

# GENESIS

48:1-22

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## TITLE

OF THE MESSAGE:

**“ Jacob’s Final Days ”**

## THEME:

***The Dream Fulfilled***

In the life of Joseph

## INTRODUCTION;

### LAST WEEK;

*We saw Jacob’s move south in to Egypt,  
where he is united with Joseph.*

(1) *Jacob had favored Joseph for his young 17 yrs. prior to being sold off into Egypt by his brothers.*

(2) *Jacob had the joy of being with Joseph for his final 17 yrs. as Jacob now is 147 years old.*

### In verse 30

*We saw that Jacob made demands of Joseph that when he dies,  
Joseph is to bury Jacob’s bones back in Canaan land. (Gen.50:7)*

*Jacob was believing in Resurrection*

Verse 1-2

*Manasseh* the first born, means “The one who causes to forget”

*Ephraim* the younger, means “Abounding in fruit”

Verse 3-9

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Jacob knowing that his day *was approaching*, He reveals to Joseph what was revealed to him by God.

## The God Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

Luz, = Bethel, = “The House of God”

Verse 5

### Blessed by Adoption

Jacob here adopts Joseph’s two sons as his very own. Making them equal with the other sons of Jacob and also ensuring that Joseph’s descendants would have a double inheritance.

Jacob, by doing this, transferred the birthright that was upon Rueben over to Joseph (*who was the first born of the LOVE RELATIONSHIP with RACHEL*)

### *Adoption, A New testament Truth*

#### **Romans 8:14-15**

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."**

**Adoption GRK**

to be placed as a son, to have full sonship

## Adoption is a Privilege & Honor

### “To be selected out of the world”

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Ephesians 1:4-5a

...just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons...

I Cannot Hear, Read, See, or Experience  
no greater assurance of love, in this life,  
then to KNOW that the God of all creation choose me to be

## His Boy !!!

John 15:16a

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit..."

## There he is !!!

*it like going to Home Depot, with no intentions to buy... just a recon mission*

### INTERESTING SITUATION HERE

• The twelve tribes are present in Jacob's twelve sons • but two more are added making (14). • But never do you see a listing of more than (12) • But the listing varies based upon the context of scripture.

## Example;

*i.e.* Levy is often left off because the priestly line was not to receive an inheritance because the Lord was to be their reward

*i.e.* Dan is excluded in the list of tribes in Revelation 7 (antichrist)

## Verse 15

### The Abilities of Jacob were God Given !

**“May the self-sufficient, self-made, independent man know, that it is by God ‘s grace that he is blessed !!!”**

#### Luke 12:16

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. <sup>17</sup> And he thought within himself, saying, `What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops? <sup>18</sup> So he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, `Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' <sup>21</sup> "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## Verse 15

"God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac **walked**,  
**halak (haw-lak') stood before, in the face of**  
(God, The Father)

the God who has **fed** me all my life long to this day,  
**ra` ah (raw-aw') to shepherd a flock; to pasture a herd**  
(God, The Holy Spirit)

## Verse 16

*The Angel who has **redeemed** me from all evil,  
**ga'al (go'el') to buy one out of debt, to meet the demands for another.**  
(God, The Son)*

Verse 17-19

## A Model of Divine Election

**Hebrews 10:9b**

**... He takes away the first that He may establish the second.**

*i.e.:*

**Seth & Cain, Isaac & Ishmael, Jacob & Esau**

Jacob blessed in the *crossing of his hands as God willed it.*

Jehovah blessed in the *crossing of His hands upon the cross.*

*The blessing is to come to those who have  
NO NATURAL  
right to it.*

*It would be acceptable if God saved...*

- *The Rich Man*
- *The Beautiful Woman*
- *The Brilliant Professor*
- *The Powerful Businessman*
- *The Presidents & Kings*

**1 Corinthians 1:26**

**For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not Many noble (*blue bloods*), are called.**

*Queen Elizabeth said ...she was saved by an "M" not any, but not "Many"*

**The crucifying**

**of the first born, our natural man, our old nature,  
was accomplished at the cross of Jesus Christ.**

**Isaiah 49:16a**

**... I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands;**

## Verse 21

To the believer,  
Death's arrival tends to strengthen them.

### 2 Timothy 4:6b-8a

... the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness...

## Aware of the Coming Hour

### Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Jacob knowing that his great grandfather Abraham had purchased a plot of land in Machpelah, in the cave of Machpelah.

## An Old Man Looks Back

The Aged have a special view that we would do well to look in too.

The Faithfulness of God all along the way

Watching concerns & worries

The Elderly Among us are a well of blessings

If you have children or teens, having one of our patriarchs over for dinner or an outing will blow your mind

We, (I) have a pillar to lean on here,  
a young man of 93 years....

- At the prayer meetings
- At first service Sunday mornings

*(About two months ago I was able to get an appointment with him, just to ask him if he'd bless me)*

Paul teaches us

that the Older men of the church are to disciple the younger men...  
to be serious about spiritual things

and the Older ladies are to teach the younger women...  
to love their husbands and children

The Book of Hebrews  
*in a couple of weeks*