Genesis 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.

2. And [one] told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me.

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.

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.

6. And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, [and] shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

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 inheritance. Simeon, they shall be mine.

8. And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who [are] these?

9. And Joseph said unto his father, They [are] my sons, Canaan in the way, when everlast possession.

10. Joseph's sons, and said, [are] mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

11. Behold, your father's God hath given me in the land of Canaan, and [is] Bethlehem.

12. Way to come unto Ephrath: whom God hath given me in

13. And I will make of thee a blessed me,

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, [and] shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

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18. Joseph's sons, and said, Who [are] these?

19. And Joseph said unto his father, They [are] my sons, whom God hath given me in
And Israel said unto Joseph, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless thee.

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.

11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

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.

14 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid [it] upon Joseph's head, who [was] the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands unwittingly, for Manasseh [was] the firstborn.

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,

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.

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 this [place]. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

18 As for thee, Joseph my son, I am causing mine eyes to cast upon thee from henceforth, and mine hand shall be upon thee, and I will cause thee to bear up the head of all the sons of Ephraim; and my blessing shall be upon thy sons' sons unto the thousand thousand generations.

19 And he blessed Ephraim, and said, God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, he hath shewed me also thy face, and said, I will cause thee to rest with thy fathers unto the thousand thousand generations.

20 And he blessed Manasseh, and said, God hath caused me to take off my [father's] right hand, and the right hand of mine [father's] sons I have turned of the right hand to the left; and I have brought back [my] right hand upon thee, Ephraim, over against his brother Manasseh: and I have cast my power upon him, [saying], Ephraim shall be more fruitful than Manasseh, and his children shall be like the children of [the] sun. 

21 But his [father's] blessing added not up to him, because of Ephraim.
And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this [is] the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

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.

And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God bless, saying, God shall be with you, and this one shall become a people, and he shall be great: but his seed shall be great and nevertheless brother-of-him.

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.