

Vayigash (and he drew near) Torah Portion 11 Gen 44:18 - 47:27

Background: Simeon had been released from prison for the year that he had been held until the other ten brothers returned to buy food again. Jacob had agreed to allow Judah and his brothers to bring Benjamin to Egypt because the food they had bought the previous year had ran out. All eleven brothers of Joseph had bowed down to him, thus fulfilling Joseph's dream. They had ate with Joseph and the following day they left to return to their father Jacob with everyone in high spirits because Simeon was returning with them and Benjamin had been treated very well by the Egyptian ruler (Joseph). Jacob would be rejoicing to see them all returning safely. After they had left the city Joseph's men had pursued them and accused them of stealing Joseph's cup. All eleven sons of Jacob tore their clothes in mourning when the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. When they returned to the city Joseph told them that only the one who stole the cup would be his slave. Judah had vowed to his father Jacob that he would give his life for Benjamin and so he approached or **drew near** to Joseph to give himself in place of Benjamin. He did not know that he was talking to Joseph, he thought this Egyptian was determined to keep Benjamin as a slave. Judah was concerned that he would have to return to his father without Benjamin, and he knew it would kill his father. He was demonstrating that **you can't love Elohim/Father if you don't love your brother** (His children). Joseph had his cup placed in Benjamin's sack - Yeshua said at the Passover that He would drink the cup of redemption (third cup) but He would not drink the 4th cup of Praise until He drank it anew in the Kingdom. I and the Father are one. If you reject the son (Yeshua) you also reject the Father (יהוה). If you reject the Words of the Covenant (Old Testament) you reject the Son (Yeshua) -- The church believes you can love Jesus but reject the commandments of God. These very commandments were given by Yeshua on Mount Sinai and they are of the Father. Yeshua said I and the Father are one, they do not disagree about what we are required to do. You can't love one and reject the other. If you reject either you reject both. **Hide His Face:** Joseph hid his face from his brothers, Yeshua has hidden His face. We see that those who do what יהוה has commanded are not rewarded but are punished by the world system today. We must continue to do what is right and we will be rewarded after the judgment of the world. He will no longer hide His face and then blessings will be given for righteousness and curses will be given for sin and rebellion.

Vayigash (וַיִּגַּשׁ) = and he drew near

Events in this Torah portion:

- Judah approached Joseph to offer himself in place of Benjamin
- Joseph had everyone but himself and his brothers removed from the room
- Joseph wept and revealed himself to his brothers (no longer hid his face)
- Joseph said to tell his father "Joseph lives" and come to Egypt, you will be near me
- Pharaoh told Joseph to send wagons to get his family
- Joseph gave his brothers changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave 5 changes of clothing and 300 pieces of silver (Joseph had five different garments in the text)
- Joseph sent food for his father's journey
- Jacob didn't believe his sons at first but then he did
- Jacob traveled to Beersheba where he offered sacrifices

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- Elohim spoke to Jacob in night visions and told him not to fear but to go to Egypt
- Jacob traveled to Egypt with all his family
- The seventy of Jacob's family are listed
- Jacob sent Judah ahead to Joseph
- Joseph rode his chariot to meet his father and wept on his father's neck
- Joseph said he would go to Pharaoh and present some of his brothers saying they are shepherds which are abhorrent to Egyptians
- Joseph brought five of the least of his brothers before Pharaoh
- Then Joseph presented his father Jacob to Pharaoh
- Joseph settled his family in the region of Rameses
- The famine grew worse so that there was no bread in all the earth
- Joseph collected all the money and brought it into Pharaoh's palace
- Joseph gathered all the livestock for payment for grain for that year
- Joseph acquired the land for payment for grain for the next year and resettled the people into cities except for the priests who were fed by Pharaoh and did not sell their land
- Joseph gave the people seed to plant and set the tax at 1/5 of the harvest
- The people were glad to be serfs because they had been saved from death
- Israel settled in the land and acquired property and multiplied greatly

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Judah offers to become a slave in place of Benjamin

Genesis 44:18-34 Then Judah came near to him, and said, **If you please**, let your servant, I ask, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant: for you *are* even as Pharaoh. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother? 20 And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him. 21 And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. 22 And we said to my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. 23 And you said to your servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, you shall see my face no more. 24 And it came to pass when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said, Go again, *and* buy us a little food. 26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother is with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *is* with us. 27 And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bare me two *sons*: 28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: 29 And if you take this also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave. 30 Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad *is* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; 31 It shall come to pass, when he sees that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and your servants shall bring down the gray hair of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. 32 For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I do not bring him back to you, then I will have sinned to my father for all time. 33 Now therefore, I ask you, let your servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad *is* not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

If you please = (in the sense of asking), a request, used only adverbially, (always with “my Lord”); Oh that!; with leave, or if it please: -alas, O, oh (s# 994 **יב**) (bee)

If you please Gen 44:18 (יב), a lot of things had transpired since we first heard Judah speak these words to his father when he showed him the bloody coat of Joseph. Now Judah offers himself as a slave in place of Benjamin. He could not object to the punishment for the crime of stealing the cup, because it was obvious to all that it was found in Benjamin's sack. All he could do was to ask that he could **take the punishment** for Benjamin's crime. This is exactly what Yeshua did for us, only we really did do the crime.

Comment: Joseph had hid his face from his brothers for a years. They did not know that he was their brother Joseph. Joseph hid his face to find out if his brothers hated Benjamin as they had hated him. He put them in a difficult spot to see if they really were willing to give up their lives for Joseph's brother Benjamin. They could have allowed this ruler of Egypt (Joseph) to take Benjamin and they could return to their father and their families. But they had lived with the guilt of selling Joseph into slavery and saw the pain they had caused their father. They could not return to Jacob with Benjamin missing. This testing that they went through is a foreshadowing of what may happen in the near future when death will be seemingly everywhere as Islam invades other countries. Will we only look out for ourselves or will we help others. We will feel like Judah and his brothers did, that **יהוה** will seem to be hiding His face. This will be the time of our ultimate testing to show what is really inside us. Judah said: **I will have sinned to my**

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father for all time: This event is a foreshadowing of the final Judgment Judah's sin toward his father Jacob is likened to the final judgment that can not be changed since his father would have died. The Father יהוה will seem to be hiding His face as Joseph was doing.

Related Scripture: יהוה will Hide His Face

Deuteronomy 31:16-17 And יהוה said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up, and go whoring after other gods of the strangers of the land, where they go to be among them, and will forsake Me, and break My Covenant which I have made with them. Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will **HIDE MY FACE** from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, are not these evils come on us, because our Elohim is not among us?

Other Scriptures on hide My face **Deuteronomy 32:20, Psalms 13:1, Job 13:24, 34:29, 38:30**

Judah loved the Father but didn't recognize the Son

Comment: Many people don't understand why the Jewish people can't see that Messiah is "Jesus." The Jewish people are to a large part believers in יהוה the Father but can't be convinced that "Jesus" is the son of God. They have been told that Jesus did away with the "Law" and we are not required to keep any of those laws from the "Old Testament." Christians believe that if Jewish people would just read the "New Testament" it would be perfectly clear that God decided that all those laws were just too hard for us to keep, so He did away with them. Messiah Yeshua who they call Jesus never said that the law (Torah) would be done away with. He taught His disciples throughout His ministry a more complete understanding of how to keep the commandments of the Torah. Many Christians say that if you keep one commandment then you are required to keep all of them. If this were true that would mean that you would have to break all of the Ten Commandments on a regular time schedule, otherwise you would be keeping them. So you would have to murder someone every once in a while and commit adultery on some regular basis and take the Lord's name in vain etc. This doesn't seem to make sense because they would be living exactly as those who hate Yeshua. Back to the question about the blindness of Judah. If we look back when Jacob was returning to the land and Esau was coming against him, we can see that Jacob's plan of dividing his family into two groups is what יהוה the Father is doing with His people. Both groups have part of the truth and they will not be attacked at the same time. Judah has been under attack by many groups of people and countries. They are the most hated of all nations even though they are often the first to come to the aid of countries that have had earthquakes or any other major disaster. Hitler wanted to kill every Jew that was on the face of the earth but he failed. Judah has had it very hard over the past centuries however that may be coming to an end. Revelation 12 tells us that Judah (the woman that had the man child, Jesus/Yeshua) will be protected and out of harms way during the Great Tribulation for three and a half years. Messiah will be revealed to them when they go into the wilderness. But those who believe and follow Messiah (Jesus) will be left in the countries where they live. Some will survive and others will not. Those who are true to the end even if they are killed for their faith will be rewarded and will rule with Him for the thousand years.

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Related Scripture: Many Righteous will be killed

Revelations 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of Elohim, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should would be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

Related Scripture: The Righteous with white robes will rule with Messiah

Revelations 7:13-17 And one of the elders answered, me saying, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and where did they come from? 14 And I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sits on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of waters: and Elohim shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

You (Joseph) are like Pharaoh = You (Yeshua) are like Father יהוה

Stone Edition Chumash (page 251) Gen 44:22 **If he would leave his father he will die** -- It may have been believed that Rachel's children would all die on the road, since Rachel died on the road and it was believed that Joseph also died on the road seeking his brothers or on the way to Egypt.

Benjamin had ten children at this point in time

Stone Edition Chumash (page 251) (Genesis 44:23) **Joseph wanted Judah to prove he loved Benjamin.** This means he had no hatred without a cause. The Jewish Sages believe the reason the second Temple was destroyed was because the people had hatred without cause. They did not want the Ten Tribes to return because they had judged them to be beyond hope of forgiveness. This same type test will be given to all twelve tribes before Messiah will reveal His face.

You will not see my face again = If you don't bring your brother, your final judgment will be separation from יהוה forever

Youth & Father's soul bound up = Yeshua & Father have the same soul

Joseph and Benjamin = 1st and 2nd coming of Yeshua

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Joseph reveals himself

Genesis 45:1-4 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all of them that stood by him; and he **cried out weeping**, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 And Joseph said to his brothers, I *am* Joseph; does my father yet live? And his brothers could not answer him; for they were **troubled** at his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, Come near to me. And they came near. And he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, who you sold to Egypt.

Disconcerted (troubled) = tremble inwardly, be alarmed or agitated, hasten anxiously, afraid, dismayed, trouble (s#0926 **בהל**) (baw-hal')

Comment: Joseph could not restrain himself any longer so he said Remove everyone from before me. This meant those who were not of his family. **When Messiah reveals Himself** to His brothers (natural and grafted in) everyone who is not of the family will be removed from His presence.

Joseph cried in a **loud voice**. Egypt heard,

Yeshua cries with a **loud voice**, The world will hear.

Related Scripture: Yeshua will cry with a loud voice

I Thessalonians 4:16-17 For Elohim Himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump (Shofar) of Adonai: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet Yeshua in the air: and so shall we ever be with Yeshua.

The Hidden Truth of Joseph revealing himself to his brothers is that it is a foreshadowing of the future when the Tribulation comes and famine is over the whole earth. All those who claim to be following Messiah will be tested. We will be tried in many ways to see if we really are following Him. Those who say they are following Him but are not doing the things that He has commanded will be condemned. We must love our brother and not have hatred without cause. Our motives will be made evident not by how we answer questions but by what we do. We will be put into situations that cause the truth to be evident. This will be like when Solomon was confronted by the two women fighting over the one baby that was alive. The truth of who it really belonged to was obvious when he called for a sword to cut the baby in half. Our test will be like that. Joseph was hiding his face just like Yeshua is hiding his face right now. The righteous are being persecuted and the wicked are prospering. This will quickly reverse when Yeshua roars from Zion, when He is no longer hiding His face. When Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, All those who were not his brothers were taken away (sent out of the room) and the Scripture says "he cried in a **loud voice** and Egypt heard.

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Related Scripture: He will not judge by sight or by hearing

1 Kings 3:16-27 Then came two women, *that were* harlots, to the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except us two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she laid on it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to nurse my child, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I had born. 22 And the other woman said, No; but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* your son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* your son, and the living *is* my son. This they spoke before the king. 23 Then the king said, The one said, This *is* my son that lives, and your son *is* dead: and the other said, No; but your son *is* dead, and my son *is* living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword to the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spoke the woman whose the living child *was* to the king, for her heart yearned on her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no way slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours, *but divide it*. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no way slay it: she *is* the mother.

Related Scripture: He (Messiah) will not judge by sight or by hearing

Isaiah 11:1-4 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of יהוה shall rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of יהוה; 3 And shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of יהוה: and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: 4 But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked.

Don't be grieved, Elohim has done this

Genesis 45:5-8 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here: for Elohim sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years *has* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years, in the which *there shall* neither *be* bearing nor harvest. 7 And Elohim sent me before you to preserve a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me here, but Elohim: and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Grieved = to carve, that is, fabricate or fashion; worry, pain, or anger; displeasure, grieve, hurt, make, be sorry, vex, worship, wrest (s# 6087 עצב) (aw-tsab')

Momentous (great) = great, high long loud, mighty, noble (s#01419 גדול) (gaw-dole')

Deliverance = deliverance, escape (s#06413 פליטה) (pel-ay-taw')

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Comment: Joseph was known as a savior to the Egyptians for two years when he was unknown to his brothers.

Related Scripture: Messiah will come to restore us

Acts 3:19-23 Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of Elohim; and He shall send Yeshua, which before was preached to you: **Whom the heaven must receive (hold) until the Times of Restitution** of all things, which Elohim has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Messiah is restraining Himself until all who will, repent and then all things will be restored.

The Number four: Joseph like Jacob was in exile for twenty two (**22**) years. The return took place at the end of that period, or in Joseph's case his family came to him. This return is also related to the number four (4). The twenty second letter of the Hebrew alphabet is tav, it has the numerical value of **400**. We know that Messiah's first and second coming are related to this number.

The Number four and Messiah

1. He came the first time **4,000** years after creation
2. He was the **fourth** man in the fire in Daniel
3. He delayed coming to heal Lazarus so that He arrived on the **fourth** day
4. He said you will not see me again until you say **Baruk Haba Bashem יהוה** (4 words)

The regrets that we have in our lives from sin or broken relationships work on our hearts to conform us into the image of Messiah.

Symbolism of Judah & Israel (Ephraim) being reunited: Many of the Rabbi's for hundreds of years have believed that this passage was alluding to the future reuniting of the whole house of Israel. When the **TEN TRIBES** would return as it says in Ezekiel.

Related Scripture: The ten Tribes return

Ezekiel 37:15-19 The word of **יהוה** came again to me, saying, Moreover, you son of man, take one stick and write on it, For **Judah**, and for the children of Israel and his companions: then take another stick, and write on it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of **Israel** his companions: And join them one to another into one stick: and they shall become one in your hand. And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, will you not show us what you mean by these? Say to them, This says Adonai **יהוה**; Behold, I will take the **stick of Joseph**, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the **stick of Judah**, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

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Related Scripture: Judah will walk with Israel

Jeremiah 3:18 In those days the **house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel**, and they shall come together out of the **NORTH** (north and hidden are spelled the same in Hebrew) to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers.

1st time: The words **I am Joseph**. Is my father still alive

2nd Time: **I am Joseph your brother** (The second occurrence may indicate a future event when Messiah returns and reveals Himself to His brothers)

Stone Edition Chumash (page 253) **Chafetz Chaim** said - When Joseph said "**I am Joseph**," God's master plan became clear to the brothers. They had no more questions. Everything that had happened for the last twenty two years fell into perspective. So too, will it be in the time to come when God will reveal Himself and announce, "**I am Hashem!**" The veil will be lifted from our eyes and we will comprehend everything that transpired throughout history.

Related Scripture: When they see Him they will mourn

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for His only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for His firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo. (Where King Johoshaphat died.)

Tell my father I am alive

Genesis 45:9-13 Hurry, and go up to my father, and say to him, This says your son Joseph, Elohim has made me lord of all Egypt: come down to me, do not tarry: 10 And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you, and your children, and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have: 11 And there will I nourish you; for yet *there are* five years of famine; lest you, and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty. 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. 13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring down my father here.

Stone Edition Chumash (page 254) Joseph wanted them to live in Goshen to keep them away from the evil of the large cities. They were shepherds which the Egyptians hated because one of their gods was Amon - sheep god. Adult Egyptian men were not allowed to touch a lamb. This is what Israel would kill and place the blood on their door posts and lentils on the first Passover.

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Joseph was unknown to his brothers for two years of the famine

There will be two years (2000 years) that those who say they love Yeshua will not truly know Him, or what He requires of them.

Related Scripture: Timing of the future return of Messiah

Hosea 6:1-2 Come, and let us return to **יהוה**: for **He has torn, (divided Israel from Judah)** and **He will heal us, (reunite Judah with Israel)** He has smitten, and He will bind us up. After **TWO days (2,000 years)** He will revive us: in the **THIRD day (beginning at the end of 2,000 years or 6,000 years after creation)** He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

Notice: The pronoun **He** is used six times and last the possessive pronoun **His** is used. This may be a hint of six thousand years of human history and then the thousand year reign of Messiah when we will be His.

After 2,000 years He will revive us... the next 1,000 years we will live in His site (you will be near Me). This points to the two thousand years that have past since His death and His thousand year reign.

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- A) Genesis 45:1a—**Joseph told the Egyptians to leave the room**
- B) Genesis 45:1b—**Joseph was revealed to his brothers**
- C) Genesis 45:2—**Joseph wept**
- D) Genesis 45:3a—**Joseph asked about his father**
- E) Genesis 45:3b—**Brothers couldn't believe it was Joseph**
- F) Genesis 45:4a—**Joseph asked brothers to come close**
- G) Genesis 45:4b—**"I am Joseph your brother"**
 - H) Genesis 45:4c-5a—**Joseph said his brothers sold him to Egypt**
 - I) Genesis 45:5b—**Joseph was sent ahead to be a provider for them**
 - J) Genesis 45:6—**Two years of hunger have past; Five more to go.**
 - Il) Genesis 45:7—**Joseph was sent ahead for a great deliverance of his family**
 - H1) Genesis 45:8a—**Joseph said the Holy One sent him there**
- G1) Genesis 45:8b—**Joseph was master over Pharaoh's household**
- F1) Genesis 45:9-11—**Joseph requested that his father be brought close**
- E1) Genesis 45:12—**Joseph tried to convince them that he was Joseph**
- D1) Genesis 45:13—**Joseph sent a message to his father**
- C1) Genesis 45:14-15—**Joseph wept**
- B1) **Genesis 45:16—Joseph's brothers were revealed to Pharaoh**
- A1) Genesis 45:17—**Pharaoh told Joseph's brothers to leave Egypt (simply to return with their belongings)**

Joseph weeps over his brothers

Genesis 45:14-15 And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept on his neck. 15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers, and wept on them: and after that his brothers talked with him.

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Pharaoh invites Joseph's family to come to Egypt

Genesis 45:16-20 And the fame of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say to your brothers, This do; load your beasts, and go, to the land of Canaan; 18 And take your father and your households, and come to me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now you are commanded, this do you; take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also do not regard your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

Joseph gave them Egyptian wagons & gifts

Genesis 45:21-24 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. 22 To all of them he gave each man changes of **garments**; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of garments. 23 And to his father he sent after this *manner*; ten donkeys laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she donkeys laden with grain and bread and meat for his father by the way. 24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said to them, See that you don't **Argue** by the way.

Garments = Idea of a *cover* assuming the shape of the object beneath); a *dress*, especially a *mantle*: - apparel, cloth (-se, -ding), garment, raiment(s# 8071 שְׂמֵלָה) (shim-law')

Argue = to quiver, be afraid, fret, provoke, rage, trouble, be angry (s#07782 רָגַז) (raw-gaze')

Schottenstein Interlinear Chumash (page 281) To all of them he gave... but to Benjamin he gave. To each of the ten brothers he gave two sets of clothing (bin Ezra) so that they would be dressed in an elegance befitting their position as brothers of the viceroy (Re' Avraham ben Rambam), and to replace the garments they had torn in grief[44:13] (R'Tam). But to Benjamin, he gave more lavishly. Such largess to his only full brother was understandable and probably would not have aroused jealousy on the part of others. The Talmud (Megillah 16b), however, questions how Joseph, the victim of jealousy, could have done such a thing. It explains that Joseph's gifts were meant to allude to the future success of Benjamin's descendant Mordecai, who would emerge from King Ahasuerus's presence attired in five royal garments (see Esther 8:15). This episode, therefore, is yet another instance of events in the lives of the patriarchal family alluding to future Jewish history.

Comment: We see that all the brothers were given two changes of clothing. Benjamin was given five changes of clothing and 300 pieces of silver. We learned in Torah portion Mikketz that Joseph foreshadows the 1st coming of Messiah, the suffering servant, and Benjamin foreshadows the return of Messiah in the end of days. The fact that he is given **five** changes of clothing could point to the grace that will be given at that time. The number 300 or 3 points to the redemption. Remember that the animals that Abram offered were three years old when the Smoking Furnace

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and the Burning Lamp passed between the pieces. We also know from that Benjamin was given five changes of clothes, this is the same number of different clothes that Joseph had worn in all these Torah portions. This links Benjamin to Joseph as a type of Messianic figure.

Related Scripture: The Covenant is made with three, three year old animals

Genesis 15:8-14 And he said, Adonai יהוה, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And He said to him, Take me an heifer of **three** years old, and a she goat of **three** years old, and a ram of **three** years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. 10 And he took to Him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds he did not divide. 11 And when the fowls came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram; and, behold, an horror of great darkness fell on him. 13 And he said to Abram, Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, I will judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Joseph wore five sets of clothes:

Prince -- Slave -- Prisoner -- Adviser -- Ruler

Benjamin is given 5 garment like Joseph

Joseph is still alive --Jacob could not believe them. **Physical proof** had to be given before Jacob could believe. He was shown the Egyptian wagons Joseph had sent.

Jacob is told Joseph is alive

Genesis 46:25-28 And they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father, 26 And told him, saying, **Joseph is yet alive**, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for **he did not believe them**. 27 And they told him all Joseph's words, which he had said to them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28 And Israel said, *It is* enough; Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Related Scripture: Messiah's disciples were shown physical proof

Luke 24:40-42 And when He had spoken, **He showed them His hands and feet**. And while they yet **believed not for Joy**, and wondered, He said to them, Have you here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. (*then they believed*)

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Jacob & family travel to Beersheba

Genesis 46:1-4 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to Elohim of his father Isaac. 2 And Elohim spoke to Israel in the **visions** of the **night**, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I. 3 And he said, I *am* Elohim, the Elohim of your father: fear not to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation: 4 I will go down with you to Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes.

Visions = a vision, a mirror, looking glass (s#04759 מראה) (mar-aw')

Night = a twist away of the light, night, fig. adversity (s#03915 לילה) (lah'-yil)

Comment: Jacob offered sacrifices to the Elohim of Isaac - The 400 years of alien status began when Isaac was born, but Isaac never had to go into exile. He was treated as an alien in the land by the Philistines. Isaac died about the same time Joseph came to power. Isaac also was a type of Messiah (son of promise who was offered up). Elohim spoke to Jacob by NIGHT VISIONS - This is the only place in the Torah where a vision is described as a night vision. This is showing that the Israelites will suffer during the final years of the 400 years of sojourning. 189 years of the 400 have past. 180 years of Isaac's life + 7 years of plenty + 2 years of famine = 189

Jacob, Jacob - Jacob is called twice, this alludes to a future calling in our time? He was called the first time at the exodus from Egypt. He (we) will be called the second time from all the nations of the earth for the future exodus, when we go back to the land of Israel.

Stone Edition Chumash (page 258) God promised him that Joseph would place his hands on your eyes, an idiomatic expression referring to closing the eyes of one who dies (*ibn Ezra*) Thus, God assured Jacob that Joseph would outlive him, relieving him of the fear he had had that Joseph would die in Jacob's lifetime (Or HaChaim).

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Jacob's household travels on to Egypt

Genesis 46:5-7 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came to Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him to Egypt.

Bring you up ...Egypt is about the same elevation as Israel, bring you up could be a reference to the taking up in the second exodus although travel **to** Israel is always spoken of as **up since it is spiritually higher**.

Genesis 46:15 The Torah says Leah had **33** sons and daughters but only **32** are listed.

None of the son's wives are listed because they are not of Jacob's seed.

Messiah said He would bring them up. I believe that the 33rd person that was supposed to be the number of the descendants of Leah was Messiah. Judah was the fourth son of Leah and Yeshua was from Judah. This is a veiled hint of the coming of Messiah.

Genesis 46:4 I will descend with you to Egypt - the **70th** person, was Yeshua

The descendants of Leah travel to Egypt

Genesis 46:8-12 And these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which came to Egypt, **Jacob** and his sons: **Reuben**, Jacob's firstborn. 9 And the sons of Reuben; **Hanoch**, and **Phallu**, and **Hezron**, and **Carmi**. 10 And the sons of **Simeon**; **Jemuel**, and **Jamin**, and **Ohad**, and **Jachin**, and **Zohar**, and **Shaul** the son of a Canaanitish woman. 11 And the sons of **Levi**; **Gershon**, **Kohath**, and **Merari**. 12 And the sons of **Judah**; **Er**, and **Onan**, and **Shelah**, and **Pharez**, and **Zerah**: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of **Pharez** were **Hezron** and **Hamul**. 13 And the sons of **Issachar**; **Tola**, and **Phuvah**, and **Job**, and **Shimron**. 14 And the sons of **Zebulun**; **Sered**, and **Elon**, and **Jahleel**. 15 These *are* the sons of **Leah**, which she bare to Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter **Dinah**: all the souls of his sons and his daughters *were* **thirty and three**.

Jacob = heal holder or supplanter(**יעקב** s#03290) (yah-ak-obe')

Leah = weary (s# 3812 kind eyes not weak **לאה**) (lay -aw')

Reuben = Behold a son (s# 7205 **וראובן**) (reh-oo-bane')

Hanoch = Dedicated (s# 2585 **חנא**) (khan-oke')

Phallu = Distinguished (s# 6396 **פלוא**) (pal-loo')

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- Hezron** = Surrounded by a wall (s# 2696 חצרון) (khets-rone')
- Carmi** = My Vineyard (s# 3756 כרמי) (kar-mee')
- Simeon** = Heard (s# 8095 שמעון) (shim-one')
- Jemuel** = Day of El (s# 3223 ימואל) (yem-oo-ale')
- Jamin** = Right Hand (s# 3226 ימין) (yaw-meen')
- Ohad** = Dedicated (s# 161 אהד) (o'-had)
- Jachin** = United (s# 3199 יכין) (yaw-keen')
- Zohar** = Tawny (s# 6714 צחר) (tso'-khar)
- Shaul** = Desired (s# 7586 שאול) (shaw-ool')
- Levi** = Joined to (s# 3878 לוי) (lay-vee')
- Gershon** = Exile (s# 1648 גרשון) (gay-resh-one')
- Kohath** = Assemble (s# 6955 קהת) (keh-hawth')
- Merari** = Bitter (s# 4847 מררי) (mer-aw-ree')
- Judah** = Praised (s# 3063 יהודה) (yeh-hoo-daw')
- Er** = awake (s# 6147 ער) (these letters in reverse spell evil) (ayr)
- Onan** = strong (s# 209 אונן) (o-nawn')
- Shelah** = a petition (s# 7956 שלה) (shay-law')
- Pharez** = Breach, breaking forth (s# 6557 פרץ) ()
- Hezron** = Surrounded by a wall (s# 2696 חצרון) (khets-rone')
- Hamul** = Spared (s# 2538 חמול) (khaw-mool')
- Zarah** = rising (s# 2226 זרח) (Zeh-Rakh) (zeh'-rakh)
- Issachar** = There is no recompense (s# 3485 יששכר) (yis-saw-kawr')
- Tola** = Worm (s# 8439 תולע) (to-law')
- Phuvah** = Splendid (s# 6312 פואה) (poo-aw')
- Job** = Persecuted (s# 3102 יוב) (yobe)
- Shimron** = Watch-Height (s# 8110 שמרון) (shim-rone')
- Zebulun** = Exalted (s# 2074 זבולון) (zeb-oo-loom')
- Sered** = Fear (s# 5624 סרד) (seh'-red)
- Elon** = Terebinth, Mighty (s# 356 אחלאל) (ay-lone')
- Jahleel** = El waits (s# 3177 יחלאל) (yakh-leh-ale')
- Dinah** = Judgment (s# 1783 דינה) (dee-naw')

Comment: We are told that the descendants of Jacob through Leah total thirty three. However there are thirty two sons of Jacob through Leah. Remember that Er and Onan died in the land and did not come to Egypt. So this lists thirty two sons of Jacob that came through Leah. That means that there is one son of Jacob that is not listed. We have another future/present son of

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Jacob that says that He will come to Egypt with them. This son is listed before the sons names that were given. He tells us in chapter 46:4 that He will go with Jacob.

Related Scripture: Messiah said He would go to Egypt with Jacob

Genesis 46:4 I will go down with you to Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up *again*: and Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes.

Stone Edition Chumash (page 258) It appears that Simeon was the only son that married a Canaanite woman. His sons name of the Canaanite woman was Shaul. But according to the predominant Rabbinic view, however, this term refers to Dinah, who is called a Canaanite woman because she had been ravished by the Canaanite Shechem. When her brothers killed Shechem, Dinah refused to accompany them until Simeon agreed to marry her (Rashi; Midrash), and before the Torah was given, it was permitted to marry a sister (Matanos Kehunah). Generally speaking the families of Patriarchs observed the Torah before it was given, but under exceptional circumstances - such as the need to show compassion to Dinah- they permitted themselves to observe the prevailing Halachah.

Comment: Dinah may have only lived under Simeon's protection but not had relations with him. This would seem like the most logical explanation.

The descendants of Zilpah travel to Egypt

Genesis 46:16-18 And the sons of **Gad**; **Ziphion**, and **Haggi**, **Shuni**, and **Ezbon**, **Eri**, and **Arodi**, and **Areli**. 17 And the sons of **Asher**; **Jimnah**, and **Ishuah**, and **Isui**, and **Beriah**, and **Serah** their sister: and the sons of Beriah; **Heber**, and **Malchiel**. 18 These *are* the sons of **Zilpah**, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare to Jacob, *even* sixteen souls.

Gad = Troop (s# 1410 גַּד) (gawd)

Ziphion = Lookout (s# 6837 צַפִּיּוֹן) (tsif-yone')

Haggi = Festive (s# 2291 חַגִּי) (khag-ghee')

Shuni = Fortunate (s# 7764 שׁוֹנִי) (shoo-nee')

Ezbon = Hasting to Discern, I will be enlargement (s# 675 אֶצְבוֹן) (ets-bone')

Eri = Watchful (s# 6179 עֵרִי) (ay-ree')

Arodi = I shall subdue, I shall roam (s# 722 אֲרֹדִי) (ar-o-dee')

Areli = Lion of El (s# 692 אֲרֵאֵלִי) (ar-ay-lee')

Asher = Happy (s# 836 אֲשֵׁר) (aw-share')

Jimnah = Right Hand (s# 3232 יַמִּנָּה) (yim-naw')

Ishuah = He will resemble (s# 3438 יִשׁוּאָה) (yish-vaw')

Ishvi = He resembles me (s# 3440 יִשְׁוִי) (yish-vee')

Beriah = with a friend (s# 1283 בְּרִיעָה) (ber-ee'-aw)

Heber = Comrade (s# 2268 חֵבֶר) (kheh'-ber)

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Malchiel = My King is El (s# 4439 מלכיאַל) (mal-kee-ale')

Zilpah = A Trickling (s# 2153 זלפּה) (zil-paw)

Serah = The Prince breathed (s# 8294 שרַח) (seh'-rakh)

The descendants Rachel travel to Egypt

Genesis 46:19-22 The sons of **Rachel** Jacob's wife; **Joseph**, and **Benjamin**. 20 And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born **Manasseh** and **Ephraim**, which **Asenath** the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare to him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin were **Belah**, and **Becher**, and **Ashbel**, **Gera**, and **Naaman**, **Ehi**, and **Rosh**, **Muppim**, and **Huppim**, and **Ard**. 22 These *are* the sons of **Rachel**, which were born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen.

Rachel = Ewe (Lamb) (s# 7354 רַחֵל) (raw-khale') comes from word meaning to journey)

Joseph = another son (will do again) (s# 3130 יוֹסֵף) (yo-safe')

Manasseh = causing to forget (s# 4519 מְנַשֶּׁה) (men-ash-sheh')

Elohim has made me forget all my hardship and all my father's household

Ephraim = I shall be doubly fruitful (s# 669 אֶפְרַיִם) (ef-rah'-yim)

Elohim has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering

Benjamin = Son of my right hand (s# 1144 בְּנִימִן) (bin-yaw-mene')

Belah = Destruction (s# 1106 בִּלְעַל) (beh'-lah)

Becher = Young Camel (s# 1071 בֶּכֶר) (beh'-ker)

Ashbel = A man of El/Baal, I will make a path (s# 788 אֲשֵׁבֶל) (ash-bale')

Gera = A Grain (s# 1617 גֵּרָא) (gay-raw')

Naaman = Pleasantness (s# 5283 נֶעֱמָן) (nah-am-awn')

Ehi = My Brother (s# 278 אַחִי) (ay-khee')

Rosh = Head (s# 7220 רֹאשׁ) (roshe)

Muppim = Serpent (s# 4649 מִפִּים) (moop-peem')

Huppim = Protected (s# 2650 חֻפִּים) (khood-peem')

Ard = I shall subdue (s# 714 אֲרָד) (ard)

Asenath = she who is devoted to isis (easter, queen of heaven whose son was Tammuz , Ezekiel 8:14.) (s# 621 אֲסֵנַת) (aw-se-nath')

Comment: We can see that Jacob got Benjamin several wives to insure that a descendant of Rachel would survive. When Joseph was believed to be dead, Jacob may have reacted to this situation by getting wives for Benjamin to insuring a descendant of Rachel would continue in the family lineage.

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The descendants Bilhah travel to Egypt

Genesis 46:23-27 And the sons of **Dan**; **Hushim**. 24 And the sons of **Naphtali**; **Jahzeel**, and **Guni**, and **Jezer**, and **Shillem**. 25 These *are* the sons of **Bilhah**, which Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bare these to Jacob: all the souls *were* seven. 26 All the souls that came with Jacob to Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* sixty six; 27 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came to Egypt, *were* seventy.

Dan = A Judge (s# 1835 דן) (dawn)

Hushim = Who makes haste (s# 2366 חושים) (khoo-sheem')

Naphtali = Wrestling (s# 5321 נפתלי) (naf-taw-lee')

Jahzeel = El divides (s# 3183 יחצאל) (yakh-tseh-ale')

Guni = My Defender (s# 1476 גוני) (goo-nee')

Jezer = Forming (s# 3337 יצר) (yay'-tser)

Shillem = Repaid (s# 8006 שלם) (shil-lame')

Bilhah = Troubled (s# 1090 בלהה) (bil-haw')

Zaphenath-paneah = He who explains what is hidden (Rashi & Rashbam) The Zohar comments that the new name made it possible for Joseph's brothers to see him without knowing his identify when they came to Egypt.(s#06847 צפנת פענח)

Comment: The names of Leah and the maidservants are listed after their sons are listed. But Rachel is listed before the names of her sons. Only Rachel is listed as Jacob's **wife**.

Sons of Leah are listed then Leah is listed
Sons of Zilpah are listed then Zilpah is listed
Rachel is listed then her sons are listed
Sons of Bilhah are listed then Bilhah is listed

Judah is sent ahead to meet Joseph

Genesis 46:28-30 And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct his face to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. 29 And Joseph **made ready** his **chariot**, and went up to meet Israel his father, to **Goshen**, and presented himself to him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you *are* yet alive.

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Harnessed (made ready) = hitch, to fasten, to join battle, harness, make ready, prepare, put in bonds (s#0631 אָסַר) (aw-sar')

Chariot = a chariot (s#04818 מַרְכָּבָה) (mer-kaw-baw')

Goshen = Where Israel lived in Egypt (s#01657 גֹּשֶׁן) (go'-shen)

Stone Edition Chumash (page 262) **Ramban said** - "It is well known whose tears are more present, the aged parent who finds his long-lost son alive after having despaired and mourned for him, or the young son who rules."

Stone Edition Chumash (page 254) **Judah always goes first** Jacob sent Judah ahead to prepare for their arrival. Joseph may have picked Goshen to keep his family away from idol worship and other bad things that go on in a pagan land. **Goshen** is in the northern part of Egypt. **Galilee** is in the northern part of Israel. Both are the most fertile lands in each country.

Joseph tells his brothers how to answer Pharaoh

Genesis 46:31-34 And Joseph said to his brothers, and to his father's house, I will go up, and show Pharaoh, and say to him, My brothers, and my father's house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, have come to me; 32 And the men *are* shepherds, for their trade has been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation? 34 That you shall say, Your servants' trade has been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, *and* also our fathers: that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination to the Egyptians.

Comment: say your servants have been cattlemen from our youth till now. All shepherds are abhorrent to Egyptians. Egyptians worshiped (god amon) lambs and other animals. Egyptian men were not allowed to touch a lamb. This was what would be killed and it's blood was put on the door 210 years later at the first Passover. Joseph may have been telling his brothers to say they were associated with cattle, but don't mention that you are also shepherds, since that is considered evil since they worship sheep.

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Joseph presents some of his brothers to Pharaoh

Genesis 47:1-6 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen. 2 And he took **some** of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said to his brothers, What *is* your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers. 4 They said moreover to Pharaoh, For to **sojourn** in the land we have come; for your servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the *famine is* great in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we ask you to let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen. 5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come to you: 6 The land of Egypt *is* before you; in the best of the land make your father and brothers to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if you know *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

Least (some) = an extremity, edge, outmost coast, least (s#07097 קצה) (kaw-tesh')

Sojourn = to turn aside from the road for lodging or any other purpose, to shrink in fear as in a strange place, to gather for hostility as in fear, abide, be afraid, dwell, fear, inhabitant, stand in awe, be a stranger (s#01481 גור) (goor)

Comment: Joseph took **five** of the **LEAST** of his brothers to meet Pharaoh. He did not want his family to be employed by Pharaoh, because it would cause them to live in the corruption of Egyptian society and provide an avenue for corrupt lifestyles to become part of their culture. Joseph's brothers said we have come to **SOJOURN** in the land. Jacob and his family Sojourned all their lives. Jacob never owned any land except for the land he bought near Shechem. He had to leave there when Simeon and Levi killed all the men.

Joseph later gave them land so they are not sojourning for fifteen years Genesis 47:11 This means that the 400 year prophecy given to Abraham that started when his first descendant (acceptable to **יהוה**) was born, Isaac, would be extended another fifteen years. The prophecy was given fifteen years before Isaac was born. This made the total time from the time the prophecy was given until the Nation of Israel left Egypt at Passover was 430 years.

Joseph presents Jacob to Pharaoh

Genesis 47:7-10 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and **stood** him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob, How old *are* you? 9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. 10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

Stood = take ones stand (s#05975 עמד) (aw-mad')

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Stone Edition Chumash (page 263) Joseph presented (lit. stood) Jacob to Pharaoh. The word **STOOD** is spelled defectively with a vaw (ו) missing after the mem (מ) (ויעמדו). The root word is (s#05975 עמד) It should be spelled (ויעמידו). It is said that Jacob was old and unable to stand without Joseph's hand (ו) to help him. Jacob lived another seventeen (17) years.

Comment: Pharaoh asked Jacob how many are the **DAYS OF THE YEARS** of your life. This phrase is said three times in two verses. This is relating days to years, just as Genesis 1:1 relates a day to 1,000 years. Jacob said the days of the years of my sojourns have been a hundred and thirty years. Few and bad have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not reached the life span of my forefathers in the day of their sojourns. **Jacob** was **130** years old at that time. **Moses** would be born **130** years from then.

Joseph gave his family land near Rameses

Genesis 47:11-12 And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household, with **grain**, according to *their* families.

Grain = food, bread or grain, loaf, meat, victuals (s# 3899 עמז) (lekh'em)

Comment: Joseph **gave** his family the **land** where they lived in Goshen and supplied their food so they did not have to loose their land or their live stock, nor become slaves to Pharaoh as all the other people did except the priests.

Joseph taxed all the money for grain

Genesis 47:13-14 And *there was* no grain in all the land; for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought: and Joseph brought the money to Pharaoh's house.

Comment: The documentary film "**Patterns of Evidence**" shows that Egypt at the time of the famine was ruled by over a dozen rulers that were scattered through out the land mostly near to the Nile river. These rulers were nearly as powerful as Pharaoh before the time of the drought. However when the lean years began only Joseph had stored grain enough to feed all of Egypt and other countries, so everyone had to go to Joseph to buy grain. The rulers other than Pharaoh did not have the wealth brought to them and they became subservient to Pharaoh. Joseph also had a great building project to build a large lake that could be filled from the Nile river. This lake still exists in Egypt today and it is called "Joseph's Lake."

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Joseph taxed all their animals for grain

Genesis 47:15-17 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in your presence? for the money fails. 16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. 17 And they brought their cattle to Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

Comment: You might ask, why didn't the people eat the animals instead of trading them for grain? Humans can not exist on meat alone. A person can not live more than about three months on meat alone. Some prisons in South America would kill prisoners by feeding them only meat. Their families would be told that they got sick and died, but the truth was that they were not given vegetables or bread and died for lack of proper food.

Joseph exchanged their land for grain

Genesis 47:18-22 When that year was ended, they came to him the second year, and said to him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also has our herds of cattle; there is not anything left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 19 Therefore shall we die before your eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for grain, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land is not desolate. 20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end. 22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them: Therefore they did not sell their lands.

Joseph taxed the people 20% of their grain

Genesis 47:23-26 Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh:, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that you shall give the fifth *part* to Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. 25 And they said, You have saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's serfs. 26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; except the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

Serf = servants, slaves(s#03117 עֶבֶד) (eh-bed)

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Comment: We as Americans would like to go back to a 20% tax. We pay Federal, state, county, and city taxes. We also pay inheritance tax often called death tax, tax on gasoline. Some states have toll roads, and we pay sales tax and fishing and hunting licenses even to hunt or fish on your own land and special county tax to build schools, improve roads and anything else they can think of to tax you on.

Israel lived in Goshen and multiplied greatly

Genesis 47: 27 And Israel dwelled in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they acquired property, and were fruitful, and **multiplied greatly**.

Multiplied = increase, excel, abundance, exceeding, great (s#07235 רבה) (raw-baw')

Greatly = vehemently, speedily, exceeding, fast, quickly (s#03966 מעד) (meh-ode')

Comment: Again יהוה sends His people **Out of THE LAND to MULTIPLY** just as He did with Jacob when he went to work for Laban. This pattern continues when the ten tribes were cast out of the land in 721 BC because of their idol worship. The ten tribes are referred to as Israel, have greatly increased in number and now are returning to the Torah in preparation to be rejoined back to Judah.

Moses wrote of Me

Related Scripture: Moses wrote about Messiah in types and shadows

John 5:45-47 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: **for he wrote of Me** But if you don't believe his writings, how shall you believe My words?

How did Moses write of Yeshua? The word for Messiah is not mentioned in the five books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) that Moses wrote. These five books are normally called the Torah. The word Torah means **instructions**, this is the instructions יהוה has given to man. This must mean that Moses wrote in types and shadows, showing the characteristics that the Messiah would have and the things that He would do when He came. Moses wrote openly of יהוה's commands. Yeshua always quoted passages from these five books of Moses concerning what יהוה requires of man. If Moses wrote of Messiah in types and shadows, then we should be able to compare Yeshua's life with different characters in the Torah and see if any of their lives reflect things that are similar to Yeshua's life.

The Essenes who existed from 200 years before the time of Yeshua and during His time, wrote of studying the Torah to understand about the promised Messiah. Their writings were preserved in the Dead Sea Scrolls. They recognized that there appeared to be two Messiahs from Isaiah's writings. One Messiah they knew would be **Messiah Ben David** (Messiah son of

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David). This was the Kingly Messiah who would come and reign over all Israel and the world for a thousand years. They also saw a suffering Messiah who would save the world but would be killed. This Messiah they said was **Messiah Ben Joseph** (Messiah son of Joseph) because they could see how Joseph suffered at the hands of his brothers but ascended to power to save the world. Since Yeshua has come, we can see how both Messiahs are one and the same. He came first as **Messiah Ben Joseph** and He will come back as **Messiah Ben David**.

Let's compare Joseph to Yeshua at His first appearing:

Joseph foreshadowing Yeshua

Joseph wore clothes for a: Prince -- Slave -- Prisoner -- Advisor -- Ruler

He gave Benjamin five sets of clothing (Joseph 1st coming of Messiah, Benjamin 2nd coming of Messiah)

Like Yeshua, Joseph went from glory in his father's house through a shadow of death to greater glory being ruler of the world under Father (Pharaoh)

Related Scripture: Judah's eyes will be opened

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for *His* only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for *His* firstborn.

Judah speaking to Joseph foreshadowing the nation of Judah praying to Yeshua Just before the Regathering the lost sheep of Israel

Future implications of this Prophetic Story

What happened in the story	Foreshadow future events
Then Judah approached him and said... <u>If you please</u> my Lord, may your servant speak a word in my Lord's ears and let not your anger flare at your servant...	The Jewish people in desperation to save Jerusalem (the land of Benjamin) approached....
for you are like Pharaoh .	You are like the Father יהוה
My lord has asked his servants, saying have you a father or a <u>brother</u> ?	Yeshua asked Judah if he believed that he had a brother יהוה

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And we said to my lord, We have an old father and a young child of his old age	Ephraim has only been an obedient son to the Father (keeping the Torah) for a short time . (young child)
his brother is dead , he alone is left from his mother,	Judah believes Joseph is dead. Benjamin the smallest tribe is alive. Judah recognizes those from Benjamin.
Then you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, and I will set my eye on him	
We said to my lord, The youth cannot leave his father , for should he leave his father he will die .	Those who are not under the Covenant of Father יהוה that Yeshua ratified on the cross will surely die .
But you said to your servants, If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will not see my face again!	If Messiah (2nd coming) does not come you will not see the Kingdom established
And it was, when we went up to your servant my father, we told him my lord's words and our father said, "go back, buy us some food ." We said, "We cannot go down; only if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down, for we can not see the man's face if our youngest brother is not with us	Yeshua will continue to hide His face until all the Tribes have come back to the Covenant and the famine will continue.
Then your servant my father said to us, " You know that my wife bore to me two (sons)".	You know there are Two appearances of Messiah. In the 4th day and at the end of the 6th day
One has left me (Joseph) and I presumed: Alas, he has surely been torn to pieces, for I have not seen him since!	Messiah was killed at the 1st coming
So should you take this one (the little one), too, from my presence and disaster befall him, then you will have brought down my hoariness in evil to the grave . (Judah had described Benjamin as a little child) Genesis 44:20 And we said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one ; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.	If Benjamin (2nd coming of Messiah) is like the Joseph (1st coming of Messiah) Then the Father (Father יהוה) will be brought down to the grave in sorrow. The 2nd coming of Messiah will not be like the 1st. He will come in great power and glory

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And now, if I come to your servant my father and the youth is not with us - since his soul is bound up with his soul - it will happen that when he sees the youth is missing he will die,	If Benjamin (2nd coming of Messiah) does not return to the Father (Father יהוה) he will die of sorrow
and your servants will have brought down the hoariness of your servant our father in sorrow to the grave	Judah will feel responsible for the death of Messiah who was killed on the tree
For your servant took responsibility for the youth from my father saying, "If I do not bring him back to you, then I will have sinned to my father for all time. "	Yeshua and Father יהוה made a Covenant with Abram and his descendants that if they sinned Yeshua would die for them and bring them back under the Covenant. If this Covenant was not made, we would be guilty of sin for all time. (not forgiven) Genesis 15
Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the youth as a servant to my lord, and let the youth go up with his brothers.	Yeshua a descendant of Judah will die to save, the whole house of Israel (the 12 tribes who are under the Covenant of Abraham)
For how can I go up to my father if the youth is not with me, lest I see the evil that will befall my father!	Yeshua will not go to the Father if one is missing Matthew 12:50 For whoever shall do the will of My Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother. John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which has sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing , but should raise it up again at the last day. Galatians 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins , that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of Elohim and our Father

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<p>Now Joseph could not restrain himself in the presence of all who stood before him, so he called out, "remove everyone from before me!" Thus no one remained with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.</p>	<p>The Tribulation will remove all but the faithful descendants of Israel from His presence Acts 3:19-21 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, so that there may come times of refreshing from the presence of Adonai, 20 and that He may send Messiah Yeshua, who was ordained for you before, 21 who heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which Elohim spoke long ago by the mouth of His holy prophets. Ezekiel 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter in the land of Israel: and you shall know that I <i>am</i> יהוה.</p>
<p>He cried in a loud voice. Egypt heard, and Pharaoh's house heard.</p>	<p>Yeshua will be revealed 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For Adonai Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. Jeremiah 25:30 Therefore prophesy you against them all these words, and tell them, יהוה will roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will mightily roar against His fold; he will give a shout, as those who tread [the grapes], against all the inhabitants of the earth.</p>
<p>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph is my father still alive?"</p>	<p>Messiah will make His presence known to His brothers for a brief time period possibly like He did to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus Luke 24</p>
<p>But his brothers could not answer him because they were left disconcerted before him.</p>	<p>Many people of Judah and Israel will be confused and will now begin to understand the plan of יהוה and who they are.</p>

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<p>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me, if you please," and they came close, and he said, "I am Joseph your brother - it is me, whom you sold into Egypt. And now, be not distressed, nor reproach yourselves for having sold me here."</p>	<p>Yeshua will reveal Himself <i>Zechariah 12:10</i> And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look on me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for <i>his</i> only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for <i>his</i> firstborn.</p>
<p>for it was to be a provider that Elohim sent me ahead of you. (remember He had been a savior to the world (former gentiles) for two years (2,000 years))</p>	<p>Elohim has provided salvation for the whole house of Israel and the world through the suffering of Messiah. The church has known Yeshua/Jesus as savior for two thousand years, but they don't know to keep His commandments. <i>John 14:15</i> If you love Me, keep My commandments.</p>
<p>For this has been two of the hunger years in the midst of the land, and there are yet five years in which there shall be neither plowing nor harvest.</p>	<p>This statement should tell us the timing of when Yeshua will stop hiding His face.</p>
<p>Thus Elohim has sent me ahead of you to insure your survival in the land and sustain you for a momentous deliverance. (future Exodus)</p>	<p>Elohim has sent Yeshua to suffer and die and even now to protect us to enable us to survive until His return</p>
<p>And now: It was not you who sent me here, but Elohim;</p>	<p>This was the plan of Elohim</p>
<p>He has made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler through out the entire land of Egypt.</p>	<p>The Father will make Yeshua ruler of the whole world in the 1,000 year reign. <i>Matthew 28:18</i> And Yeshua came and spoke to them, saying, All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth.</p>
<p>Hurry - go up to my father and say to him, "So said your son Joseph: "Elohim has made me master of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not delay. You will reside in the land of Goshen and you will be near to me - you, your sons, your grandchildren, your flock and your cattle, and all that is yours.</p>	<p>Yeshua will be made king of the world after He appears and takes Judah to the wilderness for 42 months. Ephraim will return to the land of Israel after the 42 months and join Judah. Messiah will dwell with the whole house of Israel. Revelations 12</p>

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for there will be five more years of famine - so you do not become destitute, you, your household, and all that is yours.	Judah has already had their holocaust. Israel will have theirs during the time of tribulation for 42 months. <i>Revelations 12</i>
Joseph forgave his brothers	<i>Zechariah 12:10-11</i> And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications : and they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him , as one mourns for <i>his</i> only <i>son</i> , and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for <i>his</i> firstborn. 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddo.
Joseph wept on Benjamin's neck	Yeshua will weep over His brothers who were killed for their faith at the time of His return.
Joseph kissed all his brothers	Yeshua will love all his brothers
5 garments for Benjamin. Benjamin foreshadows the return of Messiah just as Joseph was a foreshadow of Yeshua's first coming. Joseph wore 5 different garments, one for each phase of his life in becoming the savior of the world.	<u>Five is the number for Grace</u> <i>Isaiah 19:18</i> In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Canaan , and swear to יהיה of hosts; Leviticus 26:8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

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<p>300 pieces of silver points to a Great Salvation:</p> <p>The Noah's ark was 300 cubits long. Gideon defeated a great army with 300 men. King Solomon had 300 shields of gold. In Esther's time 300 enemies were destroyed in Shushan.</p>	<p>Three hundred shows that after the tribulation, that Yeshua will completely destroy the enemy and save His people.</p> <p><i>Isaiah 63:1-4</i> Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this <i>that is</i> glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Therefore <i>are you</i> red in Your apparel, and Your garments like him that treads in the wine vat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people <i>there was</i> none with Me: for I will tread them in My anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled on My garments, and I will stain all My raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance <i>is</i> in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.</p>
<p>There is much more to this story that applies to our generation. Please look to see if you can find any additional information and let me know.</p>	

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What happened in the story	Foreshadow future events
70 of Jacob's family traveled to Egypt	<p><u>Gathering of the 70 nations</u> <i>Isaiah 11:11-12</i> And it shall come to pass in that day, <i>that</i> Adonai shall set His hand again <u>the second time</u> to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.</p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 30:1-3</i> And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call <i>them</i> to mind among all the nations, where יהוה your Elohim has driven you, 2 And shall return to יהוה your Elohim, and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; 3 That then יהוה your Elohim will turn your captivity, and have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the nations, where יהוה your Elohim has scattered you.</p>
Jacob sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph	<p><i>Jeremiah 3:18-19</i> In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance to your fathers. 19 But I said, How shall I put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, You shall call Me, My father; and shall not turn away from Me.</p>

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What happened in the story	Foreshadow future events
<p>Jacob said now I can die having seen your face</p> <p>Jacob said to Joseph his most favored son and first born of Rachel, who he believed was killed by a wild beast and now sees him alive having mourned for him for 22 years.</p>	<p><i>Zechariah 12:10</i> And I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and <u>they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for His firstborn.</u></p>
<p>All the brothers (12 tribes) were first gathered when the famine was in the second year.</p>	<p>This could represent the return of Israel to Judah after the tribulation in the land of Israel but before the famine had ended.</p>
<p>All Israel (wives, sons and daughters) were later gathered to the land when the famine was in the second year. They were carried in wagons. The whole family includes all Twelve Tribes.</p>	<p><i>Isaiah 66:20-22</i> And they shall bring all your brethren (12 Tribes) for an offering to יהוה out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says יהוה, as the <u>children of Israel</u> bring an offering in a clean vessel to the house of יהוה.</p>
<p>Joseph gathered money, livestock and land from the people and gave it to Pharaoh. Joseph resettled the people in cities</p>	<p>This may be pointing to UN Agenda 21</p>
<p>The Egyptians were glad to be serfs to Pharaoh because they were saved from death</p>	<p>We will be glad to be bond servants to Messiah because He saved us through His grace</p>
<p>Israel settled, acquired land and multiplied greatly</p> <p><u>Israel acquired land</u>- this would be a period of fifteen years when they owned land and were not considered to be sojourning. Remember the Covenant that יהוה made with Abram said that his <u>descendants</u> would <u>sojourn for 400 years</u>. When they left Egypt it said they left 430 years to the day. Isaac was born 15 years after the Covenant was made and they must have owned land for 15 years in Egypt before they were made slaves. This would account for the 30 years that were not a part of the 400 years.</p>	<p>The <u>rebels will not enter</u> the land but the Remez of this verse is that those who are <u>not rebels will enter</u> the land of Israel</p> <p><i>Ezekiel 20:36-38</i> Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, says Adonai יהוה. 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the Covenant: 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and <u>they shall not enter into the land of Israel:</u> and you shall know that I am יהוה.</p>

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Related Scripture: The two houses of Israel come together

Ezekiel 37:15-28 The word of יהוה came again to me, saying, 16 Moreover, you son of man, take one stick, and write on it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and [for] all the house of Israel his companions: 17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand. 18 And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you [mean] by these? 19 Say to them, This says Adonai יהוה; Behold, **I will take the stick of Joseph, which [is] in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, [even] with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.** 20 And the sticks where you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. 21 And say to them, This says Adonai יהוה; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and **bring them to their own land**: 22 And **I will make them one nation in the land** on the mountains of Israel; and **one king shall be king to them all**: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore at all: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, where they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be My people, and I will be their Elohim. 24 And **David My servant [shall be] king over them**; and they all shall have one shepherd: **they shall also walk in My judgments, and observe My statutes, and do them.** 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers have dwelt; and **they shall dwell there, [even] they, and their children, and their children's children forever**: and **My servant David [shall be] their prince forever.** 26 Moreover I will make a Covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting Covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yes, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. 28 And the heathen shall know that I יהוה do sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Comment: This is the prophecy of the two houses of Israel (Judah and Israel) that were separated after the reign of Solomon, coming together in the end time and being ruled by King David. The stick of Joseph is in Ephraim's hand. This is the house of Israel that was ruled by Jeroboam. He was of the tribe of Ephraim, and he led the northern country into worshipping two golden calves. One golden calf he put in the city of Dan and the other in Bethel. They were soon taken into captivity by Assyria. They were not keeping the Torah, not circumcising their sons or keeping the Sabbath so they assimilated and forgot they were of the family of Abraham. They turned to a false worship system like Joseph's wife who was devoted to Isis. We are coming out of many false teachings that has infiltrated the church since the time of Constantine. We have substituted Easter (the fertility goddess) for the Passover, we have substituted Christ-mass (the birthday of Tammuz) for the first day of Sukkot when Yeshua was born and we have changed Elohim's appointed Sabbath to Sunday. Constantine changed it to this day and named it Sunday because he was a sun worshiper. Elohim is calling His people out of this Babylonian system of worship back to His truth as the end times approach. He is preparing us to live in the Land of Israel for a thousand years. David will be the king of Israel for this time period. He will rule the land and Messiah will be King of the world. We will be rejoined back

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to Judah and they will be returned to a perfect worship system. Elohim will make an eternal Covenant of peace with us. His **sanctuary** will be in our midst forever. Notice how many times the possessive pronoun "My" is used in this Scripture. This I believe shows that Messiah will take possession of His people and His land.