

Parshah Insights 2021

Parshah: Vayechi

(Genesis 47:28-50:26)

A Song of Regrets & Hope

Genesis 48:7

“As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow **Ra-chel died on me** in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to **Ephratah**, and I buried her there on the way to **Ephratah** (that is, Bethlehem).”

מתה עלי רחל

“Rachel died on me”

or

“Rachel died *on account of* me”

Genesis 31:32

“The one with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what is yours among my belongings and take it for yourself.” For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

Ephratah

אפרתה

↙
“Fruitfulness”

↘
“Ash Heap”

Matthew 2:16-18

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi. Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, **Rachel weeping for her children, and she refused to be comforted, because they are not.”**”

Genesis 49:22

“Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall.” (ESV)

“A charming son is Joseph, a charming son to the eye; each of the girls climbed heights to gaze.” (Stone Chumash)

“Yosef – a noble, outstanding son, a noble, outstanding son already at the source. Daughters! She, too, stepped over the wall!” (R’ S.R. Hirsch)

“Joseph is a wild donkey, a wild donkey by a spring – wild colts on a hillside.” (NJPS)

בן פרת יוסף בן פרת עלי עין

"Eye"
"Well"

"Fruitful" "Son"
"Donkey" "Branch"

בנות צעדה עלי שור:

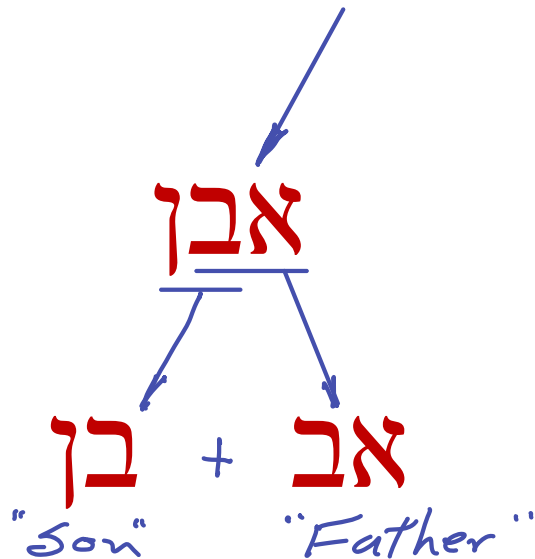
"Wall"
"Ox"

"March"
"Stride"

"Daughters"
"Branches"

Genesis 49:24

But his bow abides firm and agile are the arms of his hands by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob. From there is the Shepherd – the **Stone** of Israel.



Discussion Questions:

- Rachel (and Jacob) grieved over what could have been. Do you think this is appropriate?
- How could Jacob's words to Reuben (49:3-4) possibly be considered a blessing?
- When it came time for Moses to die, he too pronounced blessings over the twelve tribes (Deut. 33). Take time to read through the section that describes Joseph (v.13-17) and compare it with Jacob's blessing.
- Close your Bible and then from memory reconstruct an outline of the major events in the book of Genesis. How did you do?

NOTES:

Genesis 28:3 God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a **kahal** (קהל) of peoples.

Genesis 35:11 And God said to him, "I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a **kahal** (קהל) of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body."

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus says Adonai: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more."

Genesis 35:21-22 Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder. While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it...

Proverbs 6:32-33 The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; he who would destroy himself does it. Wounds and disgrace he will find, and his reproach will not be blotted out.

Deuteronomy 33:6 "Let Reuben live and not die out, even though his numbers grow few."

Isaiah 49:26 "And I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, and they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, Adonai, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Isaiah 60:16 “You will also suck the milk of nations, and will suck the breast of kings. Then you will know that I, Adonai am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Isaiah 1:24 Therefore the Lord Adonai of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel declares, “Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries, and avenge Myself on My foes.”

Genesis 30:23-24 So she conceived and bore a son and said, “God has **taken away** (אָסַף, *asaph*) my reproach.” And she named him **Joseph** (יוֹסֵף, *Yoseph*), saying, “May Adonai **add** (יִסַּף, *yoseiph*) to me another son.”

Ezekiel 37:15-19 The word of Adonai came to me: “Son of man, take a stick and write on it, ‘For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him’. Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.’ And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, ‘Will you not tell us what you mean by these?’ say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord Adonai: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. and I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in My hand.’”

Joseph & Yeshua: Messianic Parallels

1. Shepherd
2. Mediator
3. Beloved of the Father
4. Raised with sons of "weakness"
5. A son of wisdom
6. (Firstborn)
7. Hatred without a cause (*sinat chinam*)
8. Physical & Spiritual rule
9. Sent by the Father
10. Arrived in "the field"
11. "My brothers do I seek"
12. Found them in "double law" (legalism)
13. They conspired to kill him
14. Was stripped of his garment - (lots cast?)
15. Was placed in the ground
16. Betrayed by "Judas"...
17. ...for silver
18. Came forth from the ground
19. Went among the Gentiles (the "slaughterers")
20. Garment was dipped in blood...
21. ...and presented to the Father
22. Was the opposite of Satan
23. Brought blessing wherever he went
24. Was tempted ...
25. ...but did not give in
26. Was falsely accused (2X)
27. Lost his garment
28. Was silent before his accusers
29. Wine = "Blood" presented to the King
30. Bread = "Body" destroyed (for sin)
31. Asked to be remembered
32. 2,000 years between suffering and exaltation
33. Exaltation dependent upon suffering
34. Is second only to the King
35. "Holds the key to the most hidden secrets"
36. Takes a Gentile bride
37. By his word all people are sustained
38. Predicts seven years of "tribulation"
39. Is 30 years old when he begins his ministry
40. Savior of the world
41. Is active in the life of Israel, but...
42. ...Israel does not recognize his presence...
43. ...because He conceals his identity
44. Israel's inability to "see & hear"
45. He speaks through an "interpreter"
46. Appears hostile to Israel
47. He wept
48. Israel contains a "hidden treasure"
49. He reveals Himself during 7 years of tribulation
50. He is the Resurrection
51. He will provide a great salvation
52. He will preserve a remnant
53. They approach the Father in the name of the Son
54. He extends an invitation to come to Him
55. He provides new garments to His people
56. "All Israel will be saved" (Rom.11:26)
57. He will establish His rule over the world