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*Vayigash “And He
Came Near”*

Genesis 44:18-47:27 Ezekiel 37:15-28
John 5:1-47



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TORAH PORTION

Genesis 44:16 And Judah said, What shall we say to my lord? what shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

Genesis 44:17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

Genesis 44:18 Then Judah **came near** to him, and said, Oh my lord, let your servant, I pray you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant: for you are even as Pharaoh.

Genesis 44:19-23 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have you a father, or a brother? We said to my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, **a little one**; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loves him. You said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. We said to my lord, **The boy** can't leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. You said to your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will see my face no more.

Genesis 46:21 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

Genesis 44:30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that **his life is bound up in the lad's life...**

Genesis 44:32,33 For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I bring him not to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever. Now therefore, I pray you, let your servant abide instead of **the lad a slave** to my lord; and let **the lad** go up with his brothers.

Genesis 37:23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colors that was on him.

1 Samuel 18:1,2 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that **the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

1 Samuel 18:3,4 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

Romans 9:3,4 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Messiah for my brothers' sake, my relatives according to the flesh, who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises;

Genesis 45:1,2 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

Genesis 45:3 And Joseph said to his brothers, **I am Joseph**; does my father yet live? And his brothers could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

Genesis 45:4,5 And Joseph said to his brothers, **Come near to me**, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, **I am Joseph** your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me here: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

James 4:8-11 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brothers. He that speaks evil of his brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law: but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.

Genesis 45:7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance.

Isaiah 10:20-22 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay on him that smote them; but shall stay on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Jeremiah 50:20 In those days, and in that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

Genesis 45:9 Hurry, and go up to my father, and tell him, This is what your son Joseph says, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Don't wait.

Genesis 45:13 You shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. You shall hurry and bring my father down here.

Genesis 45:22a To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment...

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Genesis 46:2-4 And God said to Israel in a night-vision, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. And he said, I am God, the God of your father: go down to Egypt without fear, for I will make a great nation of you there: I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will see that you come back again, and at your death Joseph will put his hands on your eyes.

Genesis 42:2 Now Jacob, hearing that there was grain in Egypt, said to his sons, Why are you looking at one another? And he said, I have had news that there is grain in Egypt: **go down** there and get grain for us, so that life and not death may be ours.

Genesis 46:27,28 And the sons of Joseph whom he had in Egypt were two. Seventy persons of the family of Jacob came into Egypt. Now he had sent Judah before him to Goshen, **גֹּשֶׁן** to get word from Joseph; and so they came to the land of Goshen. **גֹּשֶׁן**

Genesis 46: 29 And Joseph got his carriage ready and went to Goshen **גֹּשֶׁן** for the meeting with his father; and when he came before him, he put his arms round his neck, weeping.

Genesis 46:33,34 Now when Pharaoh sends for you and says, What is your business? You are to say, Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our early days up to now, like our fathers; in this way you will be able to have the land of Goshen for yourselves; because keepers of sheep are unclean in the eyes of the Egyptians.

Genesis 47:5 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Let them have the land of Goshen; and if there are any able men among them, put them over my cattle.

Genesis 47:7-10 Then Joseph made his father Jacob come before Pharaoh, and Jacob gave him his blessing. And Pharaoh said to him, How old are you? And Jacob said, The years of my **wanderings** have been a hundred and thirty; small in number and full of sorrow have been the years of my life, and less than the years of the wanderings of my fathers. And Jacob gave Pharaoh his blessing, and went out from before him.

Genesis 47:27 And **Israel** dwelled in the land of Egypt, in the country of **Goshen**; **גֹּשֶׁן** and they had possessions therein, and grew, and **multiplied exceedingly**.

Exodus 8:22 And I will sever in that day the land of **Goshen**, in which my people dwell, that **no swarms of flies shall be there**; to the end you may know that I am the LORD in the middle of the earth.

Exodus 9:26 Only in the land of **Goshen**, where the children of Israel were, **was there no hail**.

Exodus 10:22,23 Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They didn't see one another, neither did anyone rise from his place for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

DECODING EZEKIEL

Jeremiah 25:1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the **fourth year of Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah king of Judah, that **was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon;

Ezekiel 1:1 Now it came to pass in the **thirtieth year**, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel 1:2,3 In the fifth day of the month, which was the **fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity**, the word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

Ezekiel 40:1,2 In the **twenty-fifth year** after we had been taken away prisoners, in the **first month of the year, on the tenth day of the month**, in the **fourteenth year** after the town was taken, on the very same day, the hand of the Lord was on me, and He took me there. In the visions of God He took me **into the land of Israel**, and put me down on a **very high mountain**, on which there was, as it seemed, **a building like a town** opposite me.

Ezekiel 40:3,4 He took me there, and **I saw a man, looking like brass, with a linen cord in his hand and a measuring rod**: and he was stationed in the doorway. And the man said to me, Son of man, see with your eyes and give hearing with your ears, and take to heart everything I am going to let you see; for in order that I might let you see them, you have come here: and give an account of all you see to the children of Israel.

Revelation 21:10-13 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, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 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: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Revelation 11:1,2 And there was given to me a measuring rod: and one said, Go up and take the measure of the house of God, and the altar, and the worshippers in it. But do not take the measure of the space outside the house; because it has been given to the nations: and the holy town will be under their feet for forty-two months.

Ezekiel 40:5,6 And there was a wall on the outside of the house all round, and in the man's hand there was a measuring rod six cubits long by a cubit and a hand's measure: so he took the measure of the building from side to side, one rod; and from base to top, one rod. Then he came to the doorway looking to the east, and went up by its steps; and he took the measure of the doorstep, one rod wide.

Ezekiel 40:44-46 And he took me into the inner square, and there were two rooms in the inner square, one at the side of the north doorway, facing south; and one at the side of the south doorway, facing north. And he said to me, This room, facing south, is for the priests who have the care of the house. And the room facing north is for the priests who have the care of the altar: these are the **sons of Zadok**, who, from among the sons of Levi, **come near** to the Lord to do the work of his house.

Ezekiel 41:1-5 And he took me to the Temple, and took the measure of the uprights, six cubits wide on one side and six cubits wide on the other. And the door-opening was ten cubits wide; and the side walls of the door-opening were five cubits on one side and five cubits on the other: and it was forty cubits long and twenty cubits wide. And he went inside and took the measure of the uprights of the door-opening, two cubits: and the door-opening, six cubits; and the sidewalls of the door-opening were seven cubits on one side and

seven cubits on the other. And by his measure it was twenty cubits long and twenty cubits wide in front of the Temple: and he said to me, This is the most holy place. Then he took the measure of the wall of the house, which was six cubits; and of the side-rooms round the house, which were four cubits wide.

Ezekiel 42:15-20 And when he had come to the end of measuring the inner house, he took me out to the doorway **looking to the east**, and took its measure all round. He went round and took the measure of it on the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred, measured with the rod all round. And he went round and took the measure of it on the north side with the measuring rod, five hundred, measured with the rod all round. And he went round and took the measure of it on the south side with the measuring rod, five hundred, measured with the rod all round. And he went round and took the measure of it on the west side with the measuring rod, five hundred, measured with the rod all round. He took its measure on the four sides: and it had a wall all round, five hundred long and five hundred wide, separating what was holy from what was common.

Ezekiel 43:1-5 And he took me to the doorway looking to the east: **And there was the glory of the God of Israel coming from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of great waters, and the earth was shining with his glory.** And the vision which I saw was like the vision I had seen when he came for the destruction of the town: and like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I went down on my face. And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the doorway looking to the east. And the spirit, lifting me up, took me into the inner square; and I saw that the house was full of the glory of the Lord.

Revelation 1:15 And His feet like polished brass, as if it had been burned in a fire; and **His voice was as the sound of great waters.**

Ezekiel 43:6,7 And the voice of one talking to me came to my ears from inside the house; and the Man was by my side. And He said to me, Son of man, **this is the place where the seat of my power is and the resting-place of my feet, where I will be among the children of Israel for ever:** and no longer will the people of Israel make my holy name unclean, they or their kings, by their loose ways and by the dead bodies of their kings...

Ezekiel 43:8-11 By putting their doorstep by my doorstep, and the pillar of their door by the pillar of my door, with only a wall between me and them; and they have made my holy name unclean by the disgusting things which they have done: so in my wrath I sent destruction on them. Now let them put their loose ways and the dead bodies of their kings far from me, and I will be among them forever. You, son of man, give the children of Israel an account of this house, so that they may be shamed because of their evildoing: and let them see the vision of it and its image. And they will be shamed by what they have done; so give them the knowledge of the form of the house and its structure, and the ways out of it and into it, and all its laws and its rules, writing it down for them: so that they may keep all its laws and do them.

Ezekiel 43:18-21 And he said to me, Son of man, the Lord God has said, These are the rules for the altar, when they make it, for the offering of burned offerings on it and the draining out of the blood. You are to give to the priests, the Levites of the seed of Zadok, **who come near to me**, says the Lord God, to do my work, a young ox for a sin-offering. You are to take some of its blood and put it on the four horns and on the four angles of the shelf and on the edge all round: and you are to make it clean and free from sin. And you are to take the ox of the sin-offering, and have it burned in the special place ordered for it in the house, outside the holy place.

Ezekiel 43:22-25 And on the second day you are to have a he-goat without any mark on it offered for a sin-offering; and they are to make the altar clean as they did with the young ox. And after you have made it clean, let a young ox without a mark be offered, and a male sheep from the flock without a mark. And you are to take them before the Lord, and the priests will put salt on them, offering them up for a burned offering to the Lord. Every day for seven days you are to give a goat for a sin-offering: and let them give in addition a young ox and a male sheep from the flock without any mark on them.

Ezekiel 43:26,27 For seven days they are to make offerings to take away sin from the altar and to make it clean; so they are to make it holy. And when these days have come to an end, then **on the eighth day** and after, the priests will make your burned offerings on the altar and your peace-offerings; and I will take pleasure in you, says the Lord.

Ezekiel 44:1,2 And He took me back to the outer doorway of the holy place, looking to the east; and it was shut. And the Lord said to me, This doorway is to be shut, it is not to be open, and no man is to go in by it, because the Lord, the God of Israel, has gone in by it; and it is to be shut.

Ezekiel 44:4-7 And He took me to the north doorway in front of the house; and, looking, I saw that the house of the Lord was full of the glory of the Lord; and I went down on my face. And the Lord said to me, Son of man, take to heart, and let your eyes see and your ears be open to everything I say to you about all the rules of the house of the Lord and all its laws; and take note of the ways into the house and all the ways out of the holy place. And say to the uncontrolled children of Israel, This is what the Lord has said: O you children of Israel, let it be enough for you, among the disgusting things which you have done, To have let men from strange lands, without circumcision of heart or flesh, come into my holy place, making my house unclean; and to have made the offering of my food, even the fat and the blood; and in addition to all your disgusting ways, you have let my agreement be broken.

Ezekiel 44:8,9 And you have not taken care of my holy things; but you have put them as keepers to take care of my work in my holy place. For this cause the Lord has said, **No man from a strange land, without circumcision of heart and flesh, of all those who are living among the children of Israel, is to come into my holy place.**

Ezekiel 44:10-13 But as for the Levites, who went far from me, when Israel went out of the right way, turning away from me to go after their images; their punishment will come on them. But they may be caretakers in my holy place, and overseers at the doors of the house, doing the work of the house: they will put to death the burned offering and the beasts offered for the people, and they will take their place before them as their servants. Because they did this work for them before their images, and became a cause of sin to the children of Israel; for this cause My hand has been lifted up against them, says the Lord, and their punishment will be on them. And they will not come near me to do the work of priests to me, or come near any of my holy things, or the things which are most holy: but their shame will be on them, and the punishment for the disgusting things which they have done.

Ezekiel 44:14-18 But I will make them responsible for the care of the house and all its work and everything which is done in it. But as for the priests, the sons of Zadok, who took care of my holy place when the children of Israel were turned away from me, they are **to come near** me to do my work, they will take their places before me, offering to me the fat and the blood, says the Lord; They are to come into my holy place and they are to come near to my table, to do my work and have the care of my house. And when they come in by the doorways of the inner square, they are to be clothed in linen robes; **there is to be no wool on them while they are doing my work** in the doorway of the inner square and inside the house. They are to have linen head-dresses on their heads and linen trousers on their legs, and they are to have nothing round them to make their skin sweat.

Ezekiel 44:19-21 And when they go out into the outer square to the people, they are to take off the robes in which they do the work of priests, and put them away in the holy rooms, and put on other clothing, so that the people may not be made holy by their robes. They are not to have all the hair cut off their heads, and they are not to let their hair get long, but they are to have the ends of their hair cut. The priests are not to take wine when they go into the inner square.

Ezekiel 44:23 And they are to make clear to my people the division between what is **holy and what is common**, and to give them the knowledge of what is **clean and what is unclean**.

Ezekiel 44:24 In any cause, they are to be in the position of judges, judging in harmony with my decisions: they are to keep my laws and my rules in all my fixed feasts; and they are to keep my Sabbaths holy.

Ezekiel 44:28,29 And they are to have no heritage; I am their heritage: you are to give them no property in Israel; I am their property. Their food is to be the meal offering and the sin-offering and the offering for error; and everything given specially to the Lord in Israel will be theirs.

Ezekiel 44:30 And the best of all the firstfruits of everything, and every offering which is lifted up of all your offerings, will be for the priests: and you are to give the priest the first of your bread-making, so causing a **blessing to come on your house**.

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