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Vayeshev

“And He Dwelt”

Genesis 37:1-40:23

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

John 10:22-28



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First Service: 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

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TORAH PORTION

Genesis 37:1,2 And **Jacob** dwelled in the land wherein **his father was a stranger**, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being **seventeen years old**, was feeding the flock with his brothers, and **the lad** was with the sons of **Bilhah**, and with the sons of **Zilpah**, his father's wives: And Joseph brought to his father their evil report.

Exodus 12:40,41 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was **four hundred and thirty years**. And it came to pass at the end of the **four hundred and thirty years**, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Genesis 37:3,4 Now **Israel** loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was **the son of his old age**: and he made him a coat of many colors. And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Genesis 37:5-8 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brothers: And they hated him yet the more. And he said to them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, see, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright, and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

Genesis 37:12 And his brothers went to feed their **father's flock** in Shechem.

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Genesis 37:13 And **Israel said to Joseph**, Do not your brothers feed the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here am I.

Genesis 37:15-17 And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was wandering in the field*. And the man asked him, saying: What are you seeking? He said, I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are feeding the flock. The man said, They have left here, for I heard them say, Let us go to **Dothan**. Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in **Dothan!**

2 Kings 6:1-23 Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, There is not room enough for us in the place where we are living under your care, So let us go to Jordan, and let everyone get to work cutting boards, and we will make a living-place for ourselves there. And he said to them, Go, then. And one of them said, please come with your servants. And he said, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they got to work cutting down trees. But one of them, while cutting a board, let the head of his axe go into the water, and he gave a cry, and said, This is not good, my master, for it is another's. And the man of God said, Where did it go in? And when he saw the place where it had gone into the water, cutting a stick, he put it into the water, and the iron came up to the top of the water. Then he said, Take it up. So he put out his hand and took it. At that time the king of Aram was making war against Israel, and he had a meeting with the chiefs of his army and said, I will be waiting in secret in some named place. And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Take care to keep away from that place, for the Aramaeans are waiting there in secret. So the king of Israel sent to the place where the man of God had said there was danger, and kept clear of it more than once. And at this, the mind of the king of Aram was greatly troubled, and he sent for his servants and said to them, Will you not make clear to me which of us is helping the king of Israel? And one of them said, Not one of us, my lord king, but Elisha, the prophet in Israel, gives the king of Israel news of the words you say even in your bedroom. Then he said, Go and see where he is, so that I may send and get him. And news came to him that Elisha was in Dothan. So he sent there horses and carriages and a great army, and they came by night, circling the town. Now the servant of the man of God, having got up early and gone out, saw an army with horses and carriages of war all round the town. And the servant said to him, O my master,

what are we to do? And he said in answer, Have no fear, those who are with us are more than those who are with them. Then Elisha made a prayer to the Lord, saying, Lord, let his eyes be open so that he may see. And the Lord made the young man's eyes open, and he saw that **all the mountain was full of horses and carriages of fire round Elisha.** Now when the Aramaeans came down to Elisha, he made a prayer to the Lord saying, Lord, make this people blind. And he made them blind at Elisha's request. And Elisha said to them, This is not the way, and this is not the town: Come after me so that I may take you to the man you are searching for. And he took them to Samaria. And when they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, Lord, let the eyes of these men be open so that they may see. And the Lord made their eyes open, and they saw that they were in the middle of Samaria. And the king of Israel, when he saw them, said to Elisha, My father, am I to put them to the sword? But he said in answer, You are not to put them to death, have you any right to put to death those whom you have not taken prisoner with your sword and your bow? Put bread and water before them, so that they may have food and drink and go to their master. So he made ready a great feast for them, and when they had had food and drink, he sent them away and they went back to their master. And no more bands of Aramaeans came into the land of Israel.

Genesis 37:18-20 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, **they conspired against him to slay him.** And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

Genesis 37:23,24 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him, And they took him, and **cast him into a pit:** And the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

Genesis 37:25 And they sat down to eat bread: And they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, **a company of Ishmelites** came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

Genesis 37:26,27 And Judah said to his brothers, **What profit is it if we slay our brother**, and conceal his blood? Come, and **let us sell him to the Ishmaelites**, and let not our hand be on him, for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brothers were content.

Zechariah 11:13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: A goodly price that I was prised at of them. **And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.**

Matthew 26:14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him **for thirty pieces of silver.**

Genesis 37:28 And some traders from **Midian** went by, so pulling Joseph up out of the hole, **they gave him to the Ishmaelites** for **twenty bits of silver**, and **they** took him to Egypt.

Matthew 20:18,19 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and **the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death**, And shall deliver him **to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him:** And the third day he shall rise again.

Genesis 37:29,30 Now when Reuben came back to the hole, **Joseph was not there**, and giving signs of grief, **He went back to his brothers**, and said, The child is gone, what am I to do?

Genesis 37:36 And **the Midianites sold him into Egypt** to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

Genesis 39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt, and **Potiphar**, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither.

Genesis 37:31,32 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood, And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: Know now **נֹא הֲכִר** whether it be your son's coat or no.

Genesis 37:33 And he saw that it was, and said, It is my son's coat, an evil beast has put him to death, without doubt Joseph has come to a cruel end.

Genesis 38:1 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in to her.

Genesis 38:7 Now **Er**, Judah's first son, did **evil** in the eyes of the Lord, so that he put him to death.

Genesis 38:11 Then Judah said to Tamar, his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow in your father's house, until Shelah, my son, is grown up, for he said, Lest he also die, like his brothers. Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

Genesis 38:13,14 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold your father in law goes up to Timnath to shear his sheep. And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath, for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given to him to wife.

Genesis 38:15-17 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be **an harlot** (Prostitute) because she had covered her face. And he

turned to her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray you, let me come in to you, (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What will you give me, that you may come in to me? And he said, I will send you **a kid from the flock**. And she said, Will you give me a pledge, till you send it?

Genesis 38:24,25 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar your daughter in law has played the harlot (Prostitute) and also, behold, she is with child by prostitution. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: And she said, Please recognize, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

Genesis 39:19,20 And hearing **his wife's account** of what his servant had done, he became very angry. And Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, in the place where the king's prisoners were kept in chains, and he was there in the prison-house.

Chanukah

1500BCE: Moses Tabernacle:

Leviticus 9:1,23,24 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel, And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: And the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: Which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Numbers 7:88 This was the dedication חנכה of the altar after it was anointed.

1000BCE:**Solomon's Temple:**

2 Chronicles 7:1,2 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.

2 Chronicles 7:8,9 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication הנכה of the altar.

700BCE:

2 Chronicles 28:22-25 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

2 Chronicles 29:15-17 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, **to cleanse the house of the LORD**. And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days.

500BCE: Rebuilt Temple

Ezra 6:3a,5a,16 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and

let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication **הנכה** of this house of God with joy.

The foundation of the second Temple was laid at Hanukkah!

Haggai 2:10,11a In the **four and twentieth day of the ninth month**, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Ask now the priests concerning the law.

Haggai 2:18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the **four and twentieth day of the ninth month**, even from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, consider it.

Haggai 2:20-22a And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai **in the four and twentieth day of the month**, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth, And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen.

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John 10:22-24 Now it was the Feast of Dedication **הנכה** in Jerusalem, **and it was winter**. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

Chanukah event prophesied:

Daniel 8:3-11 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river **a ram which had two horns**: (Medes and Persians) and the two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward, so that no beasts might

stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand, but he did according to his will, and became great. **And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth,** and touched not the ground: And **the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.** And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: And there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: And there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Then the **he-goat became very great.** And when he was strong, **the great horn was broken.** (Alexander the Great) And in its place came up four outstanding ones towards the four winds of the heavens. (**His 4 generals**) And out of one of them came **forth a little horn, which became very great,** (**Antiochus**) toward the south and toward the east and toward the bountiful land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven, and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and **by him the daily sacrifice was taken away,** and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

1 Maccabees 1:10-15 There sprang from these a sinful offshoot, Antiochus Epiphanes, son of King Antiochus. In those days there appeared in Israel transgressors of the law who seduced many, saying: Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles all around us, since we separated from them, many evils have come upon us. The proposal was agreeable, some from among the people promptly went to the king, and he authorized them to introduce the ordinances of the Gentiles. Thereupon they built a gymnasium* in Jerusalem according to the Gentile custom.

1 Maccabees 1:20-24 After Antiochus had defeated Egypt in the **one hundred and forty-third year,** (of the Seleucid Calendar-169BCE) he returned and went up against Israel and against Jerusalem with a strong force. He entered the sanctuary and took away the golden altar, the lampstand for the light with all its utensils, the offering table, the cups and bowls, the golden censers,

and the curtain. he also took all the hidden treasures he could find. Taking all this, he went back to his own country. He shed much blood and spoke with great arrogance.

1 Maccabees 1:41-50 Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people and abandon their particular customs. All the Gentiles conformed to the command of the king, and many Israelites delighted in his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the sabbath. The king sent letters by messenger to Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah, ordering them to follow customs foreign to their land, **to prohibit burnt offerings, sacrifices, to profane the sabbaths and feast days, to desecrate the sanctuary, to build pagan altars and temples and shrines, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, to leave their sons uncircumcised, and to defile themselves with every kind of impurity and abomination, so that they might forget the law and change all its ordinances.** Whoever refused to act according to the command of the king was to be put to death.

1 Maccabees 1:54-57 On the **fifteenth day of the month Kislev**, in the year **one hundred and forty five**, (167BCE) the king erected the desolating abomination upon the altar of burnt offerings, and in the surrounding cities of Judah they built pagan altars. They also burned incense at the doors of houses and in the streets. Any scrolls of the law that they found they tore up and burned. Whoever was found with a scroll of the covenant, and whoever observed the law, was condemned to death by royal decree.

1 Maccabees 1:62-64 But many in Israel were determined and resolved in their hearts not to eat anything unclean, they preferred to die rather than to be defiled with food or to profane the holy covenant, and they did die. And very great wrath came upon Israel. The officers of the king in charge of enforcing the apostasy came to the city of Modein to make them sacrifice. Many of Israel joined them, but Mattathias and his sons drew together. Then the officers of the king addressed Mattathias: You are a leader, an honorable and great man in this city, supported by sons and kindred. Come

now, be the first to obey the king's command, as all the Gentiles and Judeans and those who are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons shall be numbered among the King's Friends, and you and your sons shall be honored with silver and gold and many gifts. But Mattathias answered in a loud voice: Although all the Gentiles in the king's realm obey him, so that they forsake the religion of their ancestors and consent to the king's orders, yet I and my sons and my kindred will keep to the covenant of our ancestors. Heaven forbid that we should forsake the law and the commandments. We will not obey the words of the king by departing from our religion in the slightest degree. As he finished saying these words, a certain Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice on the altar in Modein according to the king's order. When Mattathias saw him, he was filled with zeal, his heart was moved and his just fury was aroused, he sprang forward and killed him upon the altar. At the same time, he also killed the messenger of the king who was forcing them to sacrifice, and he tore down the altar. Thus he showed his zeal for the law, just as Phinehas did with Zimri, son of Salu. Then Mattathias cried out in the city, Let everyone who is zealous for the law and who stands by the covenant follow me! Then he and his sons fled to the mountains, leaving behind in the city all their possessions.

Matthew 24:9,10 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: And ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Matthew 24:15-18 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea **flee into the mountains**: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

1 Maccabees 2:32-41 Many hurried out after them, and having caught up with them, camped opposite and **prepared to attack them on the sabbath.** The pursuers said to them, Enough of this! Come out and obey the king's command, and you will live. But

they replied, We will not come out, nor will we obey the king's command to profane the sabbath. Then the enemy attacked them at once. But they did not retaliate, they neither threw stones, nor blocked up their secret refuges. They said, Let us all die in innocence, heaven and earth are our witnesses that you destroy us unjustly. So the officers and soldiers attacked them on the sabbath, and they died with their wives, their children and their animals, to the number of a thousand persons. When Mattathias and his friends heard of it, they mourned deeply for them. They said to one another, If we all do as our kindred have done, and do not fight against the Gentiles for our lives and our laws, they will soon destroy us from the earth. So on that day they came to this decision: **Let us fight against anyone who attacks us on the sabbath,** so that we may not all die as our kindred died in their secret refuges.”

Matthew 24:20,21 But pray ye that your **flight be not in the winter,** neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 12, Chapters 6,7

Now it so fell out, that these things were done on the very same day on which their Divine worship had fallen off, and was reduced to a profane and common use, after three years' time, for so it was, that the temple was made desolate by Antiochus, and so continued for three years. And this desolation came to pass **according to the prophecy of Daniel,** which was given four hundred and eight years before.

Daniel 11:31-33 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: Yet they **shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.**

Hebrews 11:32-38 And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah, of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.** Women received their dead raised to life again: **And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance,** that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormente (Of whom the world was not worthy:) **they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.**

Announcements

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| Thursday | Manna Time – Senior Torah Study 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM |
| Saturday – Torah Club | Torah Club will be held after services at 2:30 PM. |
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