

Genesis 48

1 He wanted his father to bless his sons before he died.

2,3 The God revealed to him in 35:11 El Shaddai = the all-sufficient provision. He had certainly seen that true during the famine.

4 The promise was so clear and the encounter still a vivid memory.

5 He is adopting them so that they will be sons of Israel. This makes then 13 sons if they take the place of Joseph, 14 counting Joseph.

6 It seems he even had some understanding of the tribes and their territories.

7 He recounts his great loss of Joseph's mother.

8,9 They are the sons you just adopted. Israel wants to bless them before he dies. Are his eyes bad like his father Isaac when he stole the blessing.

10,11 Has he not seen them to this point? Or is he forgetting in his old age?

12 Joseph bows to bows in honor to God for what He has done? or is he bowing in honor of his father and in gratitude for the blessing?

13 He arranged the older to be in front of Israel's right.

14 Just as it was in his home. No deceit this time as it is his conscious choice.

15 Israel realizes that it has been a journey guided by the Great Shepherd.

16 The angel of the Lord - Jesus! He is our shield and high tower.

17 Joseph preferred his eldest just as Isaac did.

18,19 Did this have something to do with the blessing he stole as the younger? I don't recall any special blessing about these two. The blessing is in Judah and Levi.

20,21 The you here is plural indicating the nation not specifically Joseph.

22 He makes Joseph like the first born giving him a double portion that Rueben lost.