

Natzarim Yahshua Family Fellowship

Weekly Teen Torah

Parsha Vayigash "He Approached"

Genesis/B'reisheet 44:18-47:27

"If you love me, keep my commandments." Yeshua (John 14:15)

Training our youth to be sons and daughters of the commandments.

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

VAYIGASH (HE APPROACHED)

Judah pleaded with Joseph. He told Joseph about Jacob felt about letting Benjamin go with them to Egypt. Jacob was afraid to lose another son. Jacob missed Joseph and could not bear to lose Benjamin also. Joseph then made himself known to his brothers. He told his brothers not to be sad that they sold him into slavery because Yahweh had worked through the situation and sent Joseph before them to Egypt to preserve their lives. Joseph sent for his father. Joseph's family was to receive the best of the land of Egypt as a gift from Pharaoh. Jacob's sons did as Pharaoh commanded and as they left, Joseph said to them, "Do not quarrel on the way." When Jacob heard that Joseph was alive, he journeyed with all that he had toward Egypt. When they came to Beersheba, they offered sacrifices to Yahweh. Jacob had a vision in the night. In his vision, Yahweh told him to go to Egypt. His people would become a great nation there. Yahweh would go down with them to Egypt and also bring them up again. Altogether, Jacob brought 70 people [wives, sons, daughters, and grandchildren] to Egypt. When Jacob and Joseph were reunited in Goshen, they hugged and were happy. Jacob's family decided to settle in Goshen (just outside of Egypt) because they were shepherds. Shepherds were an abomination to the Egyptians. Pharaoh put some of the household of Jacob in charge of his own livestock. Jacob blessed Pharaoh. Then the famine became severe in Egypt. People began to give all their money, their livestock, their land, and their freedom in

exchange for food and seed. Everything became Pharaoh's and the people became servants from one end of Egypt to the other. Only the priests of Egypt had a fixed allowance that Pharaoh gave them so they didn't have to sell their land. All those who were servants were given seed to grow. They were to grow food and give a fifth to Pharaoh. Israel gained possessions in Egypt and were fruitful and multiplied greatly.



FORGIVE and FORGET: 101

Genesis/B'reisheet 5:3-5 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that Yahweh sent me ahead of you.



Joseph's brothers were unable to speak because they were so scared when they saw that the brother they treated so badly was now a ruler in Egypt. They needed food for their families and the only place to get it was from the brother they wronged! What a predicament! But, Joseph tells them not to worry or be afraid because it was Yahweh who sent Joseph ahead to Egypt so that their lives could be preserved. What an awesome attitude to have toward people who have hurt you. An important lesson to glean from this parsha is to forgive and forget. Look on the bright side when bad things happen. Joseph was sold into slavery, lied about, imprisoned, and eventually made ruler. He had endured some pretty awful situations but he always did so with an attitude of praise toward Yahweh and forgiveness toward those who wronged him. When bad things happen, remember to forgive quickly and praise Yahweh! Find something for which you can be thankful.

Stop and Study!



Psalm 27:1 "Yahweh is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?"

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your Elohim. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Psalm 27:4-5 "One thing I ask of Yahweh, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of Yahweh and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock."

Psalm 46:1 "Yahweh is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 34:7-9 "The angel of Yahweh encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that Yahweh is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Fear Yahweh, you His saints, for those who fear him lack nothing."

Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to Yahweh. And the peace of Yahweh, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Yashua Messiah."

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Don't be a WORRY WART!

Circle the things you worry about and then PRAY for help from Yahweh!

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School

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Health

Cleaning

Sports

Pets

Performances

Public Speaking

Parents

Family stuff

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Hebrew: emunah

English: faith

Hebrew: torah

English: instructions

Hebrew: shema

English: hear

Hebrew: parsha

English: portion

Hebrew: vayigash

English: he approached



TORAH CHALLENGE

True **False**

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		Answer the TRUE or FALSE questions from this week's parsha reading.
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		 Jacob was afraid to let Benjamin go to Egypt.
		2. Joseph wanted his brothers to feel badly about what they did to him .
		3. Joseph told his brothers that everything worked together for good in the end.
		4. Joseph reminded them not to quarrel on the way home.
		5. Jacob had to be forced to go back to Egypt.
		6. Yahweh told Jacob not to go to Egypt.
		7. 144 people traveled to Egypt with Jacob and his sons.
		8. Shepherds were an abomination to Egyptians.
		9. Pharaoh put Jacob's family in charge of their flocks.
		10. Jacob and his family decided to settle in Canaan.
		11. People sold themselves into servitude in exchange for seeds to grow.
		12. Pharaoh received a tenth of everyone's crops.

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HEBREW LANGUAGE

LEARN THE ALEF BET



Read the aleph-bet chart from right to left:

aleph, bet/vet, gimmel, dalet, hey
vav, tzion, chet, tet, yod
khaf/kaf, lamed, mem, nun, samech
ayin, pey/fey, tzadi, kof, resh
sheen/sin, tav

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DID YOU KNOW....

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