

**Jacob Blesses His Grandchildren and Sons (Genesis 48:1-49:27)**  
**For the week of March 27, 2022**

**Observation** (Read Genesis 48)

Describe what is happening.

**Interpretation**

Why is Jacob “adopting” Ephraim and Manasseh (vs. 5-6)?

Why is Joseph displeased? (vs. 17)

Why do you think Jacob puts the younger before the older?

**Application**

How are you leaving a spiritual legacy that will bless both children and grandchildren (or nieces, nephews...)?

**Observation** (Read Genesis 49:1-28)

What is happening?

**Interpretation**

Jacob – “that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come”

List each son and what “will happen” and why you think Jacob spoke this over each son.

Reuben –

Simeon and Levi –

Judah –

Zebulun –

Issachar –

Dan –

Asher –

Naphtali –

Joseph –

Benjamin –

Why do you think Judah and Joseph's blessings are longer?

**Application**

Are you able to call out the sin of your children (or children you are influential over), or grandchildren, and teach them repentance? Why or why not?

**Observation** (Read Genesis 49:29-33)

Describe what is happening.

**Interpretation**

Review Machpelah: Read Genesis 23 and explain the importance of this burial place for Jacob.

**Application**

Even though Jacob's life was not one of Godly perfection, he is remembered as the patriarch for God's nation Israel. How is God working in your imperfections to be remembered as His child?