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# *El Shaddai Ministries welcomes you to your Sabbath*

**פֶּרֶשֶׁת נִיחִי**

*Vayechi*

*“And He Lived”*

Genesis 47:28-50:26

1 Kings 2:1-12

John 13:1-19



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## TORAH PORTION

**Genesis 47:9** And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: **Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life.**

**Genesis 46:27b** **all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.**

**Acts 7:14** Then sent Joseph, and called his father **Jacob** to him, and **all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.**

**Genesis 47:28** **Jacob lived** in the land of Egypt **seventeen years.** So the days of **Jacob**, the years of his life, were **one hundred forty-seven years.**

**Genesis 47:29,30** And when the time drew near that **Israel** must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt but let me **lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place.** He answered, I will do as you have said.

**Genesis 48:1** And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, your father is sick: And **he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.**

**Genesis 48:3,4** And **Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty**–appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said to me, Behold, **I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people,** and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.

**Genesis 48:8-10** And **Israel beheld** Joseph's sons, and said, **Who are these?** Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me here. He said, Please bring them to me, and I will bless them. **Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he couldn't see.** He brought them near to him; and he kissed them and **embraced them.**

**Genesis 48:12-14** And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

**Genesis 48:15,16** And he **blessed Joseph** and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys, and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them **grow into a multitude** in the midst of the earth.

**Genesis 48:19** And his father refused and said, I know it, my son, I know it. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude מִלְאָה of nations. goi

**Romans 11:25** For I would not, brothers, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits, that **blindness in part is happened to Israel**, until the **fulness of the Gentiles** be come in.

**Exodus 1:7** But the people of Israel **were fruitful and increased greatly**, they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

**Matthew 4:18,19** And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: For they were fishers. And he said to them, Follow me, and I will make you **fishers of men**.

**Isaiah 49:18-22** Lift up thine eyes round about, **and behold**: All these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith Jehovah, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and gird

thyself with them, like a bride. For, as for thy waste and thy desolate places, and thy land that hath been destroyed, surely now shalt thou be too strait for the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children of thy bereavement shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too strait for me, give place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thy heart, **Who hath begotten me these**, seeing I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? And **who hath brought up these**? Behold, I was left alone, these, where were they? Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, **I will lift up my hand to the nations**, and set up my ensign to the peoples, And they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

**Ephesians 2:19** Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

**Isaiah 49:5,6** And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says: It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as **a light for the nations**, that **my salvation may reach to the end of the earth**.

**Revelation 7:9,10** After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, **from every nation**, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, **Salvation** belongs to our God who sits on **the throne**, and to the Lamb.

**Revelation 7:13,14** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, **Who are these**, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come? I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Genesis 49:1,2** And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the end of days. Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob, and hearken unto Israel your father.

**Genesis 49:10,11** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and to him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.

**Revelation 7:13-15** And answer did one of the elders, saying to me, These, who have been arrayed with the white robes who are they, and whence came they? And I have said to him, Sir, thou hast known, and he said to me, These are those who are coming out of the great tribulation, and they did wash their robes, and they made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb, because of this are they before the throne of God, and they do service to Him day and night in His sanctuary, and He who is sitting upon the throne shall tabernacle over them.

**Isaiah 63:1-4** Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Why are you red in your apparel, and your garments like him that treads in the winefat? I have trodden the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with me: For I will tread them in my anger, and trample them in my fury, and their blood shall be sprinkled on my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

**Revelation 19:14,15** And the armies which were in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron: And he treads the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Genesis 23:2** And **Sarah died** in Kirjatharba, the same is **Hebron** in the land of Canaan: And Abraham **came to mourn for Sarah**, and to weep for her.

**Genesis 23:16** And **Abraham hearkened unto Ephron**; and Abraham weighed to **Ephron** the silver, which he had named in the audience of the **sons of Heth**, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

**Genesis 33:18,19** And **Jacob** came to Shalem, a **city of Shechem**, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram, and pitched his tent before the city. And **he bought a parcel of a field**, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the **children of Hamor, Shechem's father**, for a hundred pieces of money.

**Genesis 37:14** And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks, and bring me word again. **So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.**

**Acts 7:15,16** And Jacob went down to Egypt, and came to his end there, and **so did our fathers**, **And they were taken** over to Shechem, and **put to rest** in the place which **Abraham got for a price** in silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

**Genesis 50:7** And Joseph went up to bury his father: **And with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt.**

**Genesis 50:9-11** And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: And it was a very great company. And they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: And he made a mourning for his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians.

**Genesis 50:25,26** And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: And they embalmed him, and **he was put in a coffin in Egypt.**

## I KINGS 11

**1 Kings 11:1,2** But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the **Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites**; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

**1 Kings 11:3,4** And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: And his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

**1 Kings 11:5,6** For Solomon **went after** Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon **did evil** in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

**1 Kings 11:7,8** Then did Solomon build a high place for **Chemosh**, the abomination of Moab, in **the hill that is before Jerusalem**, and for **Molech**, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, **which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.**

**1 Kings 11:9,10** And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, who **had appeared unto him twice**, And had **commanded him concerning this thing**, that he should not go after other gods: **But he kept not that which the LORD commanded.**

**1 Kings 11:11** Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as you have done this, and **you have not kept my covenant and my statutes**, which I have commanded you, I will surely rend the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

**1 Kings 11:12,13** Notwithstanding in your days I will not do it for David your father's sake: But I will rend it out of the hand of your son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to your son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

**1 Kings 11:14** And the LORD **stirred up an adversary** unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

**1 Kings 11:17** That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to **go into Egypt**, Hadad being yet a little child.

**1 Kings 11:19** And **Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh**, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

**1 Kings 11:21** And when **Hadad** heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, **Hadad said to Pharaoh**, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

**1 Kings 11:23** And God stirred him up **another adversary**, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

**1 Kings 11:25** And he **was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon**, beside the mischief that Hadad did: And he abhorred Israel and reigned over Syria.

**1 Kings 11:26** And **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

**1 Kings 11:28** And the man **Jeroboam** was a mighty man of valor: And Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he **made him ruler** over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

**1 Kings 11:37,38** And I will take thee, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires and shall be king over Israel. And it shall be, if you will hearken unto all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did, that I will be with you, and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto you.

**1 Kings 11:39** And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not forever. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. **And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt**, unto **Shishak** king of Egypt, and **was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.**

**1 Kings 11:43** And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. And Solomon slept with his father and was buried in the city of David his father: **And Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.**

**1 Kings 12:1-3 And Rehoboam went to Shechem:** For all Israel came to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt) That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke unto Rehoboam, saying.

**1 Kings 12:4,5 Thy father (Solomon) made our yoke grievous:** Now therefore make the **grievous service** of your father (Solomon), and **his heavy yoke which he put upon us**, lighter, and we will serve you. And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

**1 Kings 12:8,9** But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, **Make the yoke which your father did put upon us lighter?**

**1 Kings 12:10,11** And the young men that were grown up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt you speak unto this people that spoke unto you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter unto us, you shall say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father (Solomon) did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father (Solomon) hath **chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.**

**1 Kings 12:16** So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So, Israel departed unto their tents.

**1 Kings 12:18-20** Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute, and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore, king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So, Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: There was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

**1 Kings 12:26,27** And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

**1 Kings 12:28-30** Whereupon the king took counsel, and **made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.** And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

**1 Kings 12:31-33** And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which **were not of the sons of Levi.** And Jeroboam ordained a feast **in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month,** like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto **the calves that he had made,** and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. So, he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which **he had devised of his own heart,** and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: And he offered upon the altar and burnt incense.

**1 Kings 13:1,2** And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto **the house of David, Josiah by name,** and upon thee shall he **offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.**

**1 Kings 13:3,4** And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, **the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.** And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. **And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up,** so that he could not pull it in again to him.

**1 Kings 13:6** And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the

LORD, and the **king's hand was restored him again**, and became as it was before.

**1 Kings 13:7-10** And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward. And the man of God said unto the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, **neither will I eat bread nor drink water** in this place: For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, **Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that you came.** So, he went another way and returned not by the way that he came to **Bethel**.

**1 Kings 13:11,12** Now there dwelt **an old prophet in Bethel**, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: The words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

**1 Kings 13:14-17** And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: And he said unto him, Are you the man of God that came from Judah? And he said, I am. Then he said unto him, **Come home with me, and eat bread. And he said, I may not return with you, nor go in with you: Neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place: For it was said to me by the word of the LORD You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came.**

**1 Kings 13:18-20** He said unto him, I am a prophet also as you are, **and an angel spoke unto me by the word of the LORD**, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, **that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.** So, he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD **came unto the prophet that brought him back.**

**1 Kings 13:21,22** And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as you have disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water, **your carcass shall not come unto the sepulcher of your fathers.**

**1 Kings 13:24** And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back. And when he was gone, **a lion met him by the way and slew him: And his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass. And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: And they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.**

**1 Kings 13:28,29** And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, **and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass:** The lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass. And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

**1 Kings 13:33,34** After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: Whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places. And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

**2 Kings 23:15-18** Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as **Josiah** turned himself, he spied the sepulchers that were there in the mount, and sent, and **took the bones out of the sepulchers, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it**, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these

words. Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is **the sepulcher** of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you hast done against the altar of Bethel. And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

**2 Kings 23:20** And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and **burned men's bones upon them**, and returned to Jerusalem.

### **Homework**

### **Daily Psalm List**

Sunday: Psalm 24

Monday: Psalm 48

Tuesday: Psalm 82

Wednesday: Psalm 94

Thursday: Psalm 81

Friday: Psalm 93

Shabbat: Psalm 92

<u>Announcements</u>	
Tuesday	Prayer Team meets for prayer and Worship 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM.
Thursday	Manna Time is held at El Shaddai Ministries from 10:00 am –11:30.
Saturday	Torah Club will be held after services at 2:30 PM.
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