

Parshah Insights 2021

Parshah: Vayeishev

(Genesis 37-40)

1 Chronicles 5:1-2

Now the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright. 2 Though Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came the leader, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph),

JOSEPH'S TWO DREAMS

The Sheaves

Earthly realm (1st)

“And he told...”

“Hear, if you please...”

Hatred mentioned before *and* after

Sheaves bow down to Joseph's sheaf

Sun, Moon, Stars

Heavenly realm (2nd)

“And he recounted...”

“Behold...!”

Hatred *not* mentioned before or after

Sun, moon, stars bow down to Joseph

Sheaf = אֶלְמָה (a-lu-mah) from אָלַם (a-lam) “to bind” or “to be dumb, silent”. (See [Isaiah 53:7](#))

Joseph's sheaf arose

Only the brothers involved

Brothers & parents involved

“Would you **reign** over us?”

“Would you **dominate** us?”

- **Reign** = מָלַךְ (ma-lach) Reflects a willing submission
- **Dominate** = מָשַׁל (ma-shal) Submission by force

What is missing from this quote?

Meanwhile, the Midianites sold [Joseph] in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard. Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. Adonai was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

“Identify, if you please...”

הכר נה

(*haker nah*)



Genesis 37:32

Genesis 38:25

The Goats of Deception:

- Used by **Jacob** to deceive **Isaac** (27:16)
 - Used by **Judah** to deceive **Jacob** (37:31-32)
 - Used by **Tamar** to deceive **Judah** (ch.38)
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- Used by **GOD** to substitute for **us** (Lev.16)

The fathers of the tribes were busy selling Joseph. Jacob was distracted with his sackcloth and fasting. Judah was busy taking a wife. Meanwhile, the Holy One, blessed be He, was creating the light of Messiah.

∞ Genesis Rabbah 85:1

The Baker & The Cupbearer:

Body ← **Pesach Lamb** → **Blood**

(Food for the people)
“Let nothing of it remain”

(Placed on the doorposts)
*“When I see the **blood**”*

Goat L’Azazel ← **Yom Kippur** → **Goat L’Adonai**

(Sent into the Wilder-
ness)

(**Blood** presented in
the Holy of Holies)

Body ← **Yeshua** → **Blood**

“Broken for you”

*“Entered by...His **blood**”*

Baker ← **The Servants** → **Cupbearer**

(Hung on a tree)

(Appears before the King)

Discussion Questions:

- How do Mrs. Potiphar's temptations of Joseph reflect Satan's three temptations of Yeshua? (Matt. 4:1-10)
- How do the baker and the cupbearer represent the body and blood of Yeshua?
- How many parallels did you find in our portion between Joseph and Yeshua?

NOTES:

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is **silent** (נאלמה, *ne'alah*) before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

Genesis 47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

Midrash Rabbah 84:8 "...they cast lots over [Joseph's coat] as to who should carry it to their father."

Joshua 24:32 Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.

Matthew 2:15 ...and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Out of Egypt did I call My Son."

Luke 23:50-51 And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the Kingdom of God.

Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic [כתנת פסים, *catonet passim*].

Genesis 37:32 And they sent the varicolored tunic [כתנת פסים, *catonet passim*] and brought it to their father and said, "We found this. Please examine it to see whether it is your son's tunic or not."

2 Samuel 13:18 Now she had on a varicolored tunic [כתנת פסים, *catonet passim*], for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her.

Joshua 2:18 "...unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household."

Psalms 112:4 Light [זרח, *zarach*] dawns in the darkness for the upright. He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of Adonai has shined [זרח, *zarach*] upon you.

2 Timothy 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Matthew 13:31-32 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, and this is smaller than all other seeds. But when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Matthew 25:26, 30 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed.... And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness. In that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Messianic Parallels

Chapter 37

- Shepherd
- Mediator
- Beloved of their father
- Raised with sons of "weakness"
- A son of wisdom
- Firstborn (1Chron.5:2)
- Hated without a cause (sinat chinam)
- Receives physical and spiritual rule
- Sent by his father...
- ...to a place of prior sin and disaster.
- Arrived in "the field" (v.15)
- "My brothers do I seek" (v.16)
- Found his brothers in "double law" (37:17)
- They conspire to kill him (v.18)
- Was stripped of his garment (v.23)
- Lots cast over his clothing? (Midrash Rabbah)
- Betrayed by Judah... (v.26)
- ...for silver (v.28)
- Was placed in the earth (v.24)
- The pit was "unused" (c. Luke 23:52-53)
- They sat down to a meal (v.25)
- Came forth from the earth (v.28)
- Went among the Gentiles (v.28)
- They would not see him again for 20 years
- Garment was dipped in blood... (v.31)
- ...and presented to the Father (v.32-33)
- The father tore his garments (v.34)

Chapter 39

- Was tempted...
- ...but did not sin.
- Filled with grace and kindness.
- Was punished for the sins of others.

Chapter 39

- Mediator between God and man.
- Commissioned one he had rescued.
- Gives meaning to bread & wine (body & blood)