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Jemima means “a little dove”. She was one of the three daughters of Job but she was the firstborn amongst his daughters. She had seven brothers and two sisters.

### Bible accounts:

#### Job 1, 42

Job 1:2 - And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

Job 1:4 - And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

Job 1:18, 19 - <sup>18</sup>While he *was* still speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house, <sup>19</sup>and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

Job 42: 13-15 - <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>And he called the name of the first Jemimah, the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Keren-Happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land were found no women *so* beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers.

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1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Job talks about his 7 sons and 3 daughters. They died in the calamity due to the wind. Later, Job got leprosy and his friends’ visit didn’t help either until Elihu came and reproved Job’s and his friends’ thoughts. God talked to Job and his friends after that. God blessed Job and restored his losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed, God gave twice as much as he had.

Job 42:10, 12 - <sup>10</sup>And the Lord restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>12</sup>Now the Lord blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.



Job 1:3 – <sup>3</sup>Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

When we compare verses 1:3 and 42:12, we see that God blessed twice as much as Job had in the beginning. Job 42:13 clearly state that Job **also** had 7 sons and 3 daughters. So though Job lost his previous 7 sons and 3 daughters, God blessed him again with another 7 sons and 3 daughters. So in total, Job had 14 sons and 6 daughters but the ones he lost in calamity were lost but other 7 sons and 3 daughters were alive. So the first daughter amongst the three was named Jemima. All the daughters of Job were very beautiful and they received inheritance from their father Job as their brothers had.

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