

Ephraim before Manasseh

Gen. 48:13-22

¹² So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. ¹³ And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near him. ¹⁴ Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid *it* on Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh *was* the firstborn. ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph, and said:

“God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
The God who has fed me all my life long to this day,
¹⁶ The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil,
Bless the lads;
Let my name be named upon them,
And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”

¹⁷ Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸ And Joseph said to his father, “Not so, my father, for this *one is* the firstborn; put your right hand on his head.”

¹⁹ But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.”

²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you Israel will bless, saying, ‘May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!’ ” And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

²¹ Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am dying, but God will be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers. ²² Moreover I have given to you one ^[d]portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow.”

Israel Blesses His Twelve Sons

Genesis 49 KJV

On the high priest shoulder was an onyx stone on each shoulder six tribes inscribed on each stone. The High Priest also carried what was called a breast plate of judgment upon his chest. There were four rows of stones with three stones per row. The names of the tribes were inscribed on each stone starting with the name of the first born on the first stone of the first row until all names were scribed with the last born on the last row with the last one born. The High Priest roll was as a mediator between God and the people of the nation of Israel his responsibility as their authority for the sins of Israel to see they were dealt with and forgiven. Exod. 28:6-38

The breastplate was used to direct divine guidance to help make the right decisions. Along with it inside it contained the Urim and Thummim two sacred stones used for seeking God's will. Exod. 28:30; Lev. 8:8; Num. 27:21; Det. 33:8; 1Sam. 28:6; Ezr. 2:63; Ne. 7:65.

The blessing of Israel for his sons established to the meaning of each stone named attributed to their character.

Genesis Chapter 49

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.

the first row shall be a Sardius-Jasper (Reuben), strength and stability

Reuben had two banners one depicting Man/Drakes the other the rising sun.

Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.

O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

a **Topaz** (Simeon), loyalty and perseverance

a **Carbuncle-Emeald** (Levi): priesthood and service to God *this shall be* the first row.

Simeon banner a city

Levi Banner carried by Judah The Urim and the Thummim

Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

second row *shall be* an **Emerald-Carnelian** (Judah), leadership and loyalty

Judah standard contained three separate banners: picture of a lion, picture of a troop, the third he carried was for Levi showing judgment showing the Urim and Thummim

Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.

And the fourth row a **Bery-Lapis Lazulil**, (Zebulun) reflecting commerce and trade
Zebulun banner was a ship

Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.
an **Amethyst-Agat**. (Issachar) wisdom and judgement

Issachar banner was a laden donkey

Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward. I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

a **Sapphire-Chrysolite** (Dan), judgment and defence

Dans had two banners an eagle, a serpent

Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

the third row a **Ligure-Onyx** (Gad), strength and ability to face adversity

Gads banner depicted a camp or a troop

Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

an **Agate-Amethyst** (Asher), abundance of joy

Ashers banner showed an olive tree

Naphtali *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

a **Diamond-Beryl**. (Naphtali) freedom and agility

Naphtali banner depicted a deer or hinde

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: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)*Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

an **Onyx-Turquoise**, (Joseph) fruitfulness and prosperity

Joseph banner the two sons Ephraim had two banners a ram, young boy or an ox. Manasseh banner was an ox.

Benjamin shall ravine *as* a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

and a **Jasper-Diamond**: (Benjamin) protection and strength

Benjamin banner depicted a wolf

²⁸ All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

²⁹ And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

³⁰ In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

³¹ There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

³² The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.

³³ And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

Rev. 4:3

Jasper stone – protection and strength-purity, stability, righteousness, holyness

Re 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Sardius stone – Justice and vengeance-protection and strength

Both combining by showing the Holiness and righteousness of God

The rainbow like unto an emerald-(leadership and authority) round about the throne – There are 7 colors in the rainbow. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet Gods number. The everlasting new covenant of Gods divine mercy and grace with his people through the blood of

Christ that was promised before the world began **Tit 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

The first rainbow was set for the covenant between Noah's world the Gentile world we are now in to show God would not destroy the world with water. Nimrod did not believe this covenant, so a tower was to be built to reach into heaven so he could be saved. The first world was destroyed was because of ungodly men. **2Pe 2:5** And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; This world that now is, is set for the wrath to come again because of ungodly man **2Pe 2:6** And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **2Pe 3:7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.