The 11th Tribe of Israel, Joseph Ephraim (Joseph's 2nd Son) Overflowing, Fruitful Bough,

Double Portion in the Inheritance

Genesis 30:24 Transformation



Joseph means overflowing, fruitful bough, in the Hebrew 'ben' which means son, anointed one, builder of the family name as well as a bough of a tree. The word branch is 'bath' in Hebrew, which also means daughter. Can be interpreted Joseph is a fruitful anointed son, even a fruitful son by a well, whose daughters run over the wall.

Joseph was the 11th son of Jacob and had two sons by his Egyptian wife, Asenath, Manasseh his first son and Ephraim his second son.

Genesis 41:52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

Ephraim means "double fruitful, double fruit, double portion in the inheritance, descendants, fruitful ones."

There is a great deal of hidden mystery in the prophecies of Manasseh and Ephraim. When Jacob blessed them on his deathbed, he blessed them under the name of their father Joseph and did not separate them in a noticeable way. Moses did the same. However, Jacob blessed the sons of Joseph when he first came into Egypt and it is here that we must search to find the difference in the blessings between these two tribes.

Double Portion of Inheritance: The powerful light that emerges from darkness in Joseph divides into two dimensions of his two sons: Manasseh, 1st born and Ephraim, 2nd born.

Genesis 49:23-24: The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob...

Symbol For Ephraim Is A Cluster Of Grapes



The symbol of Ephraim is a cluster of grapes. It is a beautiful symbol and reminds one of the clusters of grapes that the Children of Israel brought back from the land of Canaan and that they had cut down from the brook of Eshcol. It was so large that they had to carry it between two men on a staff it is the will of God for his people to be fruitful. This was the first command that He gave humanity.

Grapes speak of the fruit harvest at the end of the age. Wine brings forth the libation, the freedom of the spirit of God to a broken nation. No one has more right to claim the promises of God than Ephraim.

Ephraim still has this promise of fruitfulness in their lives and they must strive to attain unto this blessing. God wants to make them fruitful in every way. No one has more right to claim the promises of God to His people than Ephraim.

But these promises were conditional for Ephraim:

- 1. "If that thou, shalt hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord thy God."
- 2. "If that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them. And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them." (Deuteronomy 28: 1-14)

Ephraim keep a guard over their hearts at all times.

Manasseh & Ephraim are separate in their symbols and united in their gemstones.

Ephraim's and Manasseh's Gemstone: Onyx

Many times we think of onyx a black stone, but there is an Onyx that is a striped agate, a variety of quartz in which white layers alternate with black. It is the color of Joseph's two sons: Manasseh & Ephraim.

The Romans applied this name originally to a type of marble, now called onyx marble. Because of the resemblance between its well-defined white and yellow veins and the shades in the finger-nail, it was given the name onyx, which is Greek for "fingernail." It has been used a great deal in making cameos. Because of the different layers in the onyx, beautiful relief work is possible. The best cameos are those produced by the ancients. Beautiful onyx is a true flesh-pink color. This is the color of the tribe of Manasseh and Ephraim because they do not have separate gemstones.

There was only one gemstone in the breastplate of the high priest for both of the sons of Joseph. They were separated in their symbols, but united in their gemstone.

FALL SEASON

The three months of the fall season – **Tishrei** Sept/Oct, **Cheshvan** Oct/Nov, **Kislev** Nov/Dec – correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Ephraim – **Ephraim**, **Manasseh**, **and Benjamin**– who were situated to the west of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

- In the Seventh Month, Tishrei The month of the Fall Feasts"—Returning to God and experiencing His Glory. The month to 'touch"," to remember the woman who pressed through to touch Him. To awaken and remove that which would keep you from returning.
- In the Eighth Month, Cheshvan God wants to know that His rainbow reveals
 the sign of His covenant with the world. A time of eternal revelation and new
 beginnings.
- In the Ninth Month, Kislev God then wants to develop your warfare strategies; to have prophetic revelation for war. A month to enter into to a new level of trust and rest and to declare your life experiences to be filled with tranquility and peace

Appointed Times: Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. Feasts representing the 2nd Coming Of Messiah Jesus.

Prophesies From Joseph, Jacob and Moses

Prophesy From Joseph to His Second Born, Ephraim

Genesis 48:13-16 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hand wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Father Jacob blessed them with the identical same blessing.

Genesis 48:17-20 "And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed

shall become a multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh."

Prophesy From Jacob To His Son, Joseph

Genesis 49:22-24: Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall. The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: his bow stayed in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from there is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

"bough"

The word "bough" in the Hebrew is ben (bane) which means "a son, anointed one, builder of the family name," as well as "a bough of a tree."

"The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:"

This reveals the suffering of Joseph. The word "archers" is chets (khayts) and means "a piercer, i.e. an arrow, a wound, the shaft of a spear." It is in the wounding and the suffering that Manasseh becomes great. But this is not only true of Manasseh, it is also true of Ephraim. Manasseh and Ephraim are united in their suffering and so they are united in the resurrection glory. Remember that Paul said, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made con formable unto his death." (Philippians 3:10)

The Josephs (Manasseh and Ephraim) are called to be united in suffering with Jesus. The "archers" in the life of Joseph were his very own family. No one can hurt you like those to whom you are the closest.

Joseph is defending himself with the same weapon that is attacking him. Even as the arrows of his enemy are shot from the bow, so, he too fights back with the bow. The Holy Spirit says that it is a strong bow, one that "abides in strength." It is only as Manasseh and Ephraim say grounded in the Lord that they have the strength to contest their enemy. God promises that their hands would be made strong. The Manassite and Ephraimite are also gifted in their hands to accomplish every task to which God calls them.

The "blessings of the deep that lieth under."

The riches of the world are reckoned by gold. Gold is "down under." God has promised to the sons of Joseph the wealth of the minerals, the gemstones, the oil, the fountains of the deep, and the fertile ground.

Prophesy From Moses To Joseph

Deuteronomy 33:13-17 "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills. And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in

the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh."

"And for the precious things put forth by the moon,"

There is no doubt but that the moon has a tremendous influence on this planet. But it is remarkable that America, which is considered by some to be the land of the children of Joseph, should be the first and only nation so far to have landed on the moon.

"and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush:"

Moses was referring to his own great visitation of God, when the Lord spoke to him out of the burning bush in the wilderness and his life was changed. It was from there that he went forth to deliver the Children of Israel. Moses knew that this same

God could change the life of anyone who would be visited by the Lord. The word for bush is ceneh (seh-neh) and is the exact same word as that used in Exodus 3:2 where it says that the Lord appeared to Moses in the flaming bush in the desert. It is wonderful to know that God wants to visit the children of Joseph in the exact same way that He visited Moses, himself. Surely God is no respecter of persons. Moses knew that he, too, had been separate from his brethren for 40 years in the wilderness and that as a result of this lonely life, God prepared him and honored him to be a deliverer and savior of His people, even as He had prepared Joseph by the same means and for the same purpose. Joseph was 17 years old when he was sold into slavery. He was 30 when he stood before Pharaoh and his brothers came after the first 7 years of abundance. So Joseph must have been separated from his brethren for at least 20 years, which was just half as long as Moses was separated from his people.

"and his horns are like the horns of unicorns:"

This "unicorn" is believed to have been the Urus, an extinct species of buffalo and not the rhinoceros. It is spoken of as a powerful and violent animal. (Job 39:9-12) So it is that, as the unicorn couldn't be tamed, the Lord is saying, the sons of Joseph have the same individuality and are only tamed by the Lord. Don't try to harness a unicorn, you might get a horn in your side. Only love can make them your servant.

Exploits of Ephraim and Heroes Of Faith

JOSHUA

Joshua is perhaps one of the greatest men in history. No soldier ever fought like he did. There have been great soldiers like Napoleon, Alexander the Great, Lord Nelson, the great English Naval Commander, but only Joshua never lost a battle. In this he was unique. He lost a temporary battle at the city of Ai, but when he went to God and found out the reason why, then he immediately won the next battle. It was because there was sin in the camp. A holy Ephraimite cannot bear to live with sin in the camp. Like Joshua of old he is going to go to God and find out the truth of the matter. He will lay on his face all night before the Lord until God talks to him. He

wants to know that there is not thing wrong in his life before he goes out to serve the Lord.

He was great, because he was a man of faith and integrity. He was a pure man. He had been trained in the path of humility as Moses' servant. When Joshua returned with the other spies from spying out the land he experienced his greatest testing and his finest hour. He had to stand by his convictions, together with Caleb, against the angry mob and the lying report that the other spies brought back. He had giant killing faith. He said that those giants were absolutely nothing in the sight of God and that they were well able to go up and take the land.

God called Joshua to take Moses' place because he had strong faith. God gave him the same anointing that He gave Moses. Now, notice this, Moses was a Levite and they have a very strong anointing for leadership and supplication. So when an Ephraimite receives the Moses-Levite anointing like Joshua did, then we have a man of dynamic capabilities. It was strange that God raised up a man from a tribe other than the tribe of Levi to lead His people, but God never "gets in a rut." He always is doing something new

SAMUEL AND HANNAH

Two of the greatest characters of Ephraim are Samuel and Hannah, his mother, for he would never have been great, if she had not trained him in the ways of dedication and love for God. If you, daughter of Ephraim, want to see a perfect Ephraimite woman, look at the life of Hannah. She came from a little village near Jerusalem and she had only one desire and that was that she might be fruitful. But she had a barren womb. However, as she prayed and wept before the Lord, God gave her the promise through the high priest, Eli, that God would grant her petition.

After Hannah had weaned Samuel, she took him to Shiloh where the tabernacle of the Lord was and she gave him to Eli to be raised by the Lord. As her reward, God gave her three more sons and two daughters. God will reward the daughters of Ephraim as they give God their best.

While Samuel was only a young child, God spoke to him, "Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that hears it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all things, which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knows; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever." (I Samuel 3:11-14) Eli had to receive this message because he knew I t came from God. The Bible says all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

More than once, God revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh. Samuel anointed Saul to be king of Israel only because God told him to do it. When Saul failed the Lord, Samuel grieved as deeply as his mother had grieved for a son. He suffered a broken heart. Spiritual Ephraimites are tenderhearted people and are easily grieved when they see God 's people going astray. Samuel later anointed David to be king.





Note: The constellations were created by God as seen in Genesis. They were never designed for the Devils use. The Mazzaroth has nothing to do with today's fortune telling with Horoscopes or your birthday. They are pictures to in God's creation to see what He is saying to His tribes of Israel.

Mazzaroth: Constellations

7th Constellation: Libra (THE SCALES)

Where the deeds of man are weighed and judgment is released. [Judgment - BARAK (means) either judgment or rewards]

It is possible that the first six constellations may be prophetically speaking of the 1st Coming of Messiah Jesus and the last 6 constellations are speaking of the 2nd Coming of Messiah Jesus.

Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?

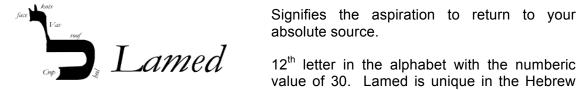
Job 38:31: Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? 32: Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?

Strongs 4216 mazzarah maz-zaw-raw' apparently from 5144 in the sense of distinction; some noted constellation (only in the plural), perhaps collectively, the zodiac:--Mazzoroth.

7th Month On God's Calendar 'Tishrei'(Sept/Oct)

This month means 'permanent streams' and speaks of 'completion, fullness'. The month of the Fall Feasts – Time of the feast of trumpets, atonement and tabernacles. A returning to God and experiencing His Glory. The month is liked with awakening and removing that which would keep you from returning. Time of the former and early rains. The fruits are now fully ripened and the fragrances of the fruit fills the air.

Alphabet: LAMED



Signifies the aspiration to return to your

alphabet since it is the tallest letter and only letter that rises above the baseline. It is considered the central letter (or heart) of the alphabet. A heart who gives attention to Torah, learning, and understands knowledge.

The Alphabet is the letter 'LAMED.' Which signifies the aspiration to return to your absolute source "TESHUVAH". Decree that the things that have been scattered will be returned to you.

Ephraim's Positioning

Ephraim's Positioning When The Cloud Moved

The third group to move out were the Next Generation Warriors. God set these three tribes to lead the nation in physical as well as spiritual warriors, which are Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin.

Numbers 10:22: ¶And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

Numbers 10:24: And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

Their responsibility was to defend the Holy Things in wartime. They were between the curtains, poles, floorboards being carried ahead of them and the Holy Furniture that was carried behind them; the laver, table of showbread, lampstand. Ephraim carried that standard for the three tribes.

Standard Of The Ox – Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin Gathered Under

The 12 Tribes of Israel were grouped together in 4 sets of 3 tribes each. Each of the four had a flag, a standard that they rallied around. They traveled and camped under their standard, flag for their group.



Flag Standard, The Ox – Traveled and camped under this standard; and camped on the West of the Tabernacle – Ephraim, Manasseh & Benjamin

Jesus, **The Ox** – Who carried the weight of our sins upon himself on the cross, and bore all of our sickness and our diseases.

Oxen - The Bride - The strength and resilience to move through difficulties and not be out of step with the Lord's moving.

Numbers 2:18: On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud.

Appointed Times: Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. Feasts representing the 2nd Coming Of Messiah Jesus.

The Position of Ephraim

<u>In The Wilderness Around The Tabernacle</u>: Ephraim was on the west side of the tabernacle beside his brothers Benjamin and Manasseh. (Benjamin really was his uncle).

<u>In The Promised Land:</u> They were located in the middle of the Promised Land, between Manasseh on the north (that is the half-tribe that crossed over the Jordan), on Dan on the south-west, and Benjamin on the south. Their inheritance was not far from Jerusalem. If you travel by car, it is only about 20 miles.

In the Millennium: Ephraim will be situated between Manasseh and Reuben.

<u>In Gate of Ephraim In The New Jerusalem</u>: Gate of Ephraim is not mentioned, just as the Gate of Manasseh is not mentioned. There is only the Gate of Joseph. Ephraim and Manasseh come together in a oneness of perfection of love, uniting together in the harmony of the Holy Spirit. They lose that independent, self-promoting egoism, that vying to be better than their brother Manasseh. God wants all of us to lose that spirit. When we receive the anointing, it will make it possible to be ourselves.

City of Shechem, Tribe of Ephraim The City Of Refuge and Levitical City For The Weary

Joshua 20:7 "Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim"

City of **Shechem** (means) Shoulder of Strength [Battle Worn] in the tribe of Ephraim mount (means) Double Portion; Twice Fruitful).

Finally, in Joshua 20 all six cities are named. This takes place when the initial conquest had been completed, and the division of the land between the tribes was being confirmed. "Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge...

So they set apart Kedesh... Shechem... Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron)... On the east side of the Jordan... Bezer... Ramoth... Golan..." The locations of the rest of the Levitical support-cities were decided at the same time (Joshua 21). The allocations are repeated in 1 Chronicles 6.

The six cities of refuge reveal the Messiah who shelters the sinner from death. If a man accidentally killed someone the one and the victims brother wanted vengeance, then the fugitive could escape to a city of refuge where he would be protected and his case tried. The elders of the city would investigate the case. If



he was acquitted of intentional killing he must remain within the city until the death of the high priest.

'Shechem' means battle worn. Worn out living life and in a state of fatigue.

Leaning on the shoulder of her beloved because she has learned to rest from her weariness of life and lean on Jesus. Leaning on his shoulder, on the strength of God.

It is at Shechem that our father Abraham built his first altar to God here. The Tribe of Ephraim is saying to the weary that this is a good place for the broken and weary to build an altar here as Abraham did. Notice that it is a city upon the mountain of Ephraim.

There is nothing wrong with stepping out of the fight and learning to let your God battle for you. It is a good place to find the rest and peace for your soul, so that you can rise again, strengthened by your Jesus. Ephraim as you have found that were never designed to withstand war after war, battle after battle, so you will lead God's people into this city to find what you have found, rest for their soul.

Psalm 23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters..

Manasseh's Prophetic Summary

Character of Joseph

Josephs are called to be united and suffering with Jesus. The archer-piercers in the life of Joseph were his very own family. It's the wounding and suffering that brought him to a position of value and esteem. The Josephs are gifted in their hands to accomplish every task to which God calls them. They fight back with a bow. You are a strong bow one that abides in strength. God is calling the Josephs to 'separation' to a life that is different than his fellow brethren. Set apart unto God for a work that they are being called to in spite of living in a corrupt environment, Josephs maintains their spiritual integrity.

Character of Ephraim

Shechem gives you a place where you stop jumping up and down, yelling and screaming about your life and the unfairness dealt to you and lay down with your Savior and REST. Resting and coming into the presence of God, and soaking in the beauty and glory of your God is Peace. You need to come and sleep next to the ark of the covenant as Samuel did and sleep in perfect peace. Ephraimites have found their identity in the Lord, and they offer this rest to those who have knowledge of who they are and whose they are. You need to lie down and rest and let God refresh and renew your soul and who you are in him.

You have come into the feast of Tabernacles - where there is great rejoicing in the camp. You have found a deep relationship with Jesus after having endured life of affliction. You are called to go further. God will give you fruitfulness in all that you do. You loved by your Father.

Ephraimites are called to go further. It is not enough to just survive in an alien environment, but to thrive—to 'be fruitful in the land of my affliction.' Ephraim has the power to transform the difficulties into God's power.

Ephraim still has this promise of fruitfulness of Joseph in their lives, but they must strive to attain to this blessing. God wants to make them fruitful in every way. No one has more right to claim the promises of God to His people than Ephraim. Fruitfulness in the city, in the field. Fruit of your ground, fruitful in cattle. Blessed in your storehouses and in all that you set your hand to which God

gave you. To keep all these promises, Ephraim must keep a guard over his heart at all times.

Ephraimites are individuals who can only be tamed by the Lord. Called to be united and suffering with Jesus from his own family. You are gifted to accomplish every task God calls them. Fight with a bow - strong bow in which they abide in God's strength

Called to a separated life from his brethren, set apart to God while in a corrupt environment. Maintaining spiritual integrity. Ephraimites are called to go further. Not survive but to 'thrive.' Bring the freedom of the spirit of God to a broken nation

Permanent streams of returning to God and experiencing His glory. Arousal and awakening to the things of God. You are a tenderhearted people who are grieved when someone goes astray.

Called to 'separation, consecration like a Nazarite vow. A life different than the conventional way of life. God loves visiting Ephraimites. Deliverers and saviors. Make great Missionaries

Ephraimites are people who can live in different campsites, new arrangements, goodness, mercy. A people who live under the covering cloud of God and when they stand up, they are full of the anointing of God.

My Sources and Challenge:

These are my notes that I have created over the years from several sources. They are not intended for publication. They are simply my notes that I am willing to share regarding the Tribes of Israel and the Months of God's Calendar as I have seen fit to put together.

In the early 2000's, I began attending moves of God all over the nation and into Canada to hear from God and what He was saying. From Brownsville revival in Florida to Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, on into the middle of the US and then onto Fresh Fire in Canada and down to California. All the time hearing pieces of revelation on God's Holy Days and Feasts. The Lord has been leading me continually, learning this precious truth of His people Israel and our prophetic link to them.

I believe that we have experienced the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Pentecost, but, oh but, not the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast as the first two are for all of Israel and I a gentile, have been grafted into the blood of Jesus, the nation of Israel.

I encourage you to seek the ancient paths and see what God wrote for us to walk in. The revelation of the tribes anchors our faith and releases us to His Calling in Christ Jesus.

Jeremiah 18:15: Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

Jeremiah 6:16-17: Thus said the LORD, Stand you in the ways, and see, and <u>ask</u> for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find <u>rest for your souls</u>. But they said, We will not walk therein. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

Said of George Mueller, 1839

"This wide awake servant of God, watched the signs of the times, and while others slept, followed the Lords signal of advance."

Some of my resources:

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