

“Laying hands On Efrayim Again”



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48 And it came to pass after these things, that one told Yoseph, See, your abba is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Menashsheh and Efrayim.
2 And one told Yaakov, and said, See, your son Yoseph comes to you: and Yisrael strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.
3 And Yaakov said to Yoseph, El-Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Kanaan, and blessed me,
4 And said to me, See, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make you into a congregation of nations – kahal amim; ¹ and will give this land to your zera after you for an everlasting possession.
5 And now your two sons, Efrayim and Menashsheh, who were born to you in the land of Mitzrayim before I came to you in Mitzrayim, are mine; as Reuven and Shimeon, they shall be mine. ²
6 And your issue, which you beget after them, shall be yours, and shall be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ³
7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died next to me in the land of Kanaan on the way, when yet there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and I buried her there in the derech of Ephrath; the same is Beth-Lechem.
8 And Yisrael beheld Yoseph's sons, and said, Who are these? ⁴
9 And Yoseph said to his abba, They are my sons, whom Elohim has given me in this place. And he said, Please bring them to me, and I will bless them.
10 Now the eyes of Yisrael were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.
11 And Yisrael said to Yoseph, I had not thought to see your face ever again: and, see, Elohim has shown me also your zera.
12 And Yoseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.
13 And Yoseph took them both, Efrayim in his right hand toward Yisrael's left hand, and Menashsheh in his left hand toward Yisrael's right hand, and brought them near to him. ⁵
14 And Yisrael stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Efrayim's head, who was the

¹ Le kahal amim, or congregation of nations as fulfilled by Messiah the Restorer of our nation, who has assembled a congregation from out of all the scattered Yisraelite nations.

² A profound event and declaration. They are Jacob's physical grandchildren, and as such they are already physical Yisrael. But here he equates them to a status of his sons, not merely his grandsons, and officially places them into the tribal equation.

³ Jacob demands that Efrayim and Manasseh be considered and verbally called Yisrael/Yisraelites along with all their children for all future generations.

⁴ Perhaps Jacob/Yisrael is testing Joseph to see if he grasped the prior declarations. Of course his sight is diminishing as well.

⁵ The right hand is the one of imparted favor and blessing. Reserved for the firstborn.

younger, and his left hand upon Menashsheh's head, guiding his hands knowingly; for Menashsheh was the bachor.⁶

15 And he blessed Yoseph, and said, Elohim, before whom my ahvot Avraham and Yitzchak did have their halacha, the Elohim who fed me all my chayim long to this day,

16 The Malach who redeemed me from all evil,⁷ bless the lads; and let my name-Yisrael be named on them,⁸ and the name of my ahvot Avraham and Yitzchak; and let them grow into a multitude like fish –vayi-dag-oo lerov⁹ in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Yoseph saw that his abba laid his right hand upon the head of Efrayim, it displeased him: and he held up his abba's hand, to remove it from Efrayim's head to Menashsheh's head.

18 And Yoseph said to his abba, Not so, my abba: for this is the bachor; put your right hand upon his head.¹⁰

19 And his abba refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it:¹¹ he also shall become a people,¹² and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than him, and his zera shall become the fullness of the gentile nations – melo ha-goyim.¹³

20 And he blessed them that day,¹⁴ saying, In you shall Yisrael bless, saying, Elohim make you as Efrayim and as Menashsheh:¹⁵ and he set Efrayim before Menashsheh.¹⁶

21 And Yisrael said to Yoseph, See, I die: but Elohim shall be with you, and bring you again to the land of your ahvot.¹⁷

22 Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers that I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.¹⁸

⁶ This is no mistake. Notice the term "knowingly." YHWH was taking the next step to bring about Yisrael's growth, division and end-time regathering.

⁷ The Angel of His Presence, or Yahshua, called the Guardian, or Metatron who alone can redeem from sin's wages.

⁸ His name was Yisrael, and he declares again that Efrayim and Manasseh's descendants are physical Yisrael carrying that very literal name.

⁹ Vayidagoo lerov, may they grow into a multitude of fish in the midst of the olam, or earth. This is an amazing prophecy, whereby YHWH through the dying man Yisrael, pinpoints that the offspring of the people of Efrayim and Manasseh, known later on as the 10 tribes (not two), would literally fill the globe with Yisraelites. We see the ingathering officially begin later in Mattityahu/Matthew 4:19, where the disciples are sent to fish for the men of Yisrael and are called to be Yahshua's fishermen, sent to catch the wandering and floating fish of Yisrael in the midst of all the earth.

¹⁰ Man's ways are not YHWH's ways.

¹¹ Jacob knew what he was doing in the Spirit. Do you?

¹² Could this be a specific nation?

¹³ Melo ha-goyim, or the "fullness of the gentiles." Efrayim's seed later collected in the ten tribes of the northern kingdom would produce the "fullness of the gentiles." This is a marvelous revelation that most so-called gentiles are in fact Yisrael's physical children. Of course, they still need blood-atonement-salvation to become true redeemed remnant Yisrael. Paul confirms this clear understanding in Romans 11:25-26, when he speaks of the "fullness of the gentiles" as those who will come in as believing returning Yisrael in the last of the last days.

¹⁴ He sealed the revelation through prayer and the laying on of hands, a Yisraelite custom.

¹⁵ This sealing of Yisrael's non-Jewish peoples is still found in the Jewish Daily Prayer book - the siddur.

¹⁶ For Yahshua's assembly is greater than any individual physical nation. Yahshua's nation is both physical and spiritual Yisrael, as opposed to a mere physical nation.

¹⁷ Joseph is once again declaring this truth. Efrayim, or the ten tribes are even now returning to the land of Yisrael.

¹⁸ The wealth of the gentile heathen Amorites are laid up for redeemed Yisrael. Yisrael is the head and never the tail. Do not let anyone steal your birthright as the firstborn.