



Manasseh Bible Study

What is a Manasseh?

There are Manasseh's in your future. I believe for every disappointment we've experienced in life God has Manasseh's and Ephraim's planned to make up for it. God gives beauty for ashes. When I originally got the Revelation of Manasseh, triggered by a decal I created to help me to get through the day with a sweet reminder that my current situation would not always remain. I simple piece of paper with the Word Manasseh Genesis 41:51, meant so much to me.

Let's take a look at a few translations of Genesis 41:51

Genesis 41:51 NIV - Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

Genesis 41:51 (English Standard Version) - Joseph called the name of the firstborn **Manasseh**. "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's house

Genesis 41:51 KJV - And Joseph called the name of the firstborn *Manasseh*: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

Genesis 41:51 AMP - Joseph named the firstborn *Manasseh (causing to forget)*, for he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and hardship and all [the sorrow of the loss of] my father's household."

Manasseh is the name of Joseph's first born son.

Season of Testing and Trail that led to Joseph's Manasseh

(Step 1 Jealousy) His Brothers got jealous of him and turned on him.

(Step 2 Sold him out) Their jealous and bitterness led to them selling him out. They also violate their on conscious, dignity, character. They did this to family, someone they are supposed to love. Maybe you've felt betrayed by family. Stabbed in the back. Lied on and the heat of the resentment is too much.

(Step 3 He still prospers/He's still standing...he's actually running) Potiphar puts him charge.

(Step 4 He refuses to sell out and sleep with his master's wife. He is then wrongly accused and put in jail) He had the opportunity to do the wrong thing when no one else is looking and he still chose righteousness. Good fruit came from his tree. People may accuse you, talk about you and he kept doing the right thing

Your Enemies Work For You: THEY ARE DOING YOU A FAVOR. God uses your enemy's wrong doings to position you for where he is taking you.

What Step are you in? (Share with group)

What area of your character/ heart do you believe the Lord is working on in this season? Are you dependent upon the Lord or your own knowledge, connections, education, appearance etc.?

What are you believing God for?

3 Ways Your Enemies Work for You

1. Rub off the rough edges. Once you've encountered them and endured (pass the test) elements that are not like God are removed from your character.
2. They are become a footstool that lift you up and propels you forward.
3. You get to use your faith which consequently causes your faith to grow. The more we use our faith the stronger it gets.

(Step 5 Divine connection is made in jail) God will bring promotion and connections from unlikely places. His thoughts are not your thoughts. He does things in a way that may seem foolish to the natural man and the natural mind. He may not do what you've been believing for in the way you think. Jesus rebuked Peter in Mark 8:33 told him " "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

(Step 6 They still forget him until 2 years later)

Joseph could not have thought this up, planned it, or have made it happen on his own. But he kept on walking. This is a faith walk. We had to fight against our flesh and keep on walking towards what may be UNSEEN right now.

(Step 7 Promotion Comes) - SUDDENLY God exalts Joseph at the age of 30. He is placed in the position of second and command to Pharaoh. Then his dream comes true. The prophetic dream God gave the young Joseph at the ripe age of seventeen had finally come to pass.

Genesis 41:41 -43 NIV:

So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

This is a divine hookup. Without special education, connections etc. God made HIS WILL happen.

Manasseh Symbols

Manasseh is a symbol of promise. God is a God of promise.

Joseph Symbol or Type of Jesus. After Christ's resurrection he was "he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19NIV). Joseph was placed as Pharaoh's right hand man, second in command. Even if we suffer, it's not in vain. Christ suffered, so to suffer with him is honor.

Manasseh is a symbol of God's glory. God's glory can be seen in our lives. He wants to get glory out of our story.

Manasseh Symbol of Restoration. What God has in store for you will be better than what you lost (Joel 2:25). It will be better than what you expect (Ephesians 3:20).

Spiritual Weapons for Victory

DON'T GIVE UP

Galatians 6:9 – Don't be weary in well doing at the proper time you will reap a harvest if you don't give up.

These are CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY TEST.

It's easy to be "NICE" others or nice.

It's easy to be happy and excited when you first receive a dream/vision/prophecy.

OPPOSITION IS INEVITABLE

There will be opposition along the way. Our promises gain interest while we are waiting. Think about compound interest when we think about money. It accumulates and multiplies.

KNOW NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Situations may look impossible but Luke 1:37 says “For with God nothing will be impossible

Ask Yourself: What are you fighting for? That is the good fight of faith.

YOUR CONFIDENCE IN GOD WILL BE REWARDED

Hebrew 10:35-36 - So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promise

Self-Reflection:

What 3 things are you going to apply to your life this week?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Prayer from my latest book God's Best in Love and Life:

Prayer for Manasseh's

Dear Heavenly Father,

I declare that you have Manasseh's in my future. I thank you for the blessings you have in store that are so good, they cause me to forget the things that happened in the past. I thank you that you are making up for my past and launching me into a destiny that is so great. I thank you that I will experience your goodness in here and into eternity, in Jesus name. Make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 65:17). In Jesus name, Amen.

Scriptural References:

Genesis 41:51 - Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

Psalm 27:13 - I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Isaiah 65:17 - "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.