

Genesis 42 Joseph Tests His Brothers

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Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha [44](#) (#10.3): *Vayomer Eleichem* (He Said to Them), Brit: Luk 1:68-79

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They are set at liberty, on condition to bring Benjamin.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day,^a This do, and live; for I fear God (et-Elohim):

bai·Yom day בַּיּוֹם yo·Sef And Joseph יוֹסֵף a·le·Hem about אֵלֶּהֶם vai·Yo·mer said וַיֹּאמֶר
vich·Yu, and live וְחִיּוּ a·Su This do עֲשׂוּ zot likewise זאת hash·she·li·Shi, unto them the third הַשְּׁלִישִׁי
ya·Re. fear יִרָא a·Ni I אֲנִי ha·E·lo·Him God הָאֱלֹהִים ^{-et} אֶת־

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: **20** But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

They have remorse for Joseph.

21 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty (אֲשָׁמִים ^{a·she·Mim})^b concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress (הַצָּרָה)

^a Three means resurrection, Devine completeness and resurrection. It is a sign of the messiah. See previous verse...

Gen 42:17 KJV And he put them all together into ward three days.

^b Edenics *ashemim* →ashamed

hatz- tza- Rah) come upon us. ^c **22** And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required (נִדְרָשׁ ^{nid- Rash}). ^d **23** And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter. ^e

Simeon is kept for a pledge.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; ^f and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

They return with grain, and their money.

25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore ^g every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them. **26** And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. **27** And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth. **28** And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us? ^h

Their relation to Jacob – Standalone Aleph Tav

29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told **את** him all that befell unto them; saying,

a- vi- Hem their father **אָבִיהֶם** ya- a- Ko unto Jacob **יַעֲקֹב** el- about **אֵל** vai- ya- Vo- u And they came **וַיָּבֹאוּ**
 et **את** lo **לוֹ** vai- yag- Gi- du and told **וַיַּגִּידוּ** ke- Na- an; of Canaan **כְּנָעַן** Ar- tzah unto the land **אֶרֶץ**
 le- Mor. unto them saying **: לְאָמֹר** o- Tam **אֲתֶם** hak- ko- Rot him all that befell **הַקֹּרֶת** kol- all **כָּל־**

30 The man, who is the lord (**אֲדֹנָי** ^{a- do- Nei}) of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies (**כְּמַרְגְּלִים** ^{kim- rag- ge- Lim}) of the country. **31** And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies: **32** We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. **33** And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of

^c See Gen 42:13 "...and one is not"

^d The money of account for redemption is the blood of Yeshua. Strong's #H1875, Daresh, the D of PaRDeS. I have numerous articles on that.

^e Yoseph is hearing this conversation, so he keeps Simeon, not Rueben.

Torah Equity: Yoseph, playing the role of judge, is seeing the actions of those whom he is judging.

NG: Why Simeon? Shouldn't it have been Reuben after all he was the first born? Yoseph finds out that it wasn't Reuben's fault. Simeon is the second born and for all we know the anger of Reuben could have been more directed at Simeon and maybe Simeon's got a guilty look about him.

^f Joh 11:35

^g All things are redeemed by Meshiach

^h The brothers are leaving Egypt with the riches that they brought with them. This reminds me of the Exodus when Israel will again leave that land with the riches of the Egyptians.

your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone: ³⁴ And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land. ³⁵ And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

Jacob refuses to send Benjamin.

³⁶ And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against (^{a. Lai} עָלַי) me. ⁱ ³⁷ And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. ³⁸ And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. ^j

The Return to Egypt with Benjamin

Jacob is persuaded to send Benjamin.

^{43:1} And the famine was sore in the land. ² And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. ³ And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. ^k ⁴ If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: ⁵ But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

⁶ And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? ¹ ⁷ And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? ^m and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

⁸ And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. ⁿ ⁹ I will be surety (^{e. er. Ven. nu} אֶעֱרָבְנִי) for him; of my hand

ⁱ Jacob identifies three things that “are against him” Joseph, Simeon and Benjamin.

^j Jacob rejects Reuben's offer, because Jacob is trying to preserve life where as Reuben speaks of death.

^k Until all the tribes of Israel are united we will not see Yeshua.

^l Jack Smith talks about a (commercial redemption) maxim of law to not disclose info that you don't need to. i.e. don't explain yourself.

^m Gen 42:13 is all the was recorded as to what they said do Joseph, which is not what they are now saying.

ⁿ Gen 42:13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

^o Prophetically, Judah would be responsible for the safekeeping of all the sons of Israel during the exile: Judah, along with Benjamin, and the Levites, kept the Word of God available for the world. It is through them that we have our Bible. Source Ahavta.

shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:
10 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds: **12** And take double money ^o in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: **13** Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: **14** And God Almighty (אל^{ve·El} יְיָ^{shad·Dai}) give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

Joseph entertains his brothers.

15 And the men took that present, ^p and they took double money in their hand and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. **16** And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon. **17** And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. **18** And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

They discover their fears to the steward.

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house, **20** And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: **21** And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. **22** And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. **23** And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

e-Sword Notes

Gen 42:21

Webster's ashamed.

1. Affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt or a conviction of some criminal action or indecorous [not in keeping with good taste and propriety; improper.] conduct, or by the exposure of some gross errors or misconduct, which the person is conscious must be wrong, and which tends to impair his honor or reputation. It is followed by of.

Thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed. Exo 16.

^o Commercial Redemption requires three payments.

^p Three fold, the present + double the money? JS talks about how we need to pay three fold.

Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. Hosea 10.

2. Confused by a consciousness of guilt or of inferiority; by the mortification of pride; by failure or disappointment.

They shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in images. Isa 42.

distress ^{H6869} tsarah 1st Use: Gen 35:3.

Guilty ^{H818} ashem

KJC 3 (not 1) guilty: Gen 42:21, faulty 2Sa 14:13. guilty: Ezr 10:19.

From H816; guilty; hence presenting a sin offering: - one which is faulty, guilty.

Stong's with Aleph Shem Mem:

- H816;
- H817; 1st use: Gen 26:10,
- H818;
- H819;
- H820; Aleph Shem Mem Noon

Isaiah 50:10-52:11 - Israel's Sin and God's Help for His Servant ^q

An exhortation to trust in God, and not in ourselves

¹⁰Who is among you that feareth YHVH, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of YHVH, and stay upon his God. ¹¹Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Exhortation to Zion; Affliction and deliverance of Jerusalem foretold

An exhortation after the pattern of Abraham, to trust in Christ

^{51:1}Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek YHVH: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. ²Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

By reason of his comfortable promises,

³For YHVH shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of YHVH; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Of his righteous salvation

^q For context, **Isa 50:1 KJV**

Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

⁴ Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. ⁵ My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

And man's mortality

⁷ Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. ⁸ For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Christ by his sanctified arm defends his from the fear of man

⁹ Awake, awake, ^r put on strength, O arm of YHVH; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? ¹⁰ Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? ¹¹ Therefore the redeemed of YHVH shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. ¹² I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; ¹³ And forgettest YHVH thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? ¹⁴ The captive exileneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. ¹⁵ But I am YHVH thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: ^s YHVH of hosts is his name. ¹⁶ And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

He bewails the afflictions of Jerusalem

¹⁷ Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of YHVH the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. ¹⁸ There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. ¹⁹ These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? ²⁰ Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of YHVH, the rebuke of thy God.

And promises deliverance

²¹ Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: ²² Thus saith thy Lord YHVH, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, ^t Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

Isa 51:22 HSB5

^r Awake, *uri* ^{H5782} *Aleph Vav Resh*.

^s Luk 8:25. Mat 8:26, Mat 14:30-32

^t Why Mr. Judge do I need an attorney if *Adonai* YHVH El will plead my case for me?

publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! ^w

Isa 52:7 HSB5

he· ha· Rim upon the mountains הַהָרִים al- on עַל na· Vu How beautiful נָאוֹ mah- How מַה
me· vas· Ser, of him that bringeth good tidings מְבַשֵּׂר rag· Lei are the feet רַגְלֵי
me· vas· Ser that bringeth good tidings מְבַשֵּׂר sha· Lom peace שְׁלוֹם mash· Mi· a that publisheth מְשַׁמְעֵת
o· Mer that saith אָמַר ye· shu· Ah; salvation יְשׁוּעָה mash· Mi· a that publisheth מְשַׁמְעֵת Tov of good טוֹב
e· lo· Ha· yich. Thy God אֱלֹהֵינוּ: ma· Lach reigneth מְלֶכֶךְ le· tzi· Yon unto Zion לְצִיּוֹן

⁸ Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when YHVH shall bring again Zion. ^x

To joy in the power thereof

⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for YHVH hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ YHVH hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth אֶת ^y shall see the salvation ^z of our God.

Standalone Aleph Tav Isa 52:10 HSB5

ze· Ro· a arm זְרוּעַ אֶת־ Yah· weh The LORD יְהוָה cha· Saf hath made bare חָשַׁף
ve· ra· U shall see וְרָאוּ hag· go· Yim; of all the nations הַגּוֹיִם kol- of all כָּל le· ei· Nei in the eyes לְעֵינֵי ka· de· Sho, his holy קִדְשׁוֹ
et אֶת A· retz, of the earth אֶרֶץ af· sei- and all the ends אֶפְסָיִם kol- all כָּל־
sa· Mek ס e· lo· Hei· nu. of our God אֱלֹהֵינוּ: ye· shu· At the salvation יְשׁוּעַת

And to free themselves from bondage

¹¹ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of YHVH.

^w Publisheth ^{H8085} Sh'ma peace; ^{H7965}

that publisheth ^{H8085} salvation; ^{H3444} *yeshuah*

Thy God ^{H430} *Elohayich* reigneth! ^{H4427} *malak*

^x NG says there are Jews who have problems with this because they are waiting for the Messiah to return before YHVH. The Jewish understanding is the *Shekinah* Glory will return

^y Isa 52:10 YHVH hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations shall see; and all the ends of the earth (*eretz*) **Aleph Tav** shall see the salvation (*yshuat* ^{H3444}) of our Eloheinu.

Not much commentary is needed here as it should be self-explanatory. The standalone Aleph Tav stands between the earth and the salvation of Elohim. The meaning of Y'shua is the salvation of Elohim.

This reminds me of John 3:16.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

^z **Salvation** / *yshuat* ^{H3444}, see Word-Study-Welfare, article #???, which is a search in the KJ translation for welfare. In Job 30:15 *yeshuah* ^{H3444} is translated as welfare.

Num 11:5 - Standalone Aleph Tav between freely ^{Chinnam H2600} and cucumbers ^{Hakkishooim H7180}

Num 11:5 KJV We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; ^{aa} את the cucumbers, and the *veEt* melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

a- Sher- which אֶשֶׁר had- da- Gah, the fish הַדָּגָה et את za- Char- nu We remember זָכַרְנוּ
 hak- kish- shu- Im, the הַקִּישָׁאִים et את chin- Nam; freely חָנָם be- mitz- Ra- yim in Egypt בְּמִצְרַיִם no- Chal which we did eat נֹאכַל
 ve- Et וְאֵת he- cha- Tzir and the leeks הַחֲצִיר ve- Et וְאֵת ha- a- vat- ti- Chim, and the melons הָאֲבֹטְחָיִם ve- Et וְאֵת cucumbers
 hash- shu- Mim. and the garlick הַשּׁוּמִיִּם : ve- Et וְאֵת hab- be- tza- Lim and the onions הַבָּצְלִים

Comments: Y'shua was giving to us freely, it's a gift. Also the people were wanting something “free” that came for Egypt, which would draw them into a jurisdiction that is foreign from YHVH (i.e. Torah law form).

Revelation 21:9-27 – Heavenly Jerusalem

⁹ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

The heavenly Jerusalem, with a full description thereof.

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; ¹² And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. ¹⁶ And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. ¹⁷ And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. ¹⁸ And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. ¹⁹ And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; ²⁰ The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple therein: for YHVH God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

^{aa} See Word-Study-H2600-chinnam-without-nothing, article #638.

She needs no sun, the glory of God being her light.

²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

The kings of the earth bring their riches unto her.

²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.