

# Numbers 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

## Analysis

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Joseph's division into Ephraim and Manasseh fulfills Jacob's prophetic blessing (Genesis 48), whereby Joseph received a double portion through his two sons. This special treatment reflects Joseph's faithfulness and God's providential preservation of Israel through him during the famine. The continued distinction between Joseph's sons demonstrates God's faithfulness to His covenant promises across generations, even in matters of tribal organization.

## Historical Context

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Jacob adopted Joseph's sons as his own (Genesis 48:5), effectively giving Joseph a double inheritance. This occurred because of Joseph's role in preserving Israel during the Egyptian famine and established a pattern where Ephraim and Manasseh counted as separate tribes.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Joseph's double portion through his sons illustrate the principle that God rewards faithfulness, even if not always in expected ways?
2. What does the fulfillment of Jacob's blessing centuries later teach us about God's faithfulness to His promises?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּנִים	וְיַעֲשֵׂה	לְאַפְתָּן	אֶלְיָשָׁם	בָּנִים	עַמִּיהִ אֶת
Of the children	of Joseph	of Ephraim	Elishama	Of the children	of Ammihud
H1121	H3130	H669	H476	H1121	H5989
הַמְנִשֵּׁה	גָּמְלִיאֵל	לְפַדְהַצּוֹר	בָּנִים	פַּדְהַצּוֹר	
of Manasseh	Gamaliel	of Pedahzur	Of the children	of Pedahzur	
H4519	H1583	H6301	H1121		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 7:48** (Parallel theme): On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, offered:

**Numbers 7:54** (Parallel theme): On the eighth day offered Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh: