

TORAH FOR YOU TO READ PARASHA #9

VAYESHEV וישב

"AND HE SETTLED DOWN AND SETTLED DOWN"
BERESHIT / GENESIS 37:1 - 40:23





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WELCOME TO PARASHA #9 OF LA TORAH: VAYESHEV, WHICH MEANS: AND HE SAT DOWN / RESTED

In this week's Parasha, we continue the story of Ya'akov (who is now called Yisrael) who returns to his father's house and lives there in Kenaan. Of the twelve children he had, the most beloved was Yosef and his brothers were jealous for the treatment he receives from his father and for the beautiful robe he gave him. Yosef tells his brothers about two dreams he had, announcing that he was destined to rule over them, which made hatred and envy grow even more.

His brothers plan to kill him, but Reuvén suggests, in return, throwing him into a well, with the intention of returning later and saving him. While Yosef is in the well, Yahuda sells it to a caravan in Yishmaelim. The brothers stain Yosef's special tunic in the blood of a kid and show it to his father, making him think that his beloved son was devoured by a wild beast.

Yosef is taken to Egypt and sold to Potifar, the minister in charge of Pharaoh's butchers. Elohim blesses everything he does and is soon appointed in charge of all his master's properties. Potifar's wife desires the boy; when Yosef refuses to be with her, she tells her husband that the Hebrew servant tried to force her, and they send him to prison. Yosef gains the trust of the jailers, who give him an important position in the administration of the prison. There, Yosef meets the Master of Coperos and Master of Bakers of the Pharaoh, both imprisoned by the king. The two have a dream, which Yosef interprets; in three days, he tells them, the Master of Coperos will be released and the Master of Bakers will be hanged. Yosef asks the Master of Coperos to intercede for him before Pharaoh. Yosef's predictions are fulfilled, but the Master of Coperos forgets of Yosef.

BERESHIT / GENESIS 37: 1-11

1Ya'akov continued to live in the land where his father had lived as a foreigner, the land of Kenaan.

- 2 These are Ya'akov's generations. When Yosef was seventeen years old, he used to shepherd his father's flock with his brothers, even though he was still a boy. Once he was with Bilhah's children and Zilpah's children, his father's wives, he brought a bad report of them to his father.
- 3 Now Yisra loved Yosef more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a robe of many colors.
 4 When his brothers saw that his father loved him more than all his brothers, they began to hate him and reached the point

where they could not even talk to him in a civilized way.

5 Yosef had a dream which he told his brothers.

- 6 He said to them, 'Listen as I tell you about this dream of mine.
- 7 We were tying bunches of wheat in the field when suddenly my bunch rose by itself and stood straight; then your bunches came, gathered around mine and bowed before him.
- 8 His brothers protested: 'Yes, you will surely be our king. You will do a good job ordering all of us!' And they hated him even more for his dreams and for what he said.
- 9 He had another dream which he told his father and his brothers: 'Here it is, I had another dream, and there were the sun, the moon and eleven stars prostrating before me.'
- 10 But his father rebuked him: 'What is this dream that you have had? Do you really expect me, your mother and your brothers to come and take revenge on earth in front of you?

11 His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in his mind.

BERESHIT / GENESIS 39: 1-5, 11-13, 19-23

- 1 Yosef was taken to Mitzrayim, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard, a Mitzrayimi, bought him from the Yishmaelim who had taken him there.
- 2 YAHWEH was with Yosef, and he became rich while he was at his master's house, the Mitzrayimi.

3 His master saw how YAHWEH was with him, that YAHWEH prospered everything he did.

- 4 Yosef pleased him while he served him, and his master appointed him administrator of his house; he entrusted all his possessions to Yosef.
- 5 From the time he appointed him administrator of his house and all his possessions, YAHWEH blessed the house of the Mitzrayimi for the love of Yosef; YAHWEH's blessing was above everything he possessed, whether in the house or in the field.
- 11 However, one day, when he entered the house to do his work, and none of the men who lived in the house were in there,
- 12 she grabbed him by his mantle, and said, 'Sleep with me!' But he fled, leaving his mantle in her hands, and went out.

13 When she saw that he had left his cloak in his hands and had fled,

- 19 When his master heard what his wife said as he showed him, 'Look what your slave did to me,' he was enraged.
- 20 The master of Yosef grabbed him and put him in prison, in the place where the king's prisoners were; and there he was in prison.
- 21 But YAHWEH was with Yosef, showing him grace and giving him favor at the sight of the head of the prison.
- 22 The head of the prison made Yosef supervisor of all the prisoners in the prison; so whatever they did there, he was in charge of it.
- 23 The head of the prison did not pay any attention to what Yosef did, because YAHWEH was with him; and whatever he did, YAHWEH prospered.

BERESHIT / GENESIS 40: 1-5, 8-13, 16-19, 21-23

1 Some time later it happened that the chief of the cupbearers of King Mitzrayimi and the chief of the bakers gave offense to their lord the king of Mitzrayim.

2 Pharaoh was enraged by his two eunuchs, the chief of the cupbearers and the chief of the bakers.

- 3 So he put them in custody in the prison, in the sight of the captain of the guard, in the same place where Yosef was.
- 4 The captain of the guard commissioned Yosef to be with them, and he went and served them while they were in prison.
- 5 One night, the cupbearer and baker of the king of Mitzrayim, there in prison, both had dreams, each dream with its own meaning.
- 8 They said to him, 'Each of us had a dream, and there is no one to interpret it.' Yosef said to them: 'Do the interpretations not belong to Elohim? Tell me about it, please.

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers told Yosef his dream: 'In my dream, there was a vine in front of me,

- 10 and the vine had three branches. The branches sprouted, then suddenly they began to bloom, and finally bunches of ripe grapes appeared.
- 11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, so I took the grapes and put them in Pharaoh's cup, and gave the cup to Pharaoh.

12 Yosef said to him: 'Here is the interpretation: three branches are three days.

- 13 After three days Pharaoh will raise your head and restore you to your charge; you will be giving Pharaoh the cup as you used to do when you were his cupbearer.
- 16 When the head of the bakers' saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Yosef: 'I also saw in my dream: there were three baskets of white bread on my head.
- 17 In the highest basket there were all kinds of things baked for Pharaoh, but the birds ate them from the basket above my head.
- 18 Yosef answered: 'Here is the interpretation: the three baskets are three days.
- 19 After three days Pharaoh will raise your head from you he will hang you from a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh from you.'
- 21 He restored the head of the cupbearers back to his position, so he gave his cup back to Pharaoh.
- 22 But he hanged the chief of the bakers, as Yosef had interpreted them.
- 23 However, the head of the cupbearers did not remember Yosef, but forgot it.





MAASEEY HA'SHLEJIM (ACTS) 7:9-16 MATITYAHU (MATTHEW) 1:18-25

MATITYAHU (MATEO) 1:18-21

THIS IS THE WAY THAT THE BIRTH OF YESHUA TOOK PLACE. WHEN HER MOTHER MIRYAM WAS ENGAGED TO YOSEF, BEFORE THEY GOT MARRIED, SHE WAS FOUND TO BE PREGNANT BECAUSE OF RUAJ HAKODESH.

HER FUTURE HUSBAND, YOSEF, WAS A FAIR MAN; SO SHE MADE PLANS TO BREAK THE ENGAGEMENT SECRETLY, BEFORE PUTTING HER IN PUBLIC DISHONOR.

BUT WHILE HE THOUGHT THIS, A MALAJ OF YAHWEH APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM, AND SAID: 'YOSEF, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE MIRYAM TO YOUR HOUSE AS YOUR WIFE; FOR WHAT HAS BEEN CONCEIVED IN HER, FROM RUAJ HAKODESH IS.

SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU WILL CALL HIM YESHUA, [WHICH MEANS 'YAHWEH SAVES,'] BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

WRITE THE WORDS OF YAHWEH'S MALAJ TO YOSEF





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