

Israel Blesses His Children
Lesson #27
Genesis 48:1-49:28

The Bible quite often will give the overview, then circle back and fill in the most important details. Jacob had lived in Egypt 17 years. As the time of his death drew near, Jacob called Joseph to his side. Joseph immediately went to his father and brought his two sons with him.

Israel Blesses Joseph's Sons - Genesis 48:1-22

1. When Jacob heard that Joseph had arrived, what name was used in rallying his strength? (Genesis 48:2)

2. What did Jacob tell Joseph? (Genesis 48:3, 4)

3. What did Jacob tell Joseph regarding his two sons? (Genesis 48:5, 6)

4. Where did Jacob say he buried Joseph's mother, Rachel? (Genesis 48:7)

5. When Israel saw the two boys, what did he ask Joseph? (Genesis 48:8)

6. What did Joseph tell his father about these sons? (Genesis 48:9a)

7. Israel asked Joseph to bring the boys to him. What was said about Israel's physical condition at this time? (Genesis 48:9b, 10)

8. What was Israel's heart felt confession to Joseph? (Genesis 48:11)

9. What did Joseph do in response? (Genesis 48:12)

10. Joseph then put Ephraim next to Israel's left hand and Manasseh on Israel's right hand. What surprising move did Israel make? (Genesis 48:13, 14)

11. With his hands on the boys, Israel then blessed Joseph. Calling on the name of the God of his fathers, what did Israel say God had been in his life? (Genesis 48:15, 16a)

12. What did he say regarding Joseph's boys? (Genesis 48:16)

13. Joseph took his father's hands. As he was moving them, what did he tell Israel? (Genesis 48:17, 18)

14. Why did Israel refuse to follow Joseph's lead? (Genesis 48:19)

15. Israel then gave a blessing that would continue to be heard throughout the generations. What was that blessing? (Genesis 48:20)

16. Joseph should have been Jacob's oldest son if Laban hadn't deceived him and given him Leah before Rachael. Now, at his death, how did Israel make that right? (Genesis 48:21, 22)

Jacob Blessed His Sons - Genesis 49:1 - 28

17. Before blessing his sons, what did Jacob say he was about to tell them? (Genesis 49:1)

- Joseph (Genesis 49:22 - 26)

- Benjamin (Genesis 49:27)

20. How were these blessings summed up? (Genesis 49:28)