

~EPHRAIM 1 (142)
(E'phra-im) [Doubly Fruitful]

- Son of Joseph by his wife Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On. **Ephraim**, the younger brother of Manasseh, was born in Egypt before the seven-year famine began.
- The name **Ephraim** was given to him by his father because, to quote Joseph; God has made me fruitful in the land of my wretchedness.
- And before the year of the famine arrived there were born to Joseph two sons, whom Asenath the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On bore to him. (**Genesis 41:50**)
- So Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh, because, to quote him, **God has made me forget all my trouble and all the house of my father.** (**Genesis 41:51**)
- And the name of the second he called **Ephraim**, because, to quote him; God has made me fruitful in the land of my wretchedness. (**Genesis 41:52**)
- On his deathbed, Jacob, in effect, adopted his grandsons **Ephraim** and Manasseh and appointed them to be the equals of his direct sons.
- And now your two sons who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came here to you into Egypt, they are mine. **Ephraim** and Manasseh will become mine like Reuben and Simeon. (**Genesis 48:5**)
- Their father Joseph, who received the right as firstborn among Jacob's sons, received two parts of his father's inheritance by means of the tribal inheritance of **Ephraim** and Manasseh.
- And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, for he was the firstborn, but for his profaning the lounge of his father his right as firstborn was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, so that he was not to be enrolled genealogically for the right of the firstborn. (**1 Chronicles 5:1**)
- After that Israel said to Joseph; Look, I am dying, but God will

- certainly continue with you people and return you to the land of your forefathers. ([Genesis 48:21](#))
- As for me, I do give you one shoulder of land more than to your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorites by my sword and by my bow. ([Genesis 48:22](#))
 - For he should recognize as the firstborn the hated ones son by giving him two parts in everything he is found to have, because that one is the beginning of his generative power. The right of the firstborns position belongs to him. ([Deuteronomy 21:17](#))
 - For the sons of Joseph had become two tribes, Manasseh and **Ephraim**, and they had not given a share in the land to the Levites, except cities to dwell in and their pasture grounds for their livestock and their property. ([Joshua 14:4](#))
 - In blessing **Ephraim** and Manasseh, the patriarch Jacob gave the preference to **Ephraim** and prophetically indicated that he would become the greater.
 - Joseph now took the two of them, **Ephraim** by his right hand to Israel's left, and Manasseh by his left hand to Israel's right, and brought them close to him. ([Genesis 48:13](#))
 - However, Israel put out his right hand and placed it on **Ephraim's** head, although he was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head. He purposely laid his hands so, since Manasseh was the firstborn. ([Genesis 48:14](#))
 - And he proceeded to bless Joseph and to say; The true God before whom my father's Abraham and Isaac walked; The true God who has been shepherding me during all my existence until this day. ([Genesis 48:15](#))
 - The angel who has been recovering me from all calamity, bless the boys. And let my name be called upon them and the name of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac. And let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth. ([Genesis 48:16](#))
 - When Joseph saw that his father kept his right hand placed on **Ephraim's** head, it was displeasing to him, and he tried to take hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ([Genesis 48:17](#))

- Hence Joseph said to his father; Not so, my father, because this is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his head. (**Genesis 48:18**)
- But his father kept refusing and said; I know it, my son, I know it. He too will become a people and he too will become great. But, just the same, his younger brother will become greater than he will, and his offspring will become the full equivalent of nations. (**Genesis 48:19**)
- And he continued to bless them on that day, saying, By means of you let Israel repeatedly pronounce blessing, saying; May God constitute you like **Ephraim** and like Manasseh. Thus he kept putting Ephraim before Manasseh. (**Genesis 48:20**)
- And the sons of **Ephraim** were Shuthelah and Bered his son and Tahath his son and Eleadah his son and Tahath his son. (**1 Chronicles 7:20**)
- And Zabad his son and Shuthelah his son and Ezer and Elead. And the men of Gath that were born in the land killed them because they came down to take their livestock. (**1 Chronicles 7:21**)
- And **Ephraim** their father carried on mourning for many days, and his brothers kept coming in to comfort him. (**1 Chronicles 7:22**)
- And his daughter was Sheerah, and she got to build Beth-horon, the lower and the upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. (**1 Chronicles 7:24**)
- And there was Rephah his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son. (**1 Chronicles 7:25**)
- Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son. (**1 Chronicles 7:26**)
- Nun his son, Jehoshua his son. (**1 Chronicles 7:27**)
- And their possession and their dwelling places were Bethel and its dependent towns and, to the east, Naaran and, to the west, Gezer and its dependent towns, and Shechem and its dependent towns clear to Gaza and its dependent towns. (**1 Chronicles 7:28**)

- Provides a genealogical listing of **Ephraim's** sons and later descendants, concluding with Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Ezer and Elead, who were likely sons of Ephraim, were slain by the men of Gath. Sometime after the death of these sons, **Ephraim** fathered Beriah.