And Joseph took them both,
Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand,
and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand,
and brought them near unto him.
- 48:14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger,
and his left hand upon Manasseh's head,
guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.
note: *This causes Israel's hands to be crossed.*
- 48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said,
God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,
- 48:16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the
name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
- 48:17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim,
it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

- 48:18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.
- 48:19 And his father refused, and said,
I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.
- 48:20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh:
and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.
- 48:21 And Israel said unto Joseph,
Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.
- 48:22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.