

Genesis
Chapter 48
Student

Contents: Jacob on his death bed blesses Joseph's sons.

Characters: Jacob, Joseph, Ephraim, Manasseh, Reuben, Simeon, Rachael.

Conclusion: **GOD** in His grace, does not always observe the order of nature in bestowing His blessings, nor prefer those whom we think fittest to be preferred, but as it pleases **HIM**, HE chooses the weak to confound the mighty, thus His grace becomes more illustrious.

Key Word: Blessed, 15.

Strong Verses: 21.

Striking Facts: 17. When the tribes were mustered in the wilderness, Ephraim was more numerous than Manasseh (Numbers 1:32-35; Numbers 2:18-20) and is named first (Psalms 80:2).

Questions:

1. What did Israel do to continue his favoritism?

2. What other confusion did HE start?

3. What prophesy did HE make over Joseph?

Discussion Question: Why did Israel adopt his grandsons?