

Torah Portion #11: VaYigash (וַיִּגַּשׁ) "and he came near"

Torah ~ Genesis 44:18-47:27 | Prophets ~ Ezekiel 37:15-28 | New Covenant ~ Ephesians 2:1-10; Acts 7:9-16

The Gospel according to Joseph

Each of our forefathers shows us a part of who Messiah is, but Joseph tells us the full Gospel of Yeshua. Even the Jewish people relate the story of Joseph as a picture of the suffering Messiah, Mashiach ben Yosef (Messiah son of Joseph).

Yeshua said in *John 5:46* "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me." NKJV

-- Joseph's birth was a miracle because his mother (Rachel) was barren in *Genesis 30:2*.

Matthew 1:18 "Now the birth of Jesus Christ happened this way: After His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child by the Holy Spirit." MEV

-- Joseph was sent to save the world in *Genesis 41:55-57*.

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." NKJV

-- Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh and began his life's work in *Genesis 41:46*.

Luke 3:23 "Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, who was the son of Heli" MEV

-- Joseph was filled with the Spirit of God in *Genesis 41:38*.

Matthew 3:16b "And suddenly the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending on Him like a dove." MEV

-- Joseph was a shepherd of his father's sheep in *Genesis 37:2*.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." NKJV

-- Joseph was hated by his brothers in *Genesis 37:4*.

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you." NKJV

-- Joseph was given over to the enemy by his brothers in *Genesis 37:28*.

Matthew 27:2 "And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor." KJV

-- Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife in *Genesis 39:14*.

Mark 14:56 "For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree." NKJV

-- Joseph was condemned to prison and put with two criminals in *Genesis 40:1-3*.

Mark 15:27 "And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left." KJV

-- Joseph arose from the pit into high authority in *Genesis 41:41*.

Ephesians 1:20 "This power He exercised in Messiah when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heaven." TLV

-- Joseph's garment was dipped in blood in *Genesis 37:31*.

Revelation 19:13 "He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God." NKJV

In Closing

The story of Joseph is yet another example of how Yeshua is pictured throughout the Tanakh (Old Testament). The entire Bible, both Old and New Testament's is all about Yeshua. Before Yeshua's time, the Bible points forward to Him but after the time of Yeshua, the Bible points backward to Him.