

***Text: Genesis 48:8-22***

**(I) JACOB**

**1. Eyes dim with age (Genesis 48:10)**

**2. Found strength to embrace and kiss the grandsons (Genesis 48:10)**

**3. His joy**

- a) He had not thought he would see Joseph again
- b) But he was now seeing two grandsons (**Psalm 128:6**)

**(II) PRESENTING THE TWO GRANDSONS FOR BLESSING**

**1. Manasseh on Jacob's right (older son)**

**2. Ephraim on Jacob's left (younger son) (Genesis 48:13)**

**3. Israel switching hands**

- a) Right hand on Ephraim's head
- b) Left hand on Manasseh's head

**4. Blessing of Joseph (Genesis 48:15-16)**

- a) Invoking God's name (**Genesis 48:15**)
  - i) God of Abraham and Isaac
  - ii) The God who had fed him all his life to this day
- b) Mention of the Angel of the Lord
  - i) The Angel who redeemed him from evil (**Genesis 48:16a**)

- ii) Blessing of the grandchildren
- c) Let my name be named upon them (**Genesis 48:16b**)
  - i) The name given by God Himself
  - ii) The name of Israel (**Genesis 32:28**)
  - iii) The name of Abraham and Isaac (**Genesis 48:16c**)
  - iv) Let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth (**Genesis 48:16d**)

## 5. Joseph saw this switch

- a) He was upset (**Genesis 48:17**)
- b) He tried to switch Jacob's hands (**Genesis 48:17**)
- c) He thought that his father had made a mistake (**Genesis 48:18**)

## 6. Jacob's explanation

- a) Jacob refused to switch hands
- b) He prophesies the future of the two grandsons
  - i) Manasseh shall be great (**Genesis 48:19**)
  - ii) Ephraim shall be greater (**Genesis 48:19**)

## 7. Jacob's Dying Words to Joseph

- a) I am dying (**Genesis 48:21a**)
- b) God will be with you (**Genesis 48:21b**)
- c) He will bring you back to the land of your fathers (**Genesis 48:21c**)
- d) He has given Joseph one extra portion above his brothers (**Genesis 48:22**)