

Week 9: December 21, 2024

Shabbat Message

Vayeshev / And He Dwelt / וַיֵּשֶׁב

[Genesis 37:1-40:23](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

The Way Through

Introduction

We have come along way since creation and the flood with Noach and His sons especially his son Shem who becomes the ancestor of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We have finally come through all of the journey of these patriarchs to see how they traveled the Narrow Way as well. Now we pick up in this portion Yaakov's oldest son through Rachel. And His name is Yosef

meaning He has added. Yosef will soon be used of Yehovah mightily as we shall soon see however there are some trials that He must go through as well. Today's teaching is going to be about Yosef but from a little added twist because in this "LITERAL" account of Scripture there is a "symbolic" meaning to it as well as we shall soon find. In portion Yosef goes from the pit, to the prison and from the prison he goes to Potiphar and lastly he ends in the Palace. Each destination though reminds us of different places in our life. The Pit represents the world while going to be with Potiphar represents the flesh and still the prison where he ends up afterwards represents the Devil only to be ending up in the Palace which represents the Kingdom and the authority that comes with that Kingdom. Suffering brings about promotion in the Kingdom. (Not something you want to know about).

Genesis 37:18-30

1. Yosefs brothers were so filled with jealousy, hatred and bitterness they didn't think that Yosef's life was special so they threw into a pit or a dry cistern.
2. The pit or the cistern is symbolic of the World in which you have become trapped in. As long as we live in this world we are part of the world system. The word world is used 185 times in the Brit Chadasha and it can mean either the world that we live in like creation or it can mean the system in which HaSatan has devised. (Yochanan 15:18) That word hate comes from a Greek word "miseo" meaning to hatred, detest or persecute.
3. The world system is like an empty cistern it doesn't give life but brings literal death. (Jeremiah 2:13; 1 John 2:15-17). Why hang around an empty cistern when you can go an

into a spring of living water. Eventually if you are in the world too long you end up being sold to the Midianites just so you can be sold down in Egypt which is bondage to the Flesh!

Genesis 39:1-12

1. We now see Yosef in the home of Potiphar as His chief overseer over his whole entire household however even this shows you can still function in the flesh but to your capacity. (Galatians 5:16-25). How do we correlate the flesh with these passages? let's look at verses 7-12 now.
2. Beware the Wives of Potiphar! Potiphar's wife represents those women of Scripture who were manipulated such as Delilah, Jezebel and Herodias. Potiphar's wife also symbolizes how the flesh is so seductive. (1 Timothy 4:1).
3. What happened after Yosef resisted her? He was falsely accused and was sent to prison. If you aren't in a situation that will compromise you you won't be falsely accused. Then He was finally sent to prison.

Genesis 39:20-23

1. Yehovah who is present even in Sheol (Ps. 139:8), was also with Yosef in prison, Elohim who is rich in mercy ("faithful love"; Hb chesed; Exod 34:7), demonstrated His love by granting Yosef favor in the gig of the keeper of prison. Did you know the enemy can give

you a promotion in his world system...just look at what He did with Yeshua.

2. HaSatan can imprison you in fear, doubt, worry, mistrust, and a host of other things that can distract you from Yehovah's coming Kingdom.
3. HaSatan has NO authority over you and I. He can have authority over us if we give it to him . (John 8:44). Yeshua said HE has ALL authority in Heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18). Who is the liar Satan or Yeshua? I think you know. It was not HaSatan's place to give Yeshua all the kingdoms of the world in Matthew 4 it was Yehovahs (Psalm 2:8-9). We can have Satan's authority operating in our lives legally but not all authority because that belongs to Yeshua.

Genesis 41:40

1. I am skipping ahead just for this week to say that the Palace is symbolic of the Kingdom of Yehovah.
2. Yosef passed the test of the world, the flesh and the devil and was promoted to the Kingdom.
3. The Kingdom of Yehovah is coming soon so get ready! Time is moving fast.

Matthew 25:31

1. We must live a Kingdom mindset! (Matthew 6:33).
2. We must prepare for Yehovah's Kingdom (Mark 1:15).
3. Think on things above! (Colossians 3:22; Phil 4:8)

Take Away

1. The Pit can symbolize the world and its emptiness that you can be a part of.
2. Potiphar's Wife and palace can be symbolic of your living in the flesh.
3. Being in the prison can also be symbolic of how HaSatan can keep you imprisoned in your life.

Application

1. Drink of the Springs that have life in them not the old dead cisterns.
2. separate yourself from the world and be separate as Yeshua is separate from the world system.
3. Think on things that are above and not on things that are below on earth.

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