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Gen. 40:51-52-⁵⁰ Now before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom **Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On,** bore to him. ⁵¹ Joseph named the firstborn **Manasseh**, “For,” *he said*, “God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.”⁵² He named the second **Ephraim**, “For,” *he said*, “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

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Gen. 28:19-He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been **Luz**.

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2 Peter 1:8-For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither **useless nor unfruitful** in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gen. 15:5-And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and **count the stars**, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Exod. 1:7-But the sons of Israel were **fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied**, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

Gen. 17:16-I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of* **nations; kings** of peoples will come from her.

Gen. 15:18-21-¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this **land**, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ²⁰and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim ²¹and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”

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Gal. 4:5-6-⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the **adoption as sons**. ⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Rom. 8:17-and if **children, heirs** also, **heirs** of God and fellow **heirs** with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

Eph. 1:5-He predestined us to **adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

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Gen. 35:17-20-¹⁷ When she was in severe labor the midwife said to her, “Do not fear, for now you have another son.” ¹⁸ It came about as her soul was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. ¹⁹ So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). ²⁰ Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that is the pillar of Rachel’s grave to this day.

Eccles. 7:2- It is better to go to a house of mourning Than to go to a house of feasting, because that is the end of every man, And the living takes *it* to heart.

Acts 8:2-*Some* devout men **buried** Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ The Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.'