

GENESIS 48 vs 1

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¹ And it came to pass after these things /

now, what is the setting? Joseph is in Egypt; and he has distinguished himself and risen to the highest level of government. He rules under the pharaoh. And his very old father -- the scripture says he was 147 years old... and he's lived in Egypt for 17 years. He was 100 years old when his name was changed. He was 130 when he first came to Egypt.

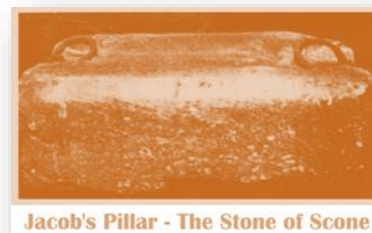
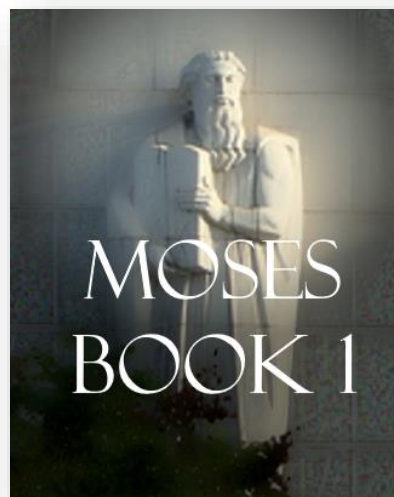
So we read...

that someone told Joseph, Behold your father is sick: / upon hearing that news we read,

and Joseph took with him his two sons, Manasseh / the older... **and Ephraim** / the younger. How old were they? We don't know.

² **And someone told Jacob** / who is the father of Joseph... as in Abraham who blessed Isaac, and Isaac blessed Jacob, **and said, Look, your son Joseph comes to you:**

and Israel strengthened himself / so what is going on? Israel? Yes! Jacob was 100 years old before his name was changed to Israel. For 100 years, Jacob had been known as a scoundrel -- as a cheat; as a liar; as a heel-chasing good-for-nothing! One night, having wrestled with the Lord, God forced him to face himself. From that day forward, he was known as Israel: **Isra = ruled + El = GOD**. It is interesting how God allowed his name to be switched from Jacob to Israel? from **a cheat going his own way... to one ruled by God**; skillfully interchanged throughout scripture. Doesn't that sound a lot like Paul's **old man** that we put off... and **new man** that we put on? God expects us to pay attention to His word. We read about the same person, Joseph's father...



Jacob's Pillar - The Stone of Scone

and Israel strengthened himself, and sat up on the bed.

³ **And Jacob** / same person, Joseph's father... **said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me** / **EL**... the Name we find in **Israel**; that GOD almighty; / Luz is better known to us as: **Bethel**; [you can read about this place of blessing at Bethel](#)... **Beth = house + El = GOD** where Jacob the cheat... laid his head and rested upon this pillar of Jacob; this rock for a pillow. You know, God has some unusual places where He feels free to live, right? [Read about this house of God in Genesis 28](#). When you have time check out **the Pillar of Jacob**. Or better, just ask Prince Charles. He'll tell you about it.

4 and said to me, Look, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, I will make of you a multitude of people / God adds to the blessing He first promised to Abraham and Isaac. Listen the Lord is speaking; a community of nations, a common-wealth of nations – many nations = all the same;

and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession / this land of Luz, of Bethel... and that is a long time; but who's going to argue? It is what God promised Jacob.

5 And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh / who are half-Egyptian; and did you see what happened? Joseph brought Manasseh, the older and Ephraim, the younger... but God's ways are not our ways; and Israel, the father of Joseph is ruled by God who changed the order.

And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, will be mine; as Reuben and Simeon / just like Reuben and Simeon were sons of Jacob; so these two sons in other words, **these 2 sons... ½ Egyptian** will have full birthrights... equal to any of Israel's children.

6 And those you father after them / all the other children Joseph was going to have, **will be yours, and will be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance.**

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died at my side in the land of Canaan along the way / where Joseph's mother last lived with Jacob as we were journeying, **when there was a short distance to Ephrath: and I buried her there along the route; Ephrath; and Bethlehem, are the same.**

This chapter is likely a composite of more than one talk Joseph and his father had in his busy schedule. Jacob reminisced to Joseph about God's mighty appearance... and His great promise to shepherd him all his days; and his mother's last days; and maybe father Jacob was declining rapidly.

8 And Israel saw the sons of Joseph, and said, Who are these?

9 And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, please, to me, and I will bless them.

10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And Joseph brought them near to him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Israel said to Joseph, I never thought I would see your face again: and God also showed me your offspring / and Joseph took note of this moment; God himself, permitted him not only to see Joseph, but also his children; and being moved by all his father said, Joseph knew what was going to happen next,

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¹² And Joseph brought them from sitting at his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground / Joseph this powerful leader in Egypt... disturbing the casual family gathering... took his 2 sons; and in great thanksgiving, worshiped almighty God.

Don't forget to read the rest of the chapter!!

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