

EPHRAIM BAND

ABOUT EPHRAIM

(E E Freh em) (double fruitful)

This was the name of the second son of Joseph by Asenath.

When Ephraim was born in Egypt, Joseph gave him this name meaning “fruitful because God has caused me to be faithful in the land of my affliction” (Gen 41: 52). Though Joseph was a foreigner in Egypt; he nonetheless as a Hebrew, had been blessed by God, as he miraculously rose to a high position in the Egyptian government, and had two sons.

Later this same theme of fruitfulness and blessings was echoed by Joseph’s father, Jacob. He accepted Ephraim as his grandson (Gen 48: 5). Eventually, Ephraim’s thousands of descendants settled in the land of Canaan as one of the most numerous of the tribes of Israel. (Gen. 48:19; Num. 1:10).

The Descendants of Ephraim are the inhabitants of the territory of Ephraim and are called Ephraimites (Josh.16:10; Josh. 17:10).