

# *The Torah Project*

## **Genesis 48a**

### **Genesis 37:2**

These are the records of the generations of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth...

## Ephraim & Manasseh – A Picture of the Gentile Believer:

- Were raised knowing only Joseph
  - *They knew Joseph before they knew Jacob*
- Raised separate from “Israel” and Joseph’s brothers
  - *The other brothers knew Jacob before they recognized Joseph*
- Born to a savior whose Jewish identity was hidden
- Discovered their family lineage later in life
- Born to an Egyptian mother from a foreign religion
  - Thus, technically, they were Gentiles
- Shared a common destiny with greater Israel
- Raised without “Israel’s” knowledge.

## Genesis 48:11

Israel said to Joseph, “I never imagined that I would see your face, and behold, God has let me see your children as well.”

לא פלאתי

(*lo philal'ti*)

פלל

= “to envision”

(*palal*)

התפלל

= “*Prayer*”

(*hitpalal*)

## Rashi's Translation:

“My heart did not fill me to think the thought that I would see your face again.”

חֶזֶן  
(*chazan*)  
**“Cantor/Prayer Leader”**

חֶזְקָנָה  
(*chazon*)  
**“Vision”**

### Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no **vision** [*chazon*], the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the Torah.

## Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by...

- **prayer** and...
- **supplication** with ...
- **thanksgiving** let your ...
- **requests** be made known to God. *Then...*

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yeshua.