

Week 12: January 11, 2025

Shabbat Message

## **Vayechi / *And He Lived* / וַיַּעֲחִי**

### **Genesis 47:28-50:26**

## **My Way or Yah's Way**

### **The God whom Jacob Walked Before**

#### **Introduction**

We finally come to the last portion of the Book of Genesis and we are about to transition into the

Book of Exodus, but not before we see Jacob blessing His sons and showing them what will happen in the last days as he said as we will see.

- Jacob came to his final days and made Joseph vow to bury him back in the land of Canaan and we see that happening in Chapter 50 where it says that the sons of Jacob and all of Egypt mourned for Jacob for 40 days. It will probably be the only time you will see Egyptians mourning over a Hebrew but none the less they did!
- After the days of mourning Joseph was accompanied by a large host of people in a procession never seen before from Egypt they made their way back up to Hebron to Machpelah where Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca are all buried.
  - Before He died we will see what He says to His at his last parting words. That is also another important concept to be prepared to say parting words as the patriarch or matriarch of your family.
  - You can either speak life into your family before you depart or you can speak death to your family before you depart.
  - Jacob chose to speak life to His family and to warn them of the things to come.

### **Genesis 48:18-19**

1. First we see Jacob laying his hands on both of his grandsons but crosses hands to put his right hand on Ephraim and his left hand on Manasseh.
2. Joseph thinks that Jacob made a mistake in doing that but He didn't know that Jacob was prophesying a very important prophesy that pertains to you and I and all of Israel.

3. Jacob then prophesied over Ephraim and proclaimed that He would be a multitude of Nations which by the way is a direct reference to the grafting in of the Gentiles. (Deut. 33:17, Romans 11 and Rev. 7:6,8).

#### **Genesis 48:15**

1. It's important to understand the beginning of this blessing. Calling upon the Elohim of his fathers Abraham and Isaac who had fed him like a shepherd all his life. . (Psalm 23:1; 80:1; Ezek. 34:11-12; John 10:11).
2. Jacob's requests on behalf of Ephraim and Manasseh included that they would be called by the name of Jacob, Abraham and Isaac.
3. That means that they would identify with Elohim's covenant people , not with Egyptian culture or religion. (Hebrews 11:21; Psalm 34:12; 121:7).

#### **Genesis 48:16**

1. The Angel which redeemed me for all evil, bless that boys. Who is the Angel the Angel here is none other than Yeshua Himself.
2. Let His name be upon the boys and the name of the fathers Abraham and Isaac and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.
3. Amos 9:12 Acts 15:17.

### **Genesis 48:20**

1. The placement of Ephraim's name before Manasseh's foreshadowed his later superiority.
2. Because of Ephraim's leading position in later Israelite history, prophets often referred to the entire northern kingdom of Israel as Ephraim. (Isa. 7:5; Jer 31:20; Ezek. 37:16; Hos. 5:13; Zech 10:7).
3. This blessing became a very important blessing to pray over your sons which we still pray every Shabbat when we come together and usher it in.

### **Genesis 48:22**

1. There are no biblical accounts of Jacob taking away Amorite Land with a Sword and Bow.
2. There is something that is interesting here though and that is that the word portion here is the word Shechem. Most scholars think that this might be a future prophecy of Joseph receiving Shechem as Joseph's inheritance. Josh 20:7.
3. If this is the case it shows that all of Northern Israel that was scattered throughout the earth is really called Ephraim. But the Two sticks shall come together again and we are actually either watching the beginning of this prophecy of Ezekiel to happen or it is happening now. Judah and Joseph are coming back together and the Messianic and Hebraic Roots Community is literally at the epicenter of this! Halleluyah!

## Take Away

1. Jacob blesses Ephraim and Manasseh as He crosses His hands and makes Ephraim the larger recipient of the blessing.
2. Ephraim is made into a Multitude of Nations
3. Ephraim is also another name for all of Northern Israel and all of Israel and those believers in the Nations that have joined themselves to Yeshua.

## Application

1. Today I will continue to be a witness and share the message of the Kingdom and expand Ephraim.
2. I will continue to walk in the ways of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!
3. We must ultimately walk as He Walked as it is written in 1 John 2:6...Maranatha!!

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