

Parashah 10 - Mikketz - מִקֵּץ

“At the end”



Torah: B'resheet (Genesis) 41:1 - 44:17

- Aliyah 1 - 41:1 -14 Pharaoh has a dream; cupbearer remembers Yosef's accurate interpretation
- Aliyah 2 - 41:15 - 38 Yosef interprets the dream; seven good years, seven years of famine
- Aliyah 3 - 41:39 - 52 Pharaoh puts Yosef 2nd in command; wife given; M'nasheh and Ephraim born
- Aliyah 4 - 41:53-42:18 Famine; Ya'akov sends 10 brothers to Egypt for food. Yosef recognizes them
- Aliyah 5 - 42:19-43:15 Shimon imprisoned, others sent home; return trip to with Binyamin as requested
- Aliyah 6 - 43:16 - 29 Yosef receives brothers, inquires/hears about father, meets Binyamin
- Aliyah 7 - 43:30-44:17 Binyamin "framed" for stealing Yosef's cup

Haftarah: M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 3:15 - 4:1

B'rit Hadashah: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1. (41:2-3) What significance does the number "seven" play in this parashah? In Torah? What significance do dreams play in this parashah?
2. (41:29-30) Yosef lays up stores during the abundant years. How can this be applied to our lives today? (Mat 6:19-21)
3. (41:39) How are Yosef's attributes in the sight of Pharaoh descriptive of Messiah? Does Pharaoh understand who is responsible for Yosef's gifting? Why or why not?
4. (41:40) After being imprisoned under false accusation for many years, Yosef is raised to the highest position in Egypt. What Messianic concepts are portrayed here?
5. (41:50) Do you think Osnat was a pagan gal? What do the names of his sons mean? Why do we pray these names over our children on Shabbat?
6. (41:57) How widespread is the famine? What role does Yosef play during the famine? What is his status with his family during his preparation for the famine? How does this parallel what the apostle Sha'ul says in Romans 11:25?
7. (42:1) What do you think of Ya'akov's parenting skills? Why does he send ten of his sons? Why does he not send Binyamin?
8. (42:8) Yosef's brothers did not recognize him. How has Messiah been disguised so that His brothers do not recognize Him today?

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9. Why did Yosef not reveal his identity to his brothers? How would you have responded if you were Yosef in this situation?

10. (42:10-20) Why did Yosef choose Shimon to be imprisoned?

11. (43:23) How does Yosef’s generosity model giving and true charity?

12. (43:30) Do you think Yosef’s feelings reflect those of Yeshua for his brothers?

13. (42:36, 44:2) Yosef was testing his brothers. Who else was tested? Was the “silver cup” test fair? Do you have any “non-negotiables” that you are not willing to give up? Why are we tested?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (41:1) For what are you waiting on God’s timing? (1Ki 18:21, Psa 13:2, Dan 8:13, Jer 12:4, Mar 9:19, Joh 10:24, Rom 5:1-5, Heb 12:1-3)

2. (41:15) Are you prepared to answer those who ask for your help?(1Pe3:15, Rom10:14-15,2Co 5:19-20)

3. (41:30) Do you bless God because He is in control of today’s world events? (Isa 7:18-19, Isa 44:28, Psa 2:1-12, Isa 45:1-7, Rev 19:11-16)

4. (41:53) Not one bushel of grain was missing from God’s plan. Do you trust God to provide abundance for the lean times? (Jos 23:14, 1Ki 8:56, Isa 55:10-11, Psa 34:8-14, 1Th 5:23-24)

5. (42:19-20) Are you a honest? Do your actions and words confirm each other? (Psa 119:57-60, Jer 11:4-5)

6. (43:16) Do you meet with God on His schedule, or yours? (Joh 9:4-5, Mat 24:36-37, Hab 2:3, Rom 13:11, 2Pe 3:9-10)

7. (43:30) How are you moved to action by true compassion? (Mat 9:36, Luk 7:11-13, Joh 11:35, Luk 10:33-34, Mat 20:32, Luk 19:41-44, Psa 119:57-60, Luk 13:34-35)