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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.

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- Since there is no "break" between Vayigash and Vayechi, there was no time to reflect upon Jacob's death and to truly understand what it meant



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- This suggests the best years of his life were the 47 years he spent with Rachel and Joseph – plus the first six years of his life



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And he came to his house, and took the knife and lay hold on his concubine. And he cut her in pieces to her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the borders of Israel.



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Chazak, chazak v'nischazek

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