GENESIS 48

GENESIS 48:1

 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.

GENESIS 48:2

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

GENESIS 48:3

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

GENESIS 48:4

 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.

GENESIS 48:5

 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.

GENESIS 48:6

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

GENESIS 48:7

 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 way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same *is* Bethlehem.

GENESIS 48:8

 8   ¶ And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these?

GENESIS 48:9

 9   And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place.* And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

GENESIS 48:10

 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.

GENESIS 48:11
  11   And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

GENESIS 48:12
  12   And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

GENESIS 48:13
  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.

GENESIS 48:14
  14   And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was* the firstborn.

GENESIS 48:15
  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,

GENESIS 48:16
  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.

GENESIS 48:17
  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 Manasseh's head.

GENESIS 48:18
  18   And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

GENESIS 48:19
  19   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.

GENESIS 48:20

20   And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

GENESIS 48:21
21   And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

GENESIS 48:22
22   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.