

Portion: VaYechi (And He Lived)
Berēshith (Genesis 49:7-50:11)

Genesis 49:7-33

7 "Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqob and scatter them in Yisra'el.

8 "You, Yehudah, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you.

9 Yehudah is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?"

10 "The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor an Insciber from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

11 "Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.

12 "His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

13 "Zebulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships, and his border is unto Tsidon.

14 "Yissaskar is a strong donkey lying down between two burdens,

15 and he saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, and he inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a subject to slave labour.

16 "Dan rightly rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra'el.

17 "Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls backward.

18 I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!"

19 "Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.

20 "Bread from Asher is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.

21 "Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.

22 "Yoseph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

23 "And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

24 But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'aqob - from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra'el "

25 from the El of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

26 "The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yoseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

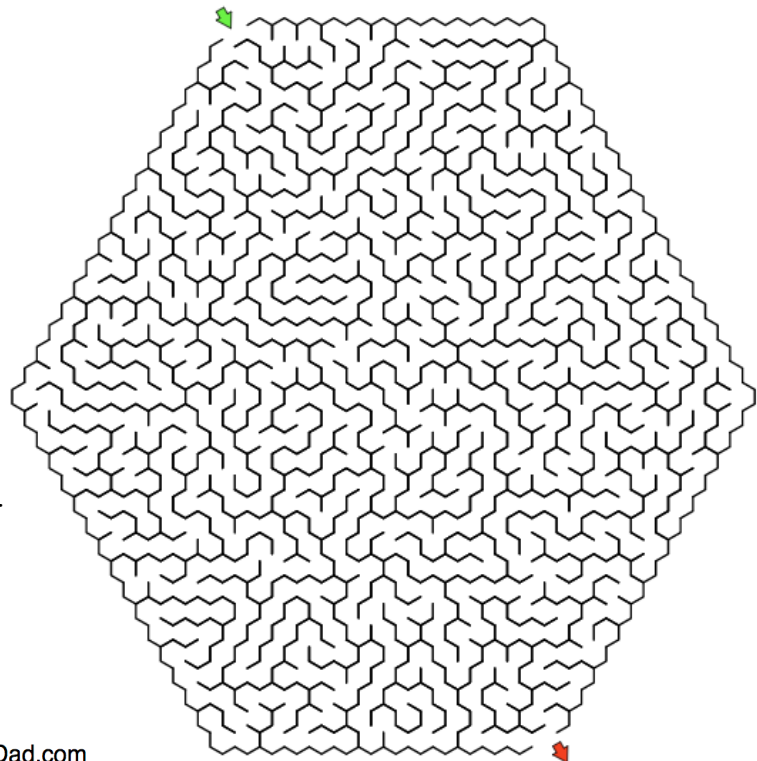
27 "Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey, and at night he divides the spoil."

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Yisra'el, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them, he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

29 And he commanded them, and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people, bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,
30 in the cave that is in the field of Maḵpēlah, which is before Mamrē in the land of Kena'an, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial-site.
31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Yitshaq and Ribqah his wife, and there I buried Lě'ah -
32 the field purchased, and the cave which is in it, from the sons of Hēth."
33 And when Ya'aqob ended commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 50:1-11

1 And Yosēph fell on his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him.
2 And Yosēph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Yisra'ēl.
3 And forty days were completed for him, for so are completed the days of embalming. And the Mitsrites wept for him seventy days.
4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Yosēph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If, now, I have found favour in your eyes, please speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying,
5 My father made me swear, saying, "See, I am dying, bury me in my burial-site which I dug for myself in the land of Kena'an." And now, please let me go up and bury my father, and return.' "
6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."
7 And Yosēph went up to bury his father. And with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Mitsrayim,
8 and all the house of Yosēph, and his brothers, and his father's house. Only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen.
9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen, and it was a very great company.
10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Ataḍ, which is beyond the Yardēn, and they lamented there with a great and very heavy lamentation. And he performed seven days of mourning for his father.
11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Kena'anites, saw the mourning at the threshing-floor of Ataḍ, they said, "This is a grievous mourning for the Mitsrites." That is why its name was called Abēl Mitsrayim, which is beyond the Yardēn.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) And Yosěph commanded his servants the _____ to embalm his _____.
- 2) Dan is a _____ by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls _____.
- 3) And Pharaoh said, "Go up and _____ your father, as he made you _____."
- 4) Yissaskar is a strong _____ lying down between two _____.
- 5) _____ from Ashěr is rich, and he gives _____ of a sovereign.
- 6) You, _____, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your _____; your father's children bow down before you.
- 7) And when the days of _____ for him were past, Yosěph spoke to the household of _____.
- 8) There they buried Abraham and _____ his wife, there they buried _____ and Ribqah his wife, and there I buried Lě'ah.
- 9) And there went up with him both _____ and _____, and it was a very great company.
- 10) But his _____ remained in strength, and the _____ of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'aqob.

True Or False

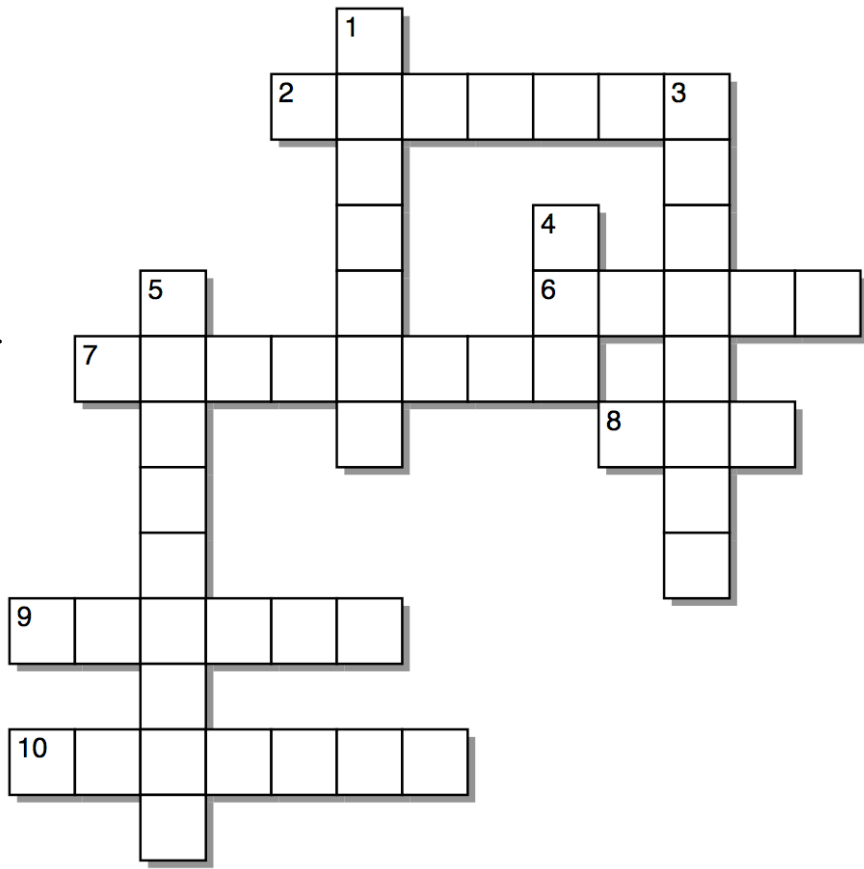
- 1) Yosěph commanded his servants, the physicians, to embalm his father. True/False
- 2) All the house of Yosěph, and his brothers, and his father's house went to bury Yisra'ěl with the exception of the flocks. True/False
- 3) Yisra'ěl wanted to be buried in the cave that is in the field of Maqpe'lah, which is before Mamrě in the land of Kena'an. True/False

Across

- 2. _____ dwells at the seashore.
- 6. Bread from _____ is rich.
- 7. _____ is a wolf that tears.
- 8. _____, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.
- 9. _____ is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree.
- 10. Who said "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."?

Down

- 1. _____ is a lion's cub.
- 3. _____ is a deer let loose.
- 4. _____ is a serpent by the way.
- 5. _____ is a strong donkey.



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