



Natzarim Yahshua Family Fellowship

Weekly Teen Torah

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

Parsha Vayechi
"He lived"
Genesis / B'reisheet
47:28-50:26

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

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

VAYECHI: "HE LIVED"

Israel (Yaakob/Jacob) lived in Mitsrayim (Egypt) for 17 years. He died at 147 years old. When the time of his death drew near, he called Yosef (Joseph) near and asked Yosef to bury him with his fathers. Joseph agrees. Joseph takes his two sons (Manasseh and Ephraim) to Israel's bedside. Jacob recounts his encounter with Yahweh. Jacob adopts Manasseh and Ephraim. He blesses them with crossed hands. Ephraim receives the blessing of the firstborn and Manasseh the blessing of the second born. He gave to them the mountain slope that was taken from the Amorites by the sword and bow. Jacob gathered his sons and told them what would happen in the days to come. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, and Benjamin were each addressed and blessed by their father. Then he commanded them to bury him in the field of Ephron the Hittite where Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Leah were buried. Jacob died when he finished commanding his sons. Joseph fell in his father's face, wept, and kissed him. Jacob was embalmed by the Egyptian physicians. The Egyptians wept for him for 70 days. Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh and asked that he be allowed to go and bury his father as he promised. He was granted permission to go. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, flocks, and herds were left in the land of Goshen. Chariots and horsemen went with him. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, they lamented there with a great and grievous lamentation, and he made a mourning for his father for seven days. When the Canaanites saw the mourning, they named the place Abel-mizraim (mourning, or meadow, of Egypt). Jacob's sons buried him as he commanded them. Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they feared that Joseph would repay them with evil for all that they did to him. They sent Joseph a message saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of Yahweh of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of Yahweh? As for you, you meant evil against me, but Yahweh meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. Joseph and his father's house remained in Egypt. Joseph lived for 110 years. He saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh were counted as his own. Joseph told his brothers he was about to die. He told them that Yahweh would bring visit them and bring them up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Joseph made the sons of Israel promise to carry his bones from there. So Joseph died, and them embalmed him. He was put into a coffin in Egypt.



STOP & STUDY

2Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Ecclesiastes 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Genesis 37:34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

2Kings 22:11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

Genesis 50:10 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which [is] beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

1Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Messiah Yashua our Master, I die daily.

Galatians 2:20 I am impaled with Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Messiah liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Psalms 34:18 Yahweh [is] nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of Elohim [are] a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, thou wilt not de-spise.

REND YOUR HEART: 101

In Genesis 50:10, Joseph is found mourning his father's death for seven days. **In Hebraic culture, this time is called shiva, which last for seven days from the time of burial.** That would be a period of intense mourning in which one might refrain from going to work, school or life's business. In the scriptures, you will find that many experiencing intense mourning often tore their clothing. **A friend of mine, who recently mourned the untimely death of her mother, pinned a torn piece of black cloth to her shirt to symbolize that she was in mourning.** In the scriptures, there are other times for mourning as well. **Mourning is the initial breakthrough that leads to repentance (turning from sin).** The king, in 2 Kings 22:11, heard the words of the book of the law and he tore his clothes, because of Israel's transgressions (1 John 3:4). However, with this kind of mourning, Joel 2:13 admonishes us, saying, **"And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Yahweh your Elohim: for He [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."** It's not enough to feel bad for the sin in your life, but to repent (stop doing what is wrong and start doing what is right). This kind of mourning is sometimes called being broken (Psalm 51:17). When a heart is hardened against someone, whether it be Yahweh, a parent, a sibling, or someone else, it takes a broken heart to start fixing the situation. **If your brokenness is acted on correctly, it can bring healing to your life and the lives of others.** **"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Corinthians 7:10).**

Side-note: The scriptures also talk about 30 days of mourning the death of a loved one, which is how long the Israelites mourned after Moses died (Deuteronomy 34:8).

check this out

HEB: JACOB
ENG: supplanter

HEB: ISRAEL
ENG: overcomes

HEB: JUDAH
ENG: praised

HEB: EPHRAIM
ENG: fruitful

Fill in the Blanks

B'reisheet 48:4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee _____, and _____ thee, and I will make of thee a _____ of people; and will give this land to thy _____ after thee for an _____ possession.

B'reisheet 49:1 And _____ called unto his _____, and said, _____ yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall _____ you in the _____ days.

B'reisheet 50:20 But as for you, ye thought _____ against me; but _____ meant it unto _____, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to _____ much people alive.

B'reisheet 50:26 So _____ died, being an _____ and _____ years old: and they _____ him, and he was put in a _____ in Egypt.

READ AND MATCH

- A. Joseph _____ you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.
- B. Naphtali _____ are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords.
- C. Levi & Simeon _____, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you.
- D. Benjamin _____ shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.
- E. Judah _____ is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds.
- F. Reuben _____ shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.
- G. Asher _____ Raiders shall raid [him] but he shall raid at their heels.
- H. Gad _____ food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies.
- I. Dan _____ is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns.
- J. Issachar _____ is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall.
- K. Zebulun _____ is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil.

questions & answers

- Israel asked Joseph not to bury him where? (B'reisheet 47:29)
- Who appeared to Jacob in Canaan? (B'reisheet 48:3)
- What were the names of Joseph's two sons? (B'reisheet 48:5)
- Joseph gave the youngest, Ephraim, the blessing of the first born saying his seed will what? (B'reisheet 48:19)
- Where did Israel want to be buried? (B'reisheet 49:29)
- Who else was buried there? (B'reisheet 49:31)
- After Israel died, what did Joseph command the physicians to do? (B'reisheet 50:2)
- How long did the Egyptians mourn for Israel? (B'reisheet 50:3)
- Who went and who stayed behind when going to bury Israel? (B'reisheet 50:8)
- How long did Joseph mourn for his father? (B'reisheet 50:10)
- What were Joseph's brothers afraid of when their father died? (B'reisheet 50:15)
- What did they have a messenger say to Joseph? (B'reisheet 50:16-17)

HEBREW LANGUAGE

DID YOU KNOW...

VAYECHI in Hebrew means "HE LIVED" and is written in Hebrew below.

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WRITE IT!

VAYECHI in Hebrew, It is spelled (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT): VAV . YOD . CHET . YOD

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ALEPH-BET REVIEW

א ב ג ד ה
ו ז ח ט י
כ ל מ נ ס
ע פ צ ק ר
ש ת

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

shin/sin, tav

