

VAYECHI

“AND HE LIVED”

GEN. 47:28 - 50:26

IN THE TORAH

וַיְחִי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שִׁבְעַת עָשָׂר שָׁנָה וַיְהִי
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[Gen 47:28 NASB] 28 Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

PARSHA OUTLINE

Chapter 47 – Jacob lived in Egypt 17 years.

Made Joseph promise about his burial

Chapter 48 – Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh

Chapter 49 – Blessing of the twelve sons, Jacob died.

Chapter 50 – Burial of Jacob

The brothers lie to Joseph to be forgiven

Joseph lived to 110, saw great grandchildren

Made his brothers promise about his burial

Joseph died.

End of Genesis.

THE BLESSING OF MANASSEH AND EPHRAIM

[Gen 48:16 NASB] 16 ...Bless the lads; And may **my name** live on in them, And **the name of my fathers** Abraham and Isaac; And may they grow into **a multitude in the midst of the earth.**”

What “**name?**” ISRAEL. And ABRAHAM (and Isaac)...

- ISRAEL is a **nation** from a **father** through a **SON**. ;)

[Gen 48:19 NASB] 19 ..."I know, my son, I know; he (Manasseh) also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become **a multitude of nations.**”

ISR version: “the fullness of the nations”

WHY DID JACOB SWITCH HANDS?

Ephraim was blessed over Manasseh.

Joseph was blessed over Reuben, his stepbrother.

Jacob was blessed over Esau, his fraternal twin.

Isaac was blessed over Ishmael, his stepbrother.

(Noah, Abraham, Shem, etc. were firstborns.)

Abel was blessed over Cain, the first BORN from flesh.

Yeshua (2nd Adam) is blessed over Adam (both “sons of God”)

Technically, Yeshua, the WORD, was *before* Adam! But “*born*” 2nd.

Birth of the *spirit* exceeds the birth of the flesh (born 1st of water).

The spirit is eternal, **the heir**. The flesh (though 1st born) **dies**.

MULTITUDE OF NATIONS

“The Mixed Multitude”

[Exo 12:38 NASB] 38 A **mixed multitude** also went up with them, along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.

Sons of Ephraim and Manasseh?

Or a **mix** of nationalities, enslaved with the Hebrews?

[Num 11:4 NASB] 4 **The rabble** who were among them had greedy desires; **and also the sons of Israel** wept again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat?"

Where else “**a multitude of nations?**”

MULTITUDE OF NATIONS

Remember the “**name**” of Abraham?

[Gen 17:4-6 NASB] 4 "As for Me, behold, **My covenant** is with **you**, And you will be **the father of a multitude of nations**. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you **the father of a multitude of nations**. 6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make **nations** of you, and kings will come forth from you.

YAH'S WILL



Adam's mission: to fill **the earth** and rule it.

Noah's mission: to fill **the earth** and rule it.

Abraham's mission: to be a father of **a multitude of nations**.

Israel's mission: to shine as a light to **the nations**, and rule them.

But they **FAILED**. WHY?

They became **ASSIMILATED** by the **nations**. Other gods.

Starting with Solomon & sons

Restored after exile, **ELITISM**.

Would not associate with gentiles.

YAH'S WILL

Adam

Noah

Abraham

Israel

Yeshua's mission:

To bring “the lost sheep of Israel” back to the Father.

To free the world from sin (death)

To make disciples, to make disciples, of **all the nations**.

To fill the earth and rule it!



THE MESSIANIC SPECTRUM



A common question:

What **TRIBE** are we?

Judah? Ashkenazi?

Ephraim? Sephardic?

Judah by the blood of Yeshua?

Levi? Melchizadek?

TRIBE OF ABRAHAM?

[Gal 3:7-9 NASB] 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are **sons of Abraham**. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "**ALL THE NATIONS** WILL BE BLESSED IN **YOU**." 9 So then those who are of faith are **blessed with Abraham**, the believer.

[Gal 3:14 NASB] 14 in order that, in Messiah Yeshua, **the blessing of Abraham** might come **to the Gentiles** (**nations**)

TRIBE OF ISAAC? ISRAEL?

[Rom 9:6-7 NASB] 6 ...For they are **not** all **Israel** who are descended from Israel; 7 **nor** are they all children because they are **Abraham's** descendants, but: "THROUGH **ISAAC** YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE **NAMED**."

Remember: the Father → **the SON** → the Nation?

[Rom 9:8 NASB] 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but **the children of the promise** are regarded as **descendants**.

[Rom 11:1 NASB] 1 ...For I too am an **ISRAELITE**, a descendant of **Abraham**, of the tribe of Benjamin.

GRAFTED IN TO ISRAEL

[Rom 11:24-25 NASB] 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a **wild olive tree**, and were **grafted** contrary to nature into **a cultivated olive tree**, how much more will these who are **the natural branches** be grafted into **their own olive tree**?

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of **THIS MYSTERY**--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to **ISRAEL until the fullness of the Gentiles (nations) has come in**;

THE MYSTERY OF EPHESIANS

[Eph 1:9 NASB] 9 He made known to us **THE MYSTERY** of **His will**, according to His kind intention which **He purposed in Him...**

[Eph 3:4-6 NASB] 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into **THE MYSTERY** of Messiah, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 to be specific, that the **Gentiles (nations)** are **fellow heirs** and **fellow members of the body**, and **fellow partakers of the promise** in Messiah Yeshua ...

THE TWO BECOME ONE!

14 For He Himself is our **peace**, who made **both groups into one** and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 ...so that in Himself He might make the two into **one new man**, thus establishing **peace**, 16 and might reconcile them **both in one body** to God through the stake, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED **PEACE** TO YOU WHO WERE **FAR AWAY**, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE **NEAR**; 18 for through Him we **both** have our access in **one Spirit** to the Father.

THE TRIBE OF ABRAHAM!

[Gal 3:16 NASB] 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his **seed**. He does not say, "And to **seeds**," as referring to **many**, but rather to **ONE**, "And to your **seed**," that is, **Messiah**.

[Gal 3:28-29 NASB] 28 **There is neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **slave nor free man**, there is neither **male nor female**; for **you are all ONE** in Messiah Yeshua. 29 And **if you belong to Messiah**, then **you are Abraham's descendants**, **HEIRS** according to **promise**.

THE ONE TRIBE

[Eph 4:4-6 NASB]

4 There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism,

6 **one** God and Father of **all**
who is **over all** and
through **all** and in **all**.

THE MESSIANIC SPECTRUM



So what TRIBE are we?

THE ONE.

GIFTS

[Eph 4:11-13, 16 NASB] 11 And He gave... (GIFTS)...., 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up** of the body of Christ; 13 **until we all attain to the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to **a** mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to **the fullness of Messiah**. ... 16 from whom **the whole body**, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of **the body** for the building up of itself in **love**.

Are YOU causing GROWTH with your gifts?

MANY

[Mat 8:11 NASB] 11 "I say to you that **many** will come **from east and west**, and recline at the table with **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** in the kingdom of heaven



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