



VaYigash And (Judah) drew near.....12/23/23



Genesis 44:18-47:27

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Luke 6:12-16

Judah approaches Joseph to plead for the release of **Benjamin**, offering himself as a slave to the Egyptian ruler in Benjamin's stead. Upon witnessing his brothers' **loyalty** to one another, Joseph reveals his **identity** to them. "I am Joseph," he declares. "Is my father still alive?"

The brothers are overcome by shame and **remorse**, but Joseph comforts them. "It was not you who sent me here," he says to them, "but G-d. It has all been **ordained from Above** to save us, and the entire region, from famine."

The brothers rush back to Canaan with the news. **Jacob** comes to Egypt with his sons and their families—**seventy souls** in all—and is reunited with his beloved son after 22 years. On his way to Egypt he receives the divine promise: "**Fear not** to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation. I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again."

Joseph gathers the **wealth of Egypt** by selling food and seed during the famine. Pharaoh gives Jacob's family the fertile county of **Goshen** to settle, and the children of Israel prosper in their Egyptian **exile**.

Judah approaches Joseph and begs him to free Benjamin. He even offers himself as a slave—yes he offers to stay in Egypt as Joseph's slave instead of Benjamin!--as long as Benjamin is set free and allowed to return to his father's home in Canaan. At this point, when Joseph sees how much his brothers care about one another, he can no longer hold back his feelings. He sends all his servants and guards out of the room, and when he and his brothers are left alone he cries and says "I am Joseph, is my father still alive?"

The brothers are silent. They are shocked and terrified. Is this man, the second to most powerful man in all of Egypt, really their brother? And so Joseph begs them to come closer and repeats himself. "I am Joseph!" The brothers finally realize that it is true, this is their brother, but they are so ashamed at what they have done to him, that they sold him into slavery. But Joseph comforts them and makes them feel comfortable, telling them that it was G-d's will that he end up in Egypt so that he would become powerful and have a chance to save the entire family from the terrible famine which was still going on at that time. Joseph then sends his brothers home to tell Jacob that he is alive as well as to invite him to

come to Egypt where he will be able to live in peace. Pharaoh sends along carriages to help Jacob move.

When Jacob sees the wagons and hears the good news, he is overjoyed and stops the long 22 years of mourning for his beloved son Joseph. Jacob travels to Egypt together with his entire family, exactly 70 people (the 70th is born as they enter the city gates, the newborn is Jocheved, mother of Moses). On his way to Egypt G-d promises Jacob that He will make Jacob's children into a great nation, and that He will take them out of Egypt.

Joseph goes out to meet his father as he gets closer to Egypt and when they meet, Joseph hugs and kisses Jacob. They then go to meet Pharaoh who gives the land of Goshen to Jacob, which is where Jacob and his family will live throughout the next generations. Jacob blesses Pharaoh.

General Overview: In this week's Torah treading, *Vayigash*, Judah responds to Joseph's demand that Benjamin remain enslaved in Egypt, pleading to be taken as a substitute. Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers. At Joseph's request, Jacob and his family come down to Egypt.

First Aliyah Sunday 12/17/23.(Genesis 44:18 - 30): In the end of last week's Torah reading, Joseph demanded that Benjamin remain behind in Egypt as his slave. This week's reading opens with Judah approaching Joseph and appealed to him to allow Benjamin to return to his father Jacob in Canaan. He spoke of Jacob's reluctance to allow Benjamin – Rachel's only remaining child – to make the trip to Egypt, and the great love Jacob harbored for his youngest son.

Second Aliyah Monday 12/18/23 (Genesis 44:31 – 45:7): Judah continued: "When [Jacob] sees that the boy is gone, he will die." He explained to Joseph that he, Judah, had taken personal responsibility that Benjamin would return unharmed to Canaan. And as such, he asked to remain as a slave in stead of Benjamin. At that point, Joseph could not restrain himself any longer. He asked all the Egyptians present to leave the room, and he revealed his identity to his brothers: "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?!" He then reassured them, and asked them not to be upset about selling him into slavery: "For it was to preserve life that G-d sent me before you. For . . . another five years there will be neither plowing nor harvest, and G-d sent me before you to ensure your survival in the land..."

Third Aliyah Tuesday 12/19/23 (Genesis 45:8 - 27): Joseph directed his brothers to quickly return to Canaan and bring Jacob and their families back to Egypt, where Joseph promised to provide them with food until the famine ends. Joseph embraced his brothers and cried. Pharaoh was informed that Joseph's family had arrived, and he, too, instructed them to come to Egypt where he would give them the "best of the land." The brothers went to Canaan – laden with gifts from Pharaoh and Joseph – and informed Jacob that Joseph was alive, indeed he ruled over all of Egypt. "And the spirit of their father Jacob was revived."

Fourth Aliyah Wednesday 12/20/23 (Genesis 45:28 - 46:7): Jacob and his entire family left Canaan and headed to Egypt. En route they stopped in Beersheba, where G-d told Jacob not to fear going to Egypt, for it is there that he will be made into a great nation. Furthermore G-d told him: "I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up."

Fifth Aliyah Thursday 12/21/23 (Genesis 46:8- 27): This section names the seventy members of Jacob's family that went to Egypt.

Sixth Aliyah Friday 12/22/23 (Genesis 46:28- 47:10): Jacob arrived in Egypt, to the province of Goshen that Pharaoh had allotted his family. Joseph went there to greet his father. Joseph prepared his family for meeting Pharaoh, and instructed his brothers to tell Pharaoh that they are shepherds, who only wish to tend to their flocks in Goshen until the famine ends. Indeed the brothers followed this script, and Pharaoh acceded to their request. Jacob was then brought before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed him.

Seventh Aliyah Saturday 12/23/23 (Genesis 47:11- 27): While Joseph supplied his family with food, the rest of Egypt was in a desperate plight. First they expended all their money in exchange for food that Joseph sold them. Then their money ran out, and they paid for provisions with their cattle. Finally, when they had no money or chattel left, they sold their land and themselves to Pharaoh into servitude in exchange for provisions. Meanwhile, in the land of Goshen, Jacob's family prospered and multiplied exceedingly.



VaYigash Y (Judah)“se acerco”....12/23/23



Génesis 44:18-47:27

Ezequiel 37:15-28

Lucas 6:12-16

Judá se acerca a José para suplicar la liberación de **Benjamín**, ofreciéndose como esclavo al gobernante egipcio en lugar de Benjamín. Al presenciar **la lealtad** de sus hermanos entre sí, José les revela su **identidad**. “Yo soy José”, declara. “¿Mi padre sigue vivo?”

Los hermanos están abrumados por la vergüenza y el **remordimiento**, pero José los consuela. “No fuiste tú quien me envió aquí”, les dice, “sino Di-s. Todo ha sido **ordenado desde Arriba** para salvarnos a nosotros y a toda la región del hambre ”.

Los hermanos se apresuran a regresar a **Canaán** con la noticia. Jacob llega a Egipto con sus hijos y sus familias, **setenta almas** en total, y se reúne con su amado hijo después de 22 años. De camino a Egipto recibe la promesa divina: “**No temas** descender a Egipto; porque allí haré de ti una gran nación. Yo descenderé contigo a Egipto, y seguramente también te haré subir.

José reúne las **riquezas de Egipto** vendiendo alimentos y semillas durante la hambruna. El faraón le da a la familia de Jacob el fértil condado de **Gosén** para que se establezca, y los hijos de Israel prosperan en su **exilio** en Egipto.

Judá se acerca a José y le ruega que libere a Benjamín. Incluso se ofrece a sí mismo como esclavo —¡sí, ofrece quedarse en Egipto como esclavo de José en lugar de Benjamín! - siempre que Benjamín sea puesto en libertad y se le permita regresar a la casa de su padre en Canaán. En este punto, cuando José ve cuánto se preocupan sus hermanos el uno por el otro, ya no puede reprimir sus sentimientos. Envía a todos sus sirvientes y guardias fuera de la habitación, y cuando él y sus hermanos se quedan solos, llora y dice: “Yo soy José, ¿mi padre sigue vivo?”

Los hermanos guardan silencio. Están conmocionados y aterrorizados. ¿Es este hombre, el segundo más poderoso de todo Egipto, realmente su hermano? Y

entonces José les ruega que se acerquen y se repite. "¡Soy José!" Los hermanos finalmente se dan cuenta de que es verdad, este es su hermano, pero están tan avergonzados de lo que le han hecho, que lo vendieron como esclavo. Pero Joseph los consuela y los hace sentir cómodos, diciéndoles que era la voluntad de Di-s que él terminara en Egipto para que se hiciera poderoso y tuviera la oportunidad de salvar a toda la familia de la terrible hambruna que todavía estaba ocurriendo en ese momento. Luego, José envía a sus hermanos a casa para decirle a Jacob que está vivo y para invitarlo a venir a Egipto, donde podrá vivir en paz. Faraón envía carruajes para ayudar a Jacob a moverse.

Cuando Jacob ve los carros y escucha las buenas nuevas, se llena de alegría y detiene los largos 22 años de duelo por su amado hijo José. Jacob viaja a Egipto junto con toda su familia, exactamente 70 personas (el 70 nace al entrar por las puertas de la ciudad, el recién nacido es Jojeved, madre de Moisés). De camino a Egipto, Di-s le promete a Jacob que convertirá a los hijos de Jacob en una gran nación y que los sacará de Egipto.

José sale a encontrarse con su padre a medida que se acerca a Egipto y cuando se encuentran, José abraza y besa a Jacob. Luego van al encuentro de Faraón, quien le da la tierra de Gosén a Jacob, que es donde Jacob y su familia vivirán durante las próximas generaciones. Jacob bendice al faraón.

Descripción General: En el estudio de la Torá de esta semana, Vayigash, Judá responde a la demanda de José de que Benjamín permanezca esclavizado en Egipto, suplicando ser tomado como sustituto. José revela su identidad a sus hermanos. A pedido de José, Jacob y su familia bajaron a Egipto.

Primera Aliyah Domingo 12/17/23.(Génesis 44:18 - 30): Al final de la lectura de la Torá de la semana pasada, José exigió que Benjamín se quedara en Egipto como su esclavo. La lectura de esta semana comienza con Judá acercándose a José y le pidió que le permitiera a Benjamín regresar con su padre Jacob en Canaán. Habló de la renuencia de Jacob a permitir que Benjamín, el único hijo que quedaba de Raquel, hiciera el viaje a Egipto, y del gran amor que Jacob tenía por su hijo menor.

Segunda Aliyah Lunes 12/18/23 (Génesis 44:31 – 45:7): Judá continuó: "Cuando [Jacob] vea que el niño se ha ido, morirá". Le explicó a José que él, Judá, había asumido la responsabilidad personal de que Benjamín regresara ileso a Canaán. Y como tal, pidió permanecer como esclavo en lugar de Benjamín. En ese momento, Joseph no pudo contenerse más. Pidió a todos los

egipcios presentes que abandonaran la habitación y les reveló su identidad a sus hermanos: "¡Soy José! ¿Mi padre sigue vivo ?!" Luego los tranquilizó y les pidió que no se molestaran por venderlo como esclavo: "Porque fue para preservar la vida que Di-s me envió antes que ustedes. Porque ... otros cinco años no habrá ni arado ni cosecha, y Di-s me envió antes que tú para asegurar tu supervivencia en la tierra ... "

Tercera Aliyah Martes 12/19/23 (Génesis 45:8 - 27): José ordenó a sus hermanos que regresaran rápidamente a Canaán y trajeran a Jacob y a sus familias de regreso a Egipto, donde José prometió proporcionarles alimentos hasta que terminara el hambre. José abrazó a sus hermanos y lloró. El faraón fue informado de que la familia de José había llegado y él también les ordenó que fueran a Egipto, donde les daría "lo mejor de la tierra". Los hermanos fueron a Canaán, cargados con regalos de Faraón y José, e informaron a Jacob que José estaba vivo, de hecho, gobernaba todo Egipto. "Y el espíritu de su padre Jacob revivió".

Cuarta Aliyah Miércoles 12/20/23 (Génesis 45:28 – 46:7): Jacob y toda su familia dejaron Canaán y se dirigieron a Egipto. En el camino, se detuvieron en Beersheba, donde Di-s le dijo a Jacob que no temiera ir a Egipto, porque es allí donde se convertirá en una gran nación. Además, Di-s le dijo: "Bajaré contigo a Egipto, y también te haré subir".

Quinta Aliyah Jueves 12/21/23 (Génesis 46:8 – 27): Esta sección nombra a los setenta miembros de la familia de Jacob que fueron a Egipto.

Sexta Aliyah Viernes 12/22/23 (Génesis 46:28 – 47:10): Jacob llegó a Egipto, a la provincia de Gosén que Faraón había asignado a su familia. José fue allí para saludar a su padre. José preparó a su familia para encontrarse con el faraón e instruyó a sus hermanos para que le dijeran al faraón que son pastores, que solo desean cuidar de sus rebaños en Gosén hasta que termine el hambre. De hecho, los hermanos siguieron este guión y el faraón accedió a su solicitud. Entonces llevaron a Jacob ante el faraón, y Jacob lo bendijo.

Séptima Aliyah Sábado 12/23/23 (Génesis 47:11 - 27): Mientras José abastecía de comida a su familia, el resto de Egipto se encontraba en una situación desesperada. Primero gastaron todo su dinero a cambio de comida que José les vendió. Luego se les acabó el dinero y pagaron provisiones con su ganado. Finalmente, cuando no les quedaba dinero ni bienes muebles, vendieron su tierra y ellos mismos al faraón como servidumbre a cambio de provisiones. Mientras tanto, en la tierra de Gosén, la familia de Jacob prosperó y se multiplicó enormemente.



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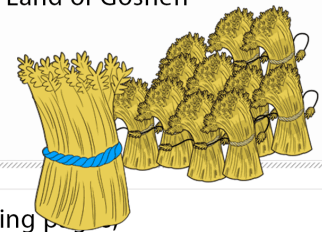
Read Genesis 44:18-47:27. Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

- ___ Which brother offered to be Joseph's servant?
- ___ What did Joseph say to his brothers when he told them who he was? (Gen 45:4-5)
- ___ Who made Joseph ruler over the land of Egypt?
- ___ What did Pharaoh say he would give Joseph's brothers?
- ___ What did Joseph give Benjamin for the journey back to Canaan?
- ___ What did Yahweh tell Jacob (Israel) on the journey to Egypt?
- ___ In which land did Joseph's family settle?
- ___ Why did Joseph's brothers tell Pharaoh they were shepherds?
- ___ What did Joseph give the Egyptians in exchange for their livestock?
- ___ At harvest time, what did Joseph tell the Egyptians to give Pharaoh?

Answers

1. Yahweh
2. 1/5 of their harvest
3. Judah
4. The best land in Egypt
5. So Pharaoh would let them live in the land of Goshen. The Egyptians did not want to associate with shepherds. (Genesis 46:34)
6. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."
7. Joseph's brothers were fearful
8. Three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes
9. Food
10. Land of Goshen



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Vagigash

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Read Genesis 44:18-47:27. Find and circle the words below.

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