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Parsha: Miketz / "At the end"

NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

First, Miketz is always during Hanukkah. Let's look at the spelling: חנוכה

חנוכ is Enoch (2585) meaning initiated

This comes from 2596: חנכ – khaw-nak meaning to narrow, dedicate, train up.

2598 is Hanukkah, which means to dedicate, consecrate

Also:

חנו = they rested

כ = 20 value

ה = 5 value

Total is 25.

Hanukkah is on 25 Kislev.

So the word Hanukkah is: they rested on 25!

The ultimate significance of this story is to show Joseph as a type of the Messiah. The grain represents the word, and Joseph is feeding the world. Yes, the story revolves around the Hebrew children, but the intent is for the world to be fed!

How old was Joseph when he had his first dreams (Sheaves and stars bowing)? 17
Gen 37:2, 6, 9

How old was he when he interpreted the dreams for Pharaoh? 30 Gen 41:46

How old was Joseph when he revealed himself to them? 39

This can be established by the 7 good years, and they were in the second year of famine (Gen 45:6)

From Gen 37:2 to Gen 39:20, was about 1 year. He was 18 when he was placed in prison. He was 30 when he interpreted Pharaoh's dreams. He was in prison for 12 years: one year for each tribe! <<In truth, we have no Biblical basis to establish Joseph was in prison 12 years (the Jewish sages state he was), but at best, we can only say he was in prison prior to the cupbearer and baker going to prison and their dreams. Then we know Joseph was in prison two more years after his interpretations.>>

It had been two years since Joseph interpreted the dreams for the cupbearer and baker.

What day is this happening on? The Bible doesn't really say, but there are many indications this was on Rosh HaShanah.

-First is Gen 41:1 at the end of two full years. This terminology is used to indicate Tishrei 1 to Tishrei 1 (one full year. Rosh haShanah to Rosh HaShanah.

-It is also known as the Day of Remembrance: the butler ***remembered*** (Gen 41:9)

-It is known as a Day of Judgment: What were Pharaoh's dreams? God's judgment on Egypt.

(It is also said that the cupbearer and baker dreams occurred on Rosh HaShanah: They were judged—one was judged good, one bad)

-It is called a Day of Coronation: Joseph was made ruler over Egypt (Gen 41:40-41)

What about the number 7?

7 is sheva. It is in Gen 41 28 times! 7x4!

God's calendar is in cycles of 7! 7 days per week (6 work days, Sabbath), 7 year cycles (6 harvest, one Shemita year), 7 cycles of 7 years – 49 years, then the Year of Jubilee (50).

The 7 years of famine speak of the tribulation of today!

Joseph's age when the dreams began: 17

17 is a prime number, but it is the 7th prime number! (1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17)

7 is the number of Spiritual perfection

10 is the number representing ordinal perfection
So the two numbers combined shows God's hand is leading the story!
Notice that today's parsha is the 10th parsha!

From Creation Moments:

According to the Bible, God completed creation in six days and rested on the seventh, thus setting the pattern for humans to follow. If the Bible's account of creation is just a myth, or if the days of Genesis 1 are figurative, why is the very fabric of human existence tied to the seven day week?

The Hebrew word shabab means "seven." It comes from the root word which means full or complete. Not only is this word the source of the word "Sabbath," it is also related to the word "seven" in several languages, including English. Even the Chinese from ancient times have used the seven day week. The seventh day of the first lunar month is still known among the Chinese as the "birthday of mankind." In ancient India, Egypt, Rome and Greece, the seven day week was standard. Exceptions are few and far between.

Science has also learned that one of our most basic biological cycles is tied to the seven day week. Researchers found measurable impairments in subjects who were denied one out of seven days for rest. They also found that no amount of experimental coaxing could change this built in seven day cycle to six or eight days.

Evolutionary researchers admit that they do not know when the seven day week started. But the origin of the seven day week is clearly presented in Scripture. The seven day week shows that the days in Genesis 1 are not make believe, nor are they figurative – they are the revealed truth of God!

Look at the progression of dreams:

- At 17, Joseph interpreted his dreams as ***he*** saw them—he did not give God the glory
- In prison, with the butler and baker, he gave God the credit for the interpretations, but he did not weigh his words to the baker—he gave him no hope.
- With the Pharaoh, he again gave God the glory, but also provided hope with what he said.

“While Joseph’s story began with his own dreams and a failure to attribute them to its divine source, his story ends with his growth and consistent recognition that all dreams, interpretations, promotions and even demotions come from God in Heaven.”

Tie-in the dreams to the End of Days

Is 46:10

In order to understand the end, we must go to the beginning. What is the “end” book of the Bible? Revelation. What is the “beginning” book of the Bible? Genesis! You can’t understand Revelation without properly understanding Genesis!

In fact, how does Genesis begin? In the beginning!

Alef-Tav is the middle word. “vet” is the 6th word.
Middle branch is called the “Servant Branch”.

Do you know God calls Himself the “First and the Last”?

Is 41:1

Is 44:6

Is 48:12-13

Yeshua also states he is the “First and the Last”: Rev 1:10-11

Gen 37:12 The alef-tav with the two dots above – indicating the pierced one!

Gen 41:6, 23, 27

Notice the number of times it says “east wind”.

In Hebrew, east wind is kadim: קדים

One of the major parties in Israel today is called the Kadima Party! In fact, it was the party of Ariel Sharon in 2008.

BTW, 2008 is a shmita year. 2015 is the next shmita year.

Let’s put the pieces together: It was 13 years between the time of Joseph being sold by his brothers till the time he got out of prison. Then there were 7 good years, and 2 years of famine until Judah truly repented. A total of 22 years.

Why is this important? Pres. Clinton signed the Oslo Accords to divide Israel on 13 Sep 1993. Add 22 years to this time, and it comes to 13 Sep 2015—Rosh HaShanah! Hopefully, Israel will repent!

But, in addition 2015 is a year of Jubilee! Things are pointing to 2015 having a LOT of end times significance!

So, from 2008 to 2015 is 7 years – of good? Will 2015, be the start of the 7 years of “famine” (i.e. Tribulation)?

More similarities between Joseph and Messiah:

Gen 41: 14

Joseph was brought hastily out of prison, shaved, changed raiment
Just as Joseph was suddenly and unexpectedly rushed from the dungeon, so too will
Messiah come unexpectedly.

Gen 42:8

Joseph knew them, but they didn't know him!
Just like Yeshua—He came and knew them, but they didn't know Him!

Look at the history: Jacob disguised himself to Isaac to get the birthright blessing; Jacob
did not recognize Leah; Judah did not recognize Tamar; and now the brothers did not
recognize Joseph!

There is an issue of hidden identities throughout the scripture.

The Messiah's identity is also hidden. Israel has yet to recognize the Messiah!

The Church has not helped! In fact, look at the scenario: why didn't the brothers
recognize Joseph? He was looked like an Egyptian—a Gentile! The problem is, we have
made Yeshua to look "Egyptian" to the Jews (Actually, Greek!)—He is a Gentile in their
eyes! (Not to speak of the fact that we have said the He did away with the Torah!)

The Joseph the brothers knew had been rejected, stripped of his garments, and given
over to the Gentiles!

The same is true of Yeshua: he was rejected, stripped of His garments, and given over to
the Gentiles!

Benjamin is seen as the believing Jew!

We see Benjamin introduced at his birth and then he disappears from the story until
near the end.

The same is true of the believing Jews—they disappeared after Acts, and will reappear
in the end!

Who are some well-known believing Benjamites? Mordecai & Shaul

Gen 42:14

Spies! Midrash that states the brothers were looking for Joseph to learn of his outcome. Joseph knew this and did not want them to find out who he was, so he accused them of spying! Why would he do that? They were going everywhere, asking questions. So it made sense to accuse them of this.

Gen 42:18

Joseph put them in prison for three days! Then after the third day, he let them go.

Tie this in with,

Hos 6:1-4!

Gen 42:21

Hear = shema!

Amos 8:11

Famine of hearing (again shema!)

Gen 42:23-24

Understood is shema!

Joseph took Simeon and placed him in prison.

What does Simeon mean? The root word is shema! It means "God has heard me"!

But, what is interesting is seen in the Hebrew text. Simeon's name is spelled, "alef-tav"-Simeon!

God is taking their hearing away from them!

The sages say that when Joseph was sold into slavery, the Ruach was removed from Jacob—he saw, but could not see; he heard, but did not hear! Jacob is Israel!

Rom 11:8!

Gen 44:2

Silver cup = cup of redemption at the Passover Seder! Who got the cup? The believing Jew!

Story of Asenath (Joseph's wife)

Typology is that Joseph got a wife – Yeshua is coming for His bride.

Resources:

El Shaddai Ministries (www.elshaddaiministries.us)

First Fruits of Zion (www.ffoz.org)

Gateways to Torah, Rabbi Russell Resnik

Partners in Torah (www.partnersintorah.org)

Creation Moments (www.creationmoments.com)