

Greetings, today our manna is from Gen. 48; Job 14; Luke 1:39-80; 1 Cor. 2

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Genesis 48

Jacob (Israel) has become ill and Joseph goes to his side and brings his two sons. Jacob blesses both Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob recounts how YHWH **appeared and blessed** him in the city of Luz. Jacob had changed the name of that city to **Beyth El, House of El**. In Genesis 48, we will see the Covenant Promise given to Abraham in Gen. 12 being passed on to the **next generation**.

Jacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh

Gen 48:1 And after these events it came to be that it was said to Yosëph, “See, your father is sick.” And he took with him his two sons, Menashsheh and Ephrayim.

Gen 48:2 And Ya'aqob was told, “See, your son Yosëph is coming to you.” And Yisra'ël strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.

Gen 48:3 And Ya'aqob said to Yosëph, “Ël Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Kena'an and blessed me,

Gen 48:4 and said to me, ‘See, I am making you fruitful and shall increase you and make of you an assembly of peoples, and give this land to your seed after you as an everlasting possession.’

Jacob [Israel] goes on to make a very important point in the next verses. He states that Ephrayim and Menashsheh **are his**, like Reuben and Shimon, and the children Joseph would have after them would be Joseph's. We see a beautiful grafting in of Ephrayim and Menashsheh. They represent the mixed multitude that are recognized as ‘sons’ of Israel to this day - us. **Ephrayim and Menashsheh were to receive the patriarchal name and inheritance of Israel.**

Gen 48:5 “And now, your two sons, Ephrayim and Menashsheh, who were born to you in the land of Mitsrayim before I came to you in Mitsrayim, are mine – as Re'ubën and Shim'on, they are mine.

Gen 48:6 “Your offspring whom you shall bring forth after them are yours, and let them be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

To this day we, the tribes scattered among the nations, are called ‘Israel’ or ‘Ephrayim.’

Next, we see the place where Rachel died identified to have been a little way from Bethlehem, house of bread; approximately one mile.

Gen 48:7 “And I, when I came from Paddan, Raḥēl died beside me in the land of Kena’an on the way, when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there on the way to Ephrath, **that is Bēyth Leḥem.**”

Mat 2:18 “**A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and weeping, and great mourning – Raḥēl weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they were no more.**” [Jer 31:15](#).

Gen 48:8 And Yisra’ēl saw Yosēph’s sons, and said, “Who are these?”

Gen 48:9 And Yosēph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom Elohim has given me in this place.” And he said, “Please bring them to me, and let me bless them.”

Joseph introduces his two sons to Israel and Israel says to Joseph to bring them near so he could bless them. The Scriptures state that Israel’s vision had grown dim.

Gen 48:10 And the eyes of Yisra’ēl were dim with age, and he was unable to see. And he drew them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

Gen 48:11 And Yisra’ēl said to Yosēph, “**I had not thought to see your face. But see, Elohim has also shown me your seed!**”

Gen 48:12 So Yosēph brought them from between his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.

Gen 48:13 And Yosēph took them both, Ephrayim with his right hand toward Yisra’ēl’s left hand, and Menashsheh with his left hand toward Yisra’ēl’s right hand, and brought them near him.

Gen 48:14 **And Yisra’ēl stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephrayim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Menashsheh’s head, consciously directing his hands, for Menashsheh was the first-born.**

The Scriptures state that Joseph carefully positioned Menashsheh by Israel’s right hand and Ephrayim by Israel’s left hand, signifying the order of their births. Yet, we see Israel, consciously, yet divinely, lay his right hand of blessing on Ephrayim and left hand on Menashsheh. We also see, he blesses Joseph. Joseph sees this as a mistake, and attempts to correct his father, but Israel, though dim in vision, knew it was no mistake. Notice he repeatedly states the blessing is from **the Elohim of his father’s Abraham and Isaac, and not Abraham and Ishmael.**

In addition, we recall that it was no mistake that Jacob was divinely given the birthright from Esau and received the blessing from Isaac as guided by his mother Rebekah.

Gen 48:15 And he blessed Yosëph, and said, “The Elohim before whom my fathers Abraham and Yitshaq walked, the Elohim who has fed me all my life long to this day,

Gen 48:16 the Messenger who has redeemed me from all evil – bless the youths! And let my name be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Yitshaq. And let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

Ephrayim and Menashsheh were blessed with the right to the name Israel AND the name of Israel’s fathers Abraham and Isaac. This still holds true as we are Israel, the one new man, and our Father is the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob [Israel.]

1Ch 5:1 As for the sons of **Re’ubën** the first-born of Yisra’ël – he was the first-born, but because he profaned his father’s bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Yosëph, son of Yisra’ël, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright,

1Ch 5:2 for Yehudah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Yosëph’s –

Judah no longer holds the scepter; does not have the land deed, the birthright is not theirs; and the name Israel is not theirs. Judah cannot build the kingdom of Israel. It was always the northern kingdom that was called Israel.

1Ki 11:30 And Ahiyah took hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces,

1Ki 11:31 and said to Yarob’am, “Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus said יהוה, the Elohim of Yisra’ël, ‘See, I am tearing the reign out of the hand of Shelomoh and shall give ten tribes to you,

1Ki 11:32 but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant Dawid, and for the sake of Yerushalayim, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Yisra’ël.

Judah must come to Joseph. Judah must unite with Israel for biblical prophecy to be fulfilled. Judah can only be called Israel, once he is united. The remnant is Israel.

Isa 11:11 And it shall be in that day that יהוה sets His hand again a second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Ashshur and from Mitsrayim, from Pathros and from Kush, from Ėylam and from Shin’ar, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And He shall raise a banner for the nations, and gather the outcasts of Yisra’ël, and assemble the dispersed of Yehudah from the four corners of the earth.

Isa 11:13 And the envy of Ephrayim shall turn aside, and the adversaries of Yehudah be cut off. **Ephrayim shall not envy Yehudah, and Yehudah not trouble Ephrayim.**

Gen 48:17 And when Yosēph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephrayim, it was evil in his eyes; and he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from the head of Ephrayim to the head of Menashsheh.

Gen 48:18 And Yosēph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born, put your right hand on his head."

Gen 48:19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also becomes a people, and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother is greater than he, and his seed is to become the completeness of the nations."

Gen 48:20 And he blessed them on that day, saying, "**In you Yisra'ēl shall bless, saying, 'Elohim make you as Ephrayim and as Menashsheh!'**" Thus he put Ephrayim before Menashsheh.

Gen. 48 closes with the knowledge that Elohim is with us and will bring us back to the land of our fathers for to this day we are Israel, the mixed multitude of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. We belong to YHWH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; through the Blood of the Lamb we are connected back to the Promise YHWH gave to Abraham.

Isa 10:20 And in that day it shall be that the remnant of Yisra'ēl, and those who have escaped of the house of Ya'aqob, never again lean upon him who struck them, but shall lean upon יהוה, the Set-apart One of Yisra'ēl, in truth.

Isa 10:21 A remnant shall return, the remnant of Ya'aqob, to the Mighty Ēl.

Gen 48:21 And Yisra'ēl said to Yosēph, "See, I am dying, but Elohim shall be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

Gen 48:22 "And I, **I have given to you one portion above your brothers**, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow."

Job 14

We learn from the Book of Job that YHWH holds us, and He controls all things. He knows the number of our days. He is YHWH, Eloah of the Universe. Only He can make sense of what comes our way in this fallen world.

There are a few verses in Matthew that seem to connect our study today in both **Genesis and Job**. Often in Scripture, we have witnessed the youngest, becoming first, as we have read between Ephrayim and Menashsheh.

YHWH is the One true Elohim. He knew us before we were born; He made us for His purpose; He is the Potter and we are the clay; He alone brings meaning to life and is Life; He alone is good; in Him, we no longer live but it is YHWH living in us and through us by the Ruach HaKodesh. Yahusha asks the question in [Matthew 20:15 – Is it not right for me to do what I wish with my own?](#)

Mat 20:15 Is it not right for me to do what I wish with my own? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’

Mat 20:16 [“Thus the last shall be first, and the first last.](#) For many are called, but few chosen.”^b Footnote: ^bSee [Mat 22:14](#)

Job Continues: Death Comes Soon to All

Job 14:1 “Man born of woman is of few days and turmoil-filled.

Job 14:2 He comes forth like a flower and withers. He flees like a shadow and does not continue.

Job 14:3 Yet on such a one You open Your eyes, and bring me to right-ruling with Yourself!

Job 14:4 Who brings the clean out of the unclean? No one!

Job 14:5 **Since his days are decided**, the number of his new *moons* is with You, You have made his laws, and he does not pass over.

Job 14:6 Look away from him and let him rest, till like a hired man he enjoys his day.

Job 14:7 For there is expectancy for a tree, if it is cut down, that it does sprout again, and that its tender branch does not cease.

Job 14:8 Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,

Job 14:9 at the scent of water it buds and brings forth foliage like a plant.

Job 14:10 But man dies and is powerless, and man expires, and where is he?

Job 14:11 Water disappears from the sea, and a river dries up and is parched,

Job 14:12 and man shall lie down and not rise. Till the heavens are no more, they awake not, nor are aroused from their sleep.

Job 14:13 If only You would hide me in She’ol, conceal me until Your wrath turns away. Set for me a law, and remember me!

Job 14:14 If a man dies, would he live again? All the days of my struggle I wait, till my change comes.

Job 14:15 You would call, and I would answer You. You have yearned for the work of Your hands.

Job 14:16 For now You count my steps – do You not watch over my sin?

Job 14:17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and You cover over my crookedness.

Job 14:18 But a falling mountain crumbles away, and a rock is moved from its place,

Job 14:19 as water wears away stones, its outpouring washes away the soil of the earth – so You have destroyed the expectancy of man.

Job 14:20 You overpower him, forever, and he is gone – his face changes and You send him away.

Job 14:21 His sons come to esteem, and he does not know it. And they are brought low, and he does not perceive it.

Job 14:22 He feels only the pain of his flesh, and he mourns over himself.”

Luke 1:39-80

After Gabriel delivers the message to Mary, Mary goes with haste to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth. She greets Elizabeth and the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaps. Elizabeth is filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and speaks blessings and prophecy.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Luk 1:39 And Miryam arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Yehudah,

Luk 1:40 and entered into the house of Zeḱaryah and greeted Elisheḅa.

Luk 1:41 And it came to be, when Elisheḅa heard the greeting of Miryam, that the baby leaped in her womb. **And Elisheḅa was filled with the Set-apart Spirit,**

Luk 1:42 and called out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luk 1:43 “And who am I, that the mother of my Master should come to me?

Luk 1:44 “For look, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Luk 1:45 “Blessed is she who believed, for that which יהוה has said to her shall be accomplished!”

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

Luk 1:46 And Miryam said, “My being makes יהוה great,

Luk 1:47 and my spirit has rejoiced in Elohim my Saviour.

Luk 1:48 “Because He looked on the humiliation of His female servant. For look, from now on all generations shall call me blessed.^c Footnote: ^cAlso see [1Sa 1:11](#), [1Sa 2:1](#).

Luk 1:49 “For He who is mighty has done wonders for me, and set-apart is His Name.^d Footnote: ^dAlso see [Psa 111:9](#).

Then we rejoice as we read the song that comes from [Mary’s overflow of blessing](#).

Luk 1:50 “**And His compassion is from generation to generation, to those who fear Him.** [Psa 103:17](#).

Luk 1:51 “He did mightily with His arm; He scattered the proud in the thought of their

hearts.

Luk 1:52 “He brought down rulers from their thrones, and exalted the lowly.

Luk 1:53 “**He has filled the hungry with good items**, [Psa 107:9](#) and the rich He has sent away empty.

Luk 1:54 “He sustained Yisra’el, His servant, in remembrance of His compassion,

Luk 1:55 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed, forever.”

Luk 1:56 And **Miryam stayed with her about three months**, and returned to her home.

The Birth of John the Baptist

Luk 1:57 And the time was filled for Elisheba to give birth, and she bore a son.

Luk 1:58 And her neighbours and relatives heard how יהוה had shown great compassion to her, and they rejoiced with her.

Luk 1:59 And it came to be, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child. And they were calling him by the name of his father, Zechariah.

Luk 1:60 And his mother answering, said, “**Not so, but he shall be called Yoḥanan.**”

Luk 1:61 And they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.”

Luk 1:62 Then they motioned to his father, what he would like him to be called.

Luk 1:63 And having asked for a writing tablet, he wrote, saying, “**Yoḥanan is his name.**” And they all marvelled.

Luk 1:64 And **at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he was speaking, praising Elohim.**

Luk 1:65 And fear came on all those dwelling around them, and all these matters were spoken of in all the hill country of Yehudah.

Luk 1:66 And all who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What then shall this child be?” And the hand of יהוה was with him.

Both Elizabeth and Zechariah knew his name would be John as told to Zechariah by Gabriel. This was a special son. John was **filled with the Ruach HaKodesh even in the womb** and...

Luk 1:17 “And he shall **go before Him in the spirit and power of Ēliyahu**, **to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**,’ [Mal 4:6](#) and the disobedient to the insight of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for יהוה.”

Then we see **Zechariah filled with the Set-apart Spirit**, the Ruach HaKodesh, and he too **prophesies**. Take pause and drink in this beautiful prophecy and note this portion...

Luk 1:72 to show compassion toward our fathers and **to remember His set-apart covenant**,

Luk 1:73 **an oath which He swore to our father Abraham:**

Luk 1:74 **to give to us**, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, to serve Him without fear,

Luk 1:75 **in set-apartness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.** (emphasis mine)

Luk 1:76 “And you, child, shall be called **prophet of the Most High**, for you shall **go before the face of יהוה to prepare His ways**,^f [Mal 3:1](#). Footnote: ^f [Isa 40:3](#), [Joh 1:23](#).

Zechariah's Prophecy

Luk 1:67 And **Zekaryah, his father, was filled with the Set-apart Spirit**, and prophesied, saying,

Luk 1:68 “**Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el**,^e [Psa 41:13](#) for He did look upon and worked redemption for His people, Footnote: ^eAlso see [Psa 72:18](#); [Psa 106:48](#).

Luk 1:69 **and has raised up a horn of deliverance** for us in the house of His servant **Dawid**,

Luk 1:70 as He spoke by the mouth of His set-apart prophets, from of old –

Luk 1:71 deliverance **from our enemies and from the hand of all those hating us**, [Psa 106:10](#).

Luk 1:72 to show compassion toward our fathers and to remember His set-apart covenant,

Luk 1:73 an oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

Luk 1:74 to give to us, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, to serve Him without fear,

Luk 1:75 in set-apartness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

Luk 1:76 “And you, child, shall be called prophet of the Most High, for you shall **go before the face of יהוה to prepare His ways**,^f [Mal 3:1](#). Footnote: ^f [Isa 40:3](#), [Joh 1:23](#).

Luk 1:77 to give knowledge of deliverance to His people, by the forgiveness of their sins,

Luk 1:78 through the tender compassion of our Elohim, with which the daybreak from on high has looked upon us,

Luk 1:79 **to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death**, [Isa 9:1](#) to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Luk 1:80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts until the day of showing himself openly to Yisra’el.

1Corinthians 2

Proclaiming Messiah Crucified

1Co 2:1 And, when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with excellence of speech or wisdom, proclaiming to you the witness of Elohim.

1Co 2:2 For I resolved not to know any *matter* among you except יהושע Messiah and Him impaled.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my word and my preaching were not with persuasive words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1Co 2:5 in order that your belief should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of Elohim.

Seeing the move of YHWH amid the assembly is far greater than being persuaded by a charismatic speaker that hypes up one's emotions. Faith and the move of the Ruach HaKodesh, always trump carnal emotional responses.

Wisdom from the Spirit

1Co 2:6 Yet we speak wisdom among those who are perfect, and not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age that are being brought to naught.

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of Elohim, which was hidden in a secret, and which Elohim ordained before the ages for our esteem,

1Co 2:8 which no one of the rulers of this age knew, for if they had known, they would not have impaled the Master of esteem.

1Co 2:9 But as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him." [Isa 64:4](#).

1Co 2:10 But Elohim has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all *matters*, even the depths of Elohim.

1Co 2:11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man that is in him? So also, the thoughts of Elohim no one has known, except the Spirit of Elohim.

1Co 2:12 And we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from Elohim, in order to know what Elohim has favorably given us,

1Co 2:13 which we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Set-apart Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual *matters* with spiritual *matters*.

When a person is born anew in Yahusha; His Holy Spirit, His Ruach HaKodesh, dwells in them. Therefore, our spirit man DOES NOT SIN because our spirit man is filled by the Ruach HaKodesh. But you may say wait a minute, we all still sin at times. Yes, that is true, but it is not from His Spirit that dwells in us; it is from our soul realm consisting of our mind, will, and emotions.

1Jn 3:9 Everyone **having been born of Elohim does not sin, because His seed stays in him, and he is powerless to sin, because he has been born of Elohim.**

1Co 2:14 **But the natural man does not receive the *matters* of the Spirit of Elohim, for they are foolishness to him, and he is unable to know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

1Co 2:15 But he who is spiritual discerns indeed all *matters*, but he himself is discerned by no one.

1Co 2:16 For **“Who has known the mind of יהוה? Who shall instruct Him?”**

Isa 40:13 **But we have the mind of Messiah.**

How does one ‘have the mind of Messiah?’ We have the ‘mind of Messiah’ as we meditate and study His Word and our actions, words, and deeds are led by the Ruach HaKodesh. Not only do we have the ‘mind of the Messiah’ we learn the will of YHWH, the Father. Daily we are in the sanctification process of being ‘set-apart’ to Him.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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