

GENESIS 48 vs 13

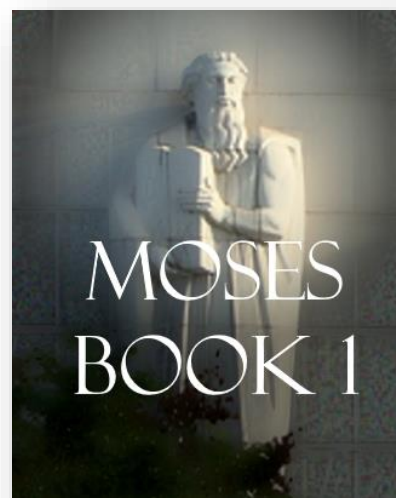
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Now, Joseph the great leader in Egypt, he is second... only to the pharaoh; and he was told his very old father is sick. And he interrupts everything to go get his two sons and take care of business; to take care of what he valued most in his right relationship to God. So, he hurried; he got his two sons.

And listen to this detail...

¹³ **And Joseph took them both, Ephraim / the younger, in his right hand toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh / the older, in his left hand toward Israel's right hand / why?** Don't interrupt. Watch and learn! The right hand is power and blessing; and Joseph knew that right hand of power and blessing,



and brought them near to him.

¹⁴ **And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who is the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, guiding his hands skillfully /** guiding his hands knowingly . Old Israel, knew God was in charge, and in obedience to the Lord... knew what He was doing;

for Manasseh was the firstborn.

¹⁵ **And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers, Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who fed me all the days of my life to this day /** who shepherded me,

¹⁶ **the angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys /** these 2, half-Egyptian brothers -- sons of Joseph; [Evidence for Joseph in Egypt](#)

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 / they will be like a swarm of fish... at the center of the world: so you'd think we could locate these two brothers.



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So old Israel, in giving this blessing... passed on the birthright and all its myriad promises... first given by God to **Abraham**, then to **Isaac**... and finally to him... **Jacob** -- once a scoundrel, now **Israel** -- meaning, **ruled by God**.



17 And when Joseph saw his father had placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim / the younger of the brothers, [the birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) went to Ephraim; **it displeased him and he held up the hand of his father, to remove it from the head of Ephraim to the head of Manasseh.** / it was evil in his eyes; and with very stern words, it is clear to see Joseph, this great leader in Egypt, did not approve:

18 And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn / probably, just in case his eye-sight or mental acuity was failing him rapidly; this one was born first, he is Manasseh; as Joseph argued with his father;

put your right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused / his 147-year-old father refused... **and said, I know, my son, I know, he also will become a nation** / Israel wasn't confused; he was obedient; and Israel continues the firstborn of Joseph, **Manasseh** will become a nation,

and he also will be great / in other words, [Manasseh will become a great nation](#). We read about that great nation in [Isaiah, chapter 18](#):



but truly his younger brother will be greater than he, and his offspring will become a multitude of nations / the descendants of Ephraim will become; **a greater Commonwealth of nations.**

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, In you will all Israel / all the descendants, the millions upon millions of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's descendants wherever they are scattered to the ends of the earth, **all Israel**... even [Israel in the islands](#), [Isaiah 41](#) will be blessed,

saying / these good words,

“ May God bless you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!”

In short, this prophetic blessing... went to Joseph's 2 **half-Egyptian** sons. Here's an interesting fact only discovered in 2009 that most people have never heard: **70% of British men** have the same DNA as King Tutankhamun; while **less than 1%** of Egyptian men carry that DNA: Check out: [King Tutankhamun DNA](#)

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. In the 1800s, two of three... 70-foot granite Egyptian obelisks were gifted by Muhammad Ali -- not the boxer; the ruler of Egypt in the early 1800s; one to the city of London erected in the old city center... along the Thames River near today's Golden Jubilee bridges; the other erected in New York City's Central Park located directly behind the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Check out: **Cleopatra's Needles**

And did you get that? In the 1800s... **at the height of the British Commonwealth**... one obelisk was gifted to the most populous city of the great Commonwealth; the other was gifted to the most populous city of the great Nation... the only other nation in the history of the world that took the Word of God to build its society.

These obelisks, though misnamed Cleopatra's needle... simply because she, as a powerful Egyptian ruler... was the first person to move them; they originally came from the 1400BC... from the part of Egypt where and when Joseph's two sons were born.

But let's get back to Genesis 48. The birthright went... **not** to **Reuben**, the actual firstborn of Jacob; **not** to **Judah**, who is the father of the **Jewish peoples**; and not to any of the other 9 sons of Jacob: you know, **Simeon, Levi, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali**, or the youngest **Benjamin**... **though the 11 brothers all received some promises**... but NOT the birthright promises the Lord gave to: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And that is something to think about because most people are unclear about this critical point... simply because they have not thought it through

But just remember... **God set Ephraim before Manasseh.**

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

²² Moreover I have given to you... one portion above your brothers / Joseph is given a double portion; the birthright portion... the portion Reuben forfeited,

which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

And it begs the question: Where in the world are these descendants, today? Recipients of blessings given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... who then gave prophetic blessings to each of these 2 sons of Joseph; older Manasseh, promised to become a great nation; and younger Ephraim, who would become the greater Commonwealth of nations in the midst of the earth, Ephraim, who carried the birthright promise. Isn't it interesting:

British = promise man in Hebrew, **Britain** = promised land in Hebrew.

If the Lord God cannot keep these promises, then, let us close the book... and make the most out of life; but if the Lord God did keep His word... and we can locate: a great nation... and a greater Commonwealth of nations... at the center of the earth... that are supposed to be a blessing to the world;

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Ephraim, Manasseh and Judah fill the old testament. We know where Judah is, but where are the 2 brothers?

And just in case, **we** weren't born in either of those places; how about all those other promises God made to those who would follow Him, promises for all eternity? Promises like:



Psalm 16, You will show me the path of life: in Your presence is fulness of joy; at Your right hand... are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17: As for me, I will behold Your face in righteousness: I will be satisfied, someday -- over there when I awake, in Your likeness.

Psalm 23, Only, His goodness and mercy follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Isaiah 66, Thus says the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.... to this one I will look, to the one who is lowly and of a contrite spirit, who trembles at My Word!

Isn't it interesting that **Manasseh** would become a great nation at the center of the world, and **the Battle of Manassas** is where they first fought the opening salvos of the American Civil War.

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