

Portion: VaYechi (And He Lived)  
Berēshith (Genesis 47:28-49:6)

Genesis 47:28-31

28 And Ya'aqob<sup>b</sup> lived in the land of Mitsrayim seventeen years. So the length of Ya'aqob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 And the time for Yisra'ēl to die drew near, and he called his son Yosēph and said to him, "Now if I have found favour in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and show loving-commitment and truth to me. Please do not bury me in Mitsrayim,

30 but I shall lie with my fathers, and you shall take me up out of Mitsrayim and bury me in their burial-place." And he said, "I do as you have said."

31 And he said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him, and Yisra'ēl bowed himself on the head of the bed.

Genesis 48:1-22

1 And after these events it came to be that it was said to Yosēph, "See, your father is sick." And he took with him his two sons, Menashsheh and Ephrayim.

2 And Ya'aqob<sup>b</sup> was told, "See, your son Yosēph is coming to you." And Yisra'ēl strengthened himself and sat up on the bed.

3 And Ya'aqob<sup>b</sup> said to Yosēph, "Ēl Shaddai appeared to me at Luz in the land of Kena'an and blessed me,

4 and said to me, 'See, I am making you fruitful and shall increase you and make of you an assembly of peoples, and give this land to your seed after you as an everlasting possession.'

5 "And now, your two sons, Ephrayim and Menashsheh, who were born to you in the land of Mitsrayim before I came to you in Mitsrayim, are mine - as Re'ubēn and Shim'on, they are mine.

6 "Your offspring whom you shall bring forth after them are yours, and let them be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

7 And I, when I came from Paddan, Raḥēl died beside me in the land of Kena'an on the way, when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there on the way to Ephrath, that is Bēyth Leḥem.

8 And Yisra'ēl saw Yosēph's sons, and said, "Who are these?"

9 And Yosēph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom Elohim has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and let me bless them."

10 And the eyes of Yisra'ēl were dim with age, and he was unable to see. And he drew them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

11 And Yisra'ēl said to Yosēph, "I had not thought to see your face. But see, Elohim has also shown me your seed!"

12 So Yosēph brought them from between his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth.

13 And Yosēph took them both, Ephrayim with his right hand toward Yisra'ēl's left hand, and Menashsheh with his left hand toward Yisra'ēl's right hand, and brought them near him.

14 And Yisra'ēl stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephrayim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Menashsheh's head, consciously directing his hands, for Menashsheh was the first-born.

15 And he blessed Yosēph, and said, "The Elohim before whom my fathers Abraham and Yitshaq walked, the Elohim who has fed me all my life long to this day,

16 the Messenger who has redeemed me from all evil - bless the youths! And let my name be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Yitshaq. And let them increase to a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 And when Yosēph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephrayim, it was evil in his eyes; and he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from the head of Ephrayim to the head of Menashsheh.

18 And Yosēph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born, put your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also becomes a people, and he also is great. And yet, his younger brother is greater than he, and his seed is to become the completeness of the nations."

20 And he blessed them on that day, saying, "In you Yisra'ēl shall bless, saying, 'Elohim make you as Ephrayim and as Menashsheh!' " Thus he put Ephrayim before Menashsheh.

21 And Yisra'ēl said to Yosēph, "See, I am dying, but Elohim shall be with you and bring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 And I, I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

#### Genesis 49:1-6

1 And Ya'aqob called his sons and said, "Gather together, so that I declare to you what is to befall you in the last days:

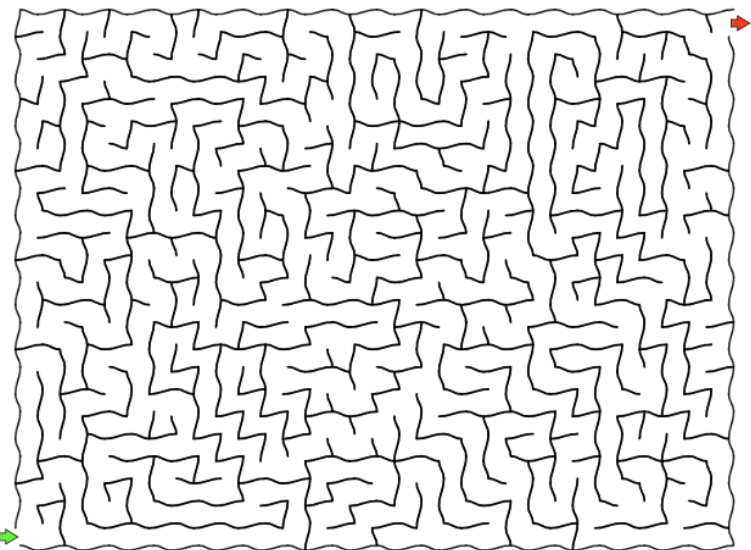
2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Ya'aqob, and listen to Yisra'ēl your father.

3 "Re'ubēn, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.

4 "Boiling like water, you do not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then you defiled it - he went up to my couch.

5 "Shim'on and Lēwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence.

6 "Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they killed a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure.



### Fill In The Blank

- 1) Boiling like \_\_\_\_\_, you do not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then you \_\_\_\_\_ it - he went up to my couch.
- 2) Ėl Shaddai appeared to me at \_\_\_\_\_ in the land of \_\_\_\_\_ and blessed me.
- 3) His father \_\_\_\_\_ and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also becomes a \_\_\_\_\_, and he also is great.
- 4) He said, "Swear to me." And he swore to him, and Yisra'ĕl \_\_\_\_\_ himself on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bed.
- 5) Your \_\_\_\_\_ whom you shall bring forth after them are yours, and let them be called by the name of their brothers in their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) See, I am making you \_\_\_\_\_ and shall increase you and make of you an \_\_\_\_\_ of peoples.
- 7) Now if I have found \_\_\_\_\_ in your eyes, please put your hand under my \_\_\_\_\_, and show loving-commitment and truth to me.
- 8) "I had not thought to see your \_\_\_\_\_. But see, Elohim has also shown me your \_\_\_\_\_!"
- 9) In you Yisra'ĕl shall \_\_\_\_\_, saying, 'Elohim make you as \_\_\_\_\_ and as Menashsheh!' "
- 10) After these \_\_\_\_\_ it came to be that it was said to \_\_\_\_\_, "See, your father is sick."

### True Or False

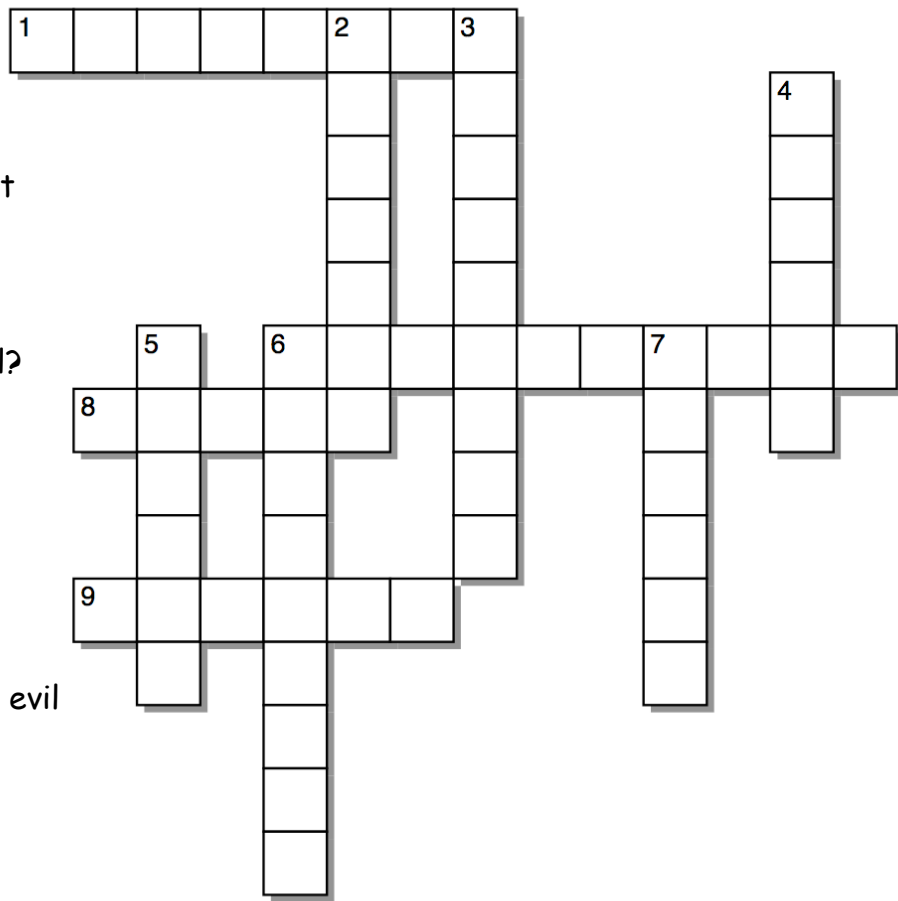
- 1) Yisra'ĕl shall bless, saying, 'Elohim make you as Ephrayim and as Mosheh!' True/False
- 2) Ya'aqob's life was one hundred and forty-six years long. True/False
- 3) Re'ubĕn defiled his father's bed. True/False
- 4) Ephrayim was put before Menashsheh when they where blessed! True/False

**Across**

1. On whose head did Yisra'el lay his right hand?
6. On whose head did Yosēph think the right hand should have been placed?
8. Who died in Kena'an near Ephrath (Bēyth Lehem)?
9. Whose sons were brought before Yisra'el?

**Down**

2. Whose time to die drew near?
3. Where did Yisra'el ask not to be buried?
4. Who was the first born of Ya'aqob?
5. Who did Ēl Shaddai appear to at Luz?
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ who has redeemed me from all evil - bless the youths!
7. Lēwi and \_\_\_\_\_ were said to have had weapons that were implements of violence.



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