

Midrash V'Yigash ("And He Drew Near") Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Judah Pleads with Joseph

Genesis 44:18-34

Why Judah?

Compare to the Judah of 22 years earlier

Genesis 37:26-28

Judah had now already lost 2 sons! That changed him.

"...since his (Jacob's) life is bound up with the lad's (Benjamin)."

Judah offers himself in place of Benjamin – for Jacob's sake

Can empathize with Jacob also facing the possibility of losing 2nd son

Compare to Jonathan & David

I Samuel 18:1&4

How old is Benjamin?? Doesn't say, but he has 10 sons!

Genesis 46:21

3 Stages of Repentance: Admit that you have sinned

Genesis 42:20-23

Confess your sin(s)

Genesis 44:16

Change your behavior

Genesis 44:33

Joseph Reveals His Identity

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph revealing himself to his brothers ⇒ Resurrection!

Compare to Yeshua's brothers at His Resurrection

John 20:19-20 & 25-27

A Picture of *Yom Kippur*: Joseph was alone with his brothers

Verse 1

Encountered his brothers face-to-face

Verse 3

They drew near

Verse 4

Reconciliation after repentance of sin

Verses 5-8

Day of Judgment

They departed with forgiveness

Goshen **גֹּשֶׁן** "Drawing Near" -- the Egyptian version of "**VaYigash**"

"He kissed all his brothers and wep over them..."

Compare to Zechariah 12:10

Joseph is reconciled to his brothers on the 3rd meeting.....

Hosea 6:1-2

When told that Joseph lives, Jacob fainted then was "revived"

Compare to Ezekiel 37:3-6 & 11-14

Jacob & Joseph Compared: Both began with their father being deceived

Both began with their brother(s) being treacherous

Both had a 20 year separation period from brother(s)

Joseph: 13 years + 7 years of prosperity

Both conclude with reconciliation

All the Brothers Return to Canaan

Genesis 45:16-28

The Favors upon Benjamin (who does he represent?):

Extra food at the banquet

Genesis 43:34

Extra Clothes & Silver when Joseph Reveals Himself

Genesis 45:22

Jacob (Natural): "*heart fainted, for he believed them not.*"

Israel (Spiritual): "*Joseph my son is alive!*"

This Royal commandment to come to Egypt fulfills prophecy...

Genesis 15:13

Jacob Goes to Egypt

Genesis 46:1-7

God spoke to Jacob at *Beer Sheba*: Do not fear going down to Egypt

Genesis 46:2-4

I will make you a great nation

I will be with you in Egypt

I will bring you back again

Joseph shall "put his hand upon your eyes" (at Jacob's death)

The Descendants of Jacob

Genesis 46:8 – 27

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Descendants</u>	<u>#</u>
15	Leah's Children & Grandchildren	33
18	<i>Zilpah's</i> Children & Grandchildren	16
22	Rachel's Children & Grandchildren	14
25	<i>Bilhah's</i> Children & Grandchildren	7
	Sub-Total	70
15	Dinah	+1
	Sub-Total	71
12	<i>Er & Onan</i> Died in Canaan	-2
20	Joseph & His Sons Already in Egypt	-3
26	Those who went <u>into</u> Egypt <u>with</u> Jacob	66
27	Jacob	+1
27	Joseph, Manasseh & Ephraim	+3
27	Jacob & His Descendants <u>in</u> Egypt	70

Compare this to the 70 Nations of the World

Genesis 10 & 11

70 or 75 Descendants?

Gen 46:27; Ex 1:5 & Acts 7:14

Masoretic Text says 70; *Septuagint* says 75 – Stephen quoted from LXX

Masoretic Text in 9th Century AD / LXX in 2nd Century BC

LXX adds sons & grandsons of Manasseh & Ephraim (not in Masoretic) to total 75

Jacob Reunites with Joseph

Genesis 46:28-34

"Now let me die, since I have seen your face."

Compare to Song of Simeon Luke 2:25-32

Joseph told them to tell Pharaoh that they raise livestock

Sheep are one of the gods of Egyptians, so Shepherds are an abomination

Jacob's Family Honored

Genesis 47:1-12

... but they told him they are shepherds

Genesis 47:3

Jacob is 130 years old here (2 years into the famine)

...and he described his life as a "pilgrimage"

... and we should view our lives as ambassadors from Heaven on Earth

We are citizens of Heaven ... with an Earthly Assignment

Philippians 3:20

Joseph and the Famine

Genesis 47:13-27

"Now there was no food in all the land..." (The Joseph Ministry)

Compare to Revelation 6:5-6

"...for the money had failed..."

Store up Food ... Not Dollars!

As the famine progressed, Joseph took all:

Their money (verse 14)

Their cattle & possessions (verse 16)

Themselves – they were slaves to Pharaoh (vv 18-19)

} Are we Willing to
Exchange Our Liberty
for Security???

All Egyptians were now slaves to Pharaoh except:

The Priests

Genesis 47:22

The Land of Goshen! (Israel)

Genesis 47:27

Israel was "set apart"!

Psalms 121:1-4

A picture of the End Times

Matt 24:7 & Rev 6:5-6

Egypt sold themselves to Pharaoh while Israel gained possessions

God's "Prosperity Gospel"

Deuteronomy 8:18

Haftarah:

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Judah & Joseph - Two Sticks Reunited!

Brit Chadashah:

Rev 13:11-18

The End Time Economy