

## Timeline of Truth – Jacob Blesses Joseph’s Sons (Gen 48)

<p><sup>28</sup> And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob’s life was one hundred and forty-seven years. <sup>29</sup> When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, <sup>30</sup> "but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said." <sup>31</sup> Then he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him. So Israel bowed himself on the head of the bed.</p>	
<p><sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that Joseph was told, "Indeed your father <i>is</i> sick"; and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>2</sup> And Jacob was told, "Look, your son Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.</p>	<p><b>1. Joseph Visits His <u>Sick</u> Father</b></p>
<p><sup>3</sup> Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, <sup>4</sup> "and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you <i>as</i> an everlasting possession.'</p>	<p><b>2. Jacob Reviews God’s <u>Promises</u></b></p>
<p><sup>5</sup> "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, <i>are</i> mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. <sup>6</sup> "Your offspring whom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.</p>	<p><b>3. Jacob <u>Adopts</u> Joseph’s Sons</b></p>
<p><sup>7</sup> "But as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan on the way, when <i>there was</i> but a little distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."</p>	<p><b>4. Jacob <u>Recalls</u> Rachel’s Death</b></p>
<p><sup>8</sup> Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who <i>are</i> these?" <sup>9</sup> And Joseph said to his father, "They <i>are</i> my sons, whom God has given me in this <i>place</i>." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them."</p>	<p><b>5. Jacob <u>Sees</u> Joseph’s Sons</b></p>
<p><sup>10</sup> Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, <i>so that</i> he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. <sup>11</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"</p>	<p><b>6. Jacob <u>Revels</u> in God’s Goodness</b></p>
<p><sup>12</sup> So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.</p>	<p><b>7. Joseph <u>Honors</u> His Father</b></p>
<p><sup>13</sup> And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought <i>them</i> near him. <sup>14</sup> Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid <i>it</i> on Ephraim's head, who <i>was</i> the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh <i>was</i> the firstborn.</p>	<p><b>8. Jacob Places His <u>Hands</u> on the Sons</b></p>
<p><sup>15</sup> And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, <sup>16</sup> The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."</p>	<p><b>9. Jacob <u>Blesses</u> Joseph’s Sons</b></p>
<p><sup>17</sup> Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. <sup>18</sup> And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this <i>one is</i> the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."</p>	<p><b>10. Joseph <u>Corrects</u> His Father</b></p>
<p><sup>19</sup> But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations." <sup>20</sup> So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!'" And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.</p>	<p><b>11. Jacob <u>Affirms</u> Ephraim’s Blessing</b></p>
<p><sup>21</sup> Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.</p>	<p><b>12. Jacob <u>Foretells</u> the Return</b></p>
<p><sup>22</sup> "Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."</p>	<p><b>13. Jacob Gives Joseph an Extra <u>Portion</u></b></p>