

***Text: Genesis 48:1-7***

**(I) JOSEPH VISITS JACOB**

**1. Joseph was informed that Jacob was ill (Genesis 48:1a)**

**2. He visits Jacob with his two sons (Genesis 48:1b)**

a) Manasseh

b) Ephraim

**(II) JACOB BRACES HIMSELF TO SPEAK TO JOSEPH**

**1. He strengthened himself (Genesis 48:2a)**

**2. He sits up on his bed (Genesis 48:2b)**

**(III) JACOB SHARES HIS REFLECTION ABOUT THE PAST**

**1. Speaking about God Almighty**

a) How He revealed Himself at Luz (**Genesis 28**)

Luz was in the land of Canaan (**Genesis 47:3a**)

b) God blessed Jacob (**Genesis 47:47:3b**)

c) God's word to Jacob (**Genesis 47:4**)

i) I will make you fruitful

ii) I will multiply you

iii) I will make of you a multitude of people

iv) I will give this land to your descendants after you for an eternal possession

## **2. Speaking about the sons of Joseph**

- a) Ephraim and Manasseh
- b) Jacob declares them his sons
- c) They would be as much sons as Reuben and Simeon (**Genesis 48:5**)

## **3. Other offspring (Genesis 48:6a)**

- a) They will be Joseph's
- b) If Joseph had any other children

## **4. Right of inheritance (Genesis 48:6b)**

- a) They will be called by the name of their brothers
- b) They will receive an inheritance as if they were the actual sons of Jacob
- c) They would not be treated as mere grandsons

## **5. Personal life**

- a) Recalling Rachel's death (**Genesis 48:7a**)
- b) She died near Ephrath (Bethlehem). She was buried on the road to Ephrath (**Genesis 48:7b**)