

A BLESSING FOR JOSEPH  
(Genesis 48:1-22)

- I. Jacob SUMMONS Joseph (Gen. 48:1-7)
  - A. His CALL for Joseph (48:1-4)
    - 1. Sent for him as Jacob was DYING
    - 2. SAT UP to greet him
    - 3. REMINDED Joseph of God's promise (cf. 28:10-19; 35:6-13)
      - a. A MULTITUDE of progeny
      - b. The LAND of Canaan an ETERNAL possession
  - B. His MESSAGE for Joseph (48:5-7)
    - 1. Joseph's sons are ADOPTED as HIS OWN
      - a. Displaced REUBEN as "FIRST BORN"
      - b. Gave Joseph a DOUBLE PORTION
    - 2. Based on his LOVE for RACHEL
- II. Jacob BLESSES Joseph's SONS (Gen. 48:8-20)
  - A. His JOY in his grandsons (48:8-12)
    - 1. KISSED and EMBRACED them
    - 2. Recalled God's GRACE
    - 3. Accepted Joseph's REVERENCE and RESPECT

- B. His GENERAL blessings upon BOTH of his grandsons (48:13-16)
  - 1. That they be known as MEN OF GOD
  - 2. That they MULTIPLY throughout the EARTH
- C. His PARTICULAR blessings upon EACH of his grandsons (48:17-20)
  - 1. Intentionally FAVORED Ephraim over Manasseh
  - 2. Intentionally EXALTED Ephraim over Manasseh
- III. Jacob Bids Joseph FAREWELL (Gen. 48:21-22)
  - A. His PROMISE that God would RESTORE him to Canaan
    - 1. Fulfilled when Joseph took his BODY back for BURIAL
    - 2. Fulfilled when Joseph's BONES were returned for BURIAL
    - 3. Fulfilled when the "CHILDREN of ISRAEL" returned
  - B. His bequest of a particular TRACT of LAND (cf. John 4:5)
- IV. Three SIGNIFICANT Points of Interest in Jacob's PRAYER (Gen. 48:15-16)
  - A. Implied knowledge of a TRIUNE God (48:15-16)
    - 1. The FATHER: "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked"
    - 2. The SPIRIT: "The God who has been my shepherd all my life"
    - 3. The SON: "The angel who has redeemed me from all evil"
  - B. Indicated a LIFE of FAITH
  - C. Included two notable "FIRST USES"
    - 1. First reference to GOD as SHEPHERD, as in Ps. 23
    - 2. First reference to PRIMARY work of the "Angel of YAHWEH" being REDEMPTION