

## **JACOB ADOPTS JOSEPH'S TWO SONS** (Genesis 48)

- X. JOSEPH REVEALS HIS TRUE IDENTITY TO HIS BROTHERS (Genesis 45:1-15)**
- XI. JACOB IS REVIVED WHEN HE HEARS THAT HIS SON IS STILL ALIVE (Genesis 45:16-28)**
- XII. JACOB JOURNEYS TO EGYPT (Genesis 46:1-30)**
- XIII. PHARAOH'S BENEVOLENCE TOWARDS JOSEPH'S FAMILY (Genesis 46:31-47:12)**
- XIV. JOSEPH'S FISCAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PEOPLE (Genesis 47:13-26)**
- XV. JACOB'S REQUEST TO JOSEPH (Genesis 47:27-31)**
- XVI. JACOB BLESSES TWO OF HIS GRANDSONS (Genesis 48:1-22)**

\* What does the statement, "*Now it came to pass after these things*" refer to?

- A. Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ was failing, but apparently his \_\_\_\_\_ was not, as he recalled El Saddai's appearance to him in Luz way back in chapter 35. (48:3-4)

\* What is interesting about what he chose to not mention regarding this encounter?

- B. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's two sons Ephraim and Manasseh as his \_\_\_\_\_ sons, and this is why there is not a tribe named after Joseph. (48:5)

\* What did this mean for Rueben, Simeon and Levi?

- C. Israel's eyesight was failing and so he did not \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's sons, much like his father Isaac didn't recognize him or his brother Esau at the time of blessing. (48:8-10)

D. As Jacob displayed his affection for his grandsons, he was impressed once again with God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ towards him, "*I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!*" (48:11)

\* How were Joseph's actions (in v. 12) customary to the Middle East?

E. Despite Joseph's leading, Israel surprised his son by laying his \_\_\_\_\_ hand (the hand reserved for the firstborn) on Ephraim the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two sons. (48:13-14)

\* Historically what is fascinating about this "firstborn reversal" among the patriarchs?

\* How can this blessing (in verses 15 & 16) be seen in three parts?

F. Joseph expressed his displeasure at his father's apparent "\_\_\_\_\_,", only to hear him reply, "*I know my son, I know.*" This demonstrated Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ in God fulfilling His divine plan. (48:17-19)

\* As Israel developed as a nation, did Ephraim become greater than Manasseh?

G. Jacob once again displayed his \_\_\_\_\_ in God bringing the people of Israel back into the \_\_\_\_\_. (48:21)

\* In what way is the word "*portion*" a play on words? (v. 22)

\* What does all of this mean to you?