

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.

Goshen

This is the last verse from last week’s portion.

Gen 47:27 Goshen גושן

Gen 47:28

Ex 8:22 Goshen גושן

Ex 9:26 Goshen גושן

- We see that Goshen was a place of miracles.

Gen 46:28 Goshen גושנה; Goshen גושן.

- We see that Jacob (Israel) is sending Judah to Joseph (the Messiah).

- Notice that the spelling of Goshen has been changed—the hey is added. Goshenah

- We don't see these jots and tittles in English—they are only seen in Hebrew.
- This is the first time that Goshen is spelled with the letter hey at the end (Goshenah).
- The hey means to reveal! Something is going to be revealed in Goshen!
- However, at the end of a word, “hey” can mean what comes from or out of!

Gen 46:29 Goshen גשנה

Gen 46:34 Goshen גשן

- Goshen is a place for shepherds. Who is the Great Shepherd? Yeshua, Messiah!

There is a tie-in between Goshen and Messiah.

Lev 6:22 anointed

$$ח \ י \ ש \ מ \quad 8 + 10 + 300 + 40 = 358$$

$$ה \ נ \ ש \ ג \quad 5 + 50 + 300 + 3 = 358$$

- The gematria of Goshenah is 358; this is the same value for the word Mashiach!

- Remember, Goshen is the land of miracles!
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Shechem

We end the book of Genesis with the death of Joseph.

Where was Joseph actually buried?

Josh 24:32

-Shechem is actually in today's Torah portion, but just like everything else, it is hidden!

Gen 48:21-49:1 one portion שכם (Strong's 7926; Shechem, the city, is 7927!)

gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days.

- The word for latter/last days is acharit (Strong's 319: from 309)

- We also see in **Ps 102:16-18** about the last generation (acharon: 314: from 310, which is from 309)

- 309 is the root word, achar
- Jacob is telling us about the last days in Genesis!
- How do we know if we are in the last days? Ps 102!
- In the last days, the focus is going to be on Israel—specifically, Jerusalem!
- The time of the Gentiles will come to an end and God's focus will be on Jerusalem (Zion, as in Ps 102).
- Ps 102:18b - That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD. We are that people!
- Shechem is also going to play a pivotal role in what is going to happen in the last days.
- It is the first city Abraham goes to in the Holy Land to build an altar when God promises to give him the Holy land.
- Remember, the last will be first and the first will be last...
- So Shechem is the first thing, and it will also be the last thing!

Gen 12:6,7

- This is the very land the Palestinians are wanting to make a state out of...Satan is fighting over the land...if he can take the land from God, he makes God a liar! If he can take the land, it will prevent the Messiah from returning!

Gen 33:18 Elelohe-Israel. (God, the Mighty God-Israel)

- We see that Abraham built an altar in Shechem,
- Jacob built an altar in Shechem.
- We see Jacob paid a lot of money for this land.
- The title deed is still in existence—Genesis!

Shechem:

- Simeon and Levi slew all the men (after raping Dinah);
- This is where Joseph went to look for his brothers and ended up being sold for silver;

Gen 37:13

- As mentioned earlier, Joseph was buried in

Shechem...

Josh 24:32

Yeshua visited Shechem (probably to visit Joseph's tomb?)...

John 4:3-6a

- It was a city of refuge...

Josh 21:21

- Shechem is where the first battle of good and evil was fought (Gen 30).

- It will also be the last place where a battle will be fought.

- It is the place where the first covenant was given in the Promised Land

Josh 8:30

Josh 8:33

In 2000, the Palestinians destroyed Joseph's tomb.

Blessings

Manasseh & Ephraim

In the spiritual world, the right is considered superior to the left. (**Ecc 10:2**)

This is why Joseph placed Manasseh to Jacob's right.

As we know, Jacob crossed his hands to give Ephraim the primary blessing.

By doing this, Jacob did mean absolutely no insult to Manasseh.

Had he intended to insult Manasseh, he would have had them switch places.

Jacob let Manasseh stay at his place on the right.

(Chizkuni)

Simeon & Levi

Even though Jacob added a curse to his rebuke of S&L, he only cursed their anger and not them (Rashi)

Judah

Jacob bestowed kingship upon Judah.
His brothers recognized his natural leadership qualities without the jealousy they held for Joseph.

Judah was successful in everything he undertook.

He established peace between his brothers.

He carried himself in a royal dignified manner.

(Abarbanel)

Joseph

Jacob took all the blessings with which he and his father had been blessed and placed them on Joseph's head. (Rashi)

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The power of verbal blessings

- As Gentiles, we miss the importance of the verbal blessings.

Gen 48:5

- Both of Joseph's sons were born in Egypt.

- Why did Jacob specify that they were born in Egypt?

- Because of their greatness and Joseph's greatness was that they were righteous in spite of living in Egypt.
- The children of Israel were in the Promised Land, but look at how dysfunctional they were.
- You have Joseph, who was righteous, and you put him in Egypt (which represents the world), and his two sons, and they were able to stay righteous in the midst of all the bad influences of Egypt.
- We need to learn how to bless our children. The adults have a duty to take along and guide the children, and the children have an equal responsibility to let themselves be guided.

Gen 48:10

- Blindness has visited Israel!

Gen 48:13,14

Gen 48:15,16 And he blessed Joseph, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads;

- He is saying he (Jacob) wants the name of

Abraham and Isaac to be upon the boys.

Gen 48:20 By you Israel will bless,

- He is blessing Ephraim and Manasseh.
- “By you Israel will bless” is in the singular, not plural. The two have become one.

- We started Genesis in the Garden of Eden and ended in Egypt.
- It is marked by both divine distinction and disastrous disunity.
- We have the tragic flaw of brother against brother: Cain & Abel, sons of Noah and his neighbors, Isaac & Ishmael, Jacob & Esau, Joseph and his brothers.
- We are seeing a constant fight, but there is still hope because a new generation was born in Egypt—Ephraim & Manasseh can break the cycle if they can get along.
- Jacob lines them up for the final blessing, Joseph’s anxiety shoots as high as a pyramid when he sees the younger Ephraim being given prominence over the elder Manasseh—when is

this going to end?

- Then Manasseh watches as his younger brother gets the better blessing, and he says nothing.

- This speaks volumes about faith and love! They were the first two who didn't fight, they didn't care who got the blessing. They loved one another and got along with each other.

- In Genesis, in the beginning, we see two brothers fighting and one killing the other, and it ends with two brothers who are united in faith and love and they are not looking at who is better than the other.

- It is not that E&M were so wonderful that we want our children to be like them. Instead, what this blessing is all about, we want our children to be blessed with the same blessing they received from Jacob.

- By Jacob saying what he said, what is happening is that we want them to be reckoned as part of the covenant that God bestowed on Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- So when we bless our children to be like E&M, we are asking for their inclusion into the

Abrahamic legacy of covenant and blessing! We don't want any curses—only the blessings to come upon you!

Gen 41:51,52 toil,(pain)

- When we pray over our children to be like E&M, by faith what you are saying is that may they forget the pain of their past, and bear much fruit in their future!
- Who wouldn't want to bless their child with that blessing?

Gen 22:16-18 That in blessing I will bless thee,

- The blessing comes with obedience!
- Did you catch it? In blessing, I will bless you! When you bless others, God will bless you!
- This is how we can reverse Hell's counsel!
- We can possess the gates of the enemy and reverse the flow of iniquity that people are trapped in by all the verbal abuse they have received!

John 10:10

- Satan wants to steal your blessing!

Prov 18:21

- We will either kill people by our words, or we can bring them life.

Prov 12:18

- We need to be wise in our words!
- I am master of my words...until I speak!

- Ephraim means “Fruitfulness”.

Gen 48:19 multitude alm of nations.ywg

#4393. מלא mel-o' – fullness

#1471. גוי go'-ee a foreign nation; hence,
Gentiles;

Remember, Israel was partially blind when he was giving the blessings (just like Isaac with Jacob and Esau)

Rom 11:25

- Fullness can also be seen as “maturity”.
- Yeshua is waiting for His bride to mature!

**Ephraim became fruitful:
Hosea 12:8**

Re 3:17

Jer 16:19

Zec 9:13

This leads us to the next section...

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Judah/Praise/Hand

Gen 49:8 "Judah, יהודה

praise ידה;

hand יד

Gen 49:9a Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey טרף, **my son**, you have gone up אלה

2964. טרף tereph, from 2963; something torn to pieces

5927. אלה `alah, to ascend

Prov 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?
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Shiloh

From Gateways to Torah:

Gen 49:10

- This is the first time Shiloh appears in the Torah.
- As such, there is no clue to its meaning.
- Since it has a Messianic interpretation from earliest times, it became unacceptable to some translators
- There have been multiple attempts to translate the meaning away from its Messianic implications
- However, the Talmud refers to this same

phrase to answer the question, “What is the Messiah’s name?” The school of R. Shila said: His name is Shiloh, for it is written, “until Shiloh come” (Sanhedrin 98b).

- The emphasis on Messiah was not introduced by the followers of Yeshua the Messiah, but was seen in the text from the earliest of times.

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The following is read at the end of each book of the Torah:

Chazak, chazak v'nischazek –
"Be strong, be strong, and we will all be strengthened"

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El Shaddai Ministries (www.elshaddaiministries.us)
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