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May Joseph’s Land be Blessed by ADONAI 33: 13-17

May Joseph’s land be blessed by ADONAI DIG: How similar, or how different was Jacob’s blessing of Joseph, and Moshe’s blessing of Joseph’s descendants? What two ways does Moshe bless them? Who are the two tribes of Joseph? What blessings do they receive? Why are they so privileged?

REFLECT: What is your response to these blessings? How has ADONAI blessed you? How do you acknowledge the One in the burning bush as the source of all your blessings? Explain?

On the day Moses died, he delivered his final blessing and then ascended Mount Nebo to view the Land of Promise from afar.

The longest of **the blessings**, it applies by extension, to the tribes of **Ephraim** and **Manassah**. It is the most lyrical of all, with its moving list of all the sources of **God’s** material bounty. **The blessing** has a number of similarities with **the blessing** of **Joseph** spoken by **Jacob** (see the commentary on **Genesis**, **to see link click Ln - Joseph is a Fruitful Vine**).



Moses prayed for **Joseph’s** descendants in two ways. First, **Moshe** prayed for **Joseph’s** material prosperity, and all parts of creation, under the control of **YHVH**,

will produce abundantly for **Joseph’s** heirs. **For Joseph he said: May his land be blessed by ADONAI with heavenly bounty** above, and **from the dew and from the deep lying beneath** (the poetic description of the subterranean waters which are the source of springs and rivers), **and with the bounty of the sun’s produce and the moon months’ yield** (the crops that would be nurtured by **the sun** and would produce crops at different seasons of the year), **and with the best from the ancient mountains and the bounty of the everlasting hills** (for planting vineyards and olive trees). The climax of the prosperity provided is reached **with** the general description of the **earth’s bounty and its fullness.**⁶⁹⁷ All of this points to the ultimate source of **the One** who is **the Giver** of **blessings, the favor of the One dwelling in the bush** (see the commentary on **Exodus Aq – Flames of Fire from within a Burning Bush**). **May it come on Joseph’s head, on the crown of the prince among his brothers (33:13-16).**

Then, **Moses** prayed for the military successes of **Joseph’s** descendants, pictured like **a bull or a wild ox** goring **the nations to the ends of the earth**. This tribe was divided into the two tribes of **Manasseh**, **Joseph’s** firstborn, and **Ephraim**, his younger son. They were the largest of the Northern tribes. Though **Manasseh** was the older son, **Jacob** gave **Ephraim** the blessing of **the firstborn (Genesis 48:17-20)**. That was why **Moses** mentioned **Ephraim** first and credited **myriads** to **him**, and just **thousands** to **Manassah**. **They are the myriads of Ephraim, they are the thousands of Manasseh.**⁶⁹⁸ The tribes of **Ephraim** and **Manassah** were known for **their** fruitful lands, **their** large flocks and herds, and **their** military power.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, How great that a relationship with **You** is the greatest blessing. Praise **You** that **You** offer that relationship to all who choose to love and follow **You**. How awesome to have a heavenly **Father** who has such a great love for **His children! See how glorious a love the Father has given us, that we should be called God’s children - and so we are (John 3:1a)! Your** love is something that no one can ever take from us. No matter the trial, **You** are right there with us (**Hebrews 13:5**).*

*How wonderful that **Your children** will get to spend all eternity enjoying **Your** love and loving **You** back! What joy it is to know that **Yeshua** is making an eternal home in heaven for all who love **Him**. **In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and***



take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be (John 14:2-3). Sometimes the days and years seem long, but earthly time is nothing compared to an eternity of joy and peace with **You!** **For I consider the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed to us (Romans 8:18).** How important it is to use our time on earth wisely to please **You** by reading **Your** word, talking to **You**, praising and worshipping **You**. I love to make time for **You** in my busy life, for **You** are most important! I love **You**. In **Yeshua’s** holy name and **His** power of **His** resurrection. Amen