

Portion: VaYigash (And He Drew Near)
Berēshith (Genesis 44:18-45:20)

Genesis 44:18-34

18 And Yehudah came near to him and said, "O my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master's hearing, and do not let your displeasure burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh.

19 "My master asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20 And we said to my master, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young child of his old age, and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' "

21 "And you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, and let me set my eyes on him.'

22 And we said to my master, 'The boy is not able to leave his father, for if he leaves his father, his father shall die.' "

23 "But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you do not see my face again.'

24 "And it came to be, when we went up to your servant my father, that we told him the words of my master.

25 "And our father said, 'Go back and buy us a little food.'

26 But we said, 'We are not able to go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we shall go down, for we are not able to see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' "

27 "Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons, 28 and the one went out from me, and I said, "Truly, he is torn, torn to pieces!" And I have not seen him since.

29 And if you take this one from me too, and harm comes to him, you shall bring down my grey hair with evil to She'ol.'

30 "And now, if I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us - since his own life is bound up in his life -

31 then it shall be, when he sees that the boy is not with us, that he shall die. So your servants shall bring down the grey hair of your servant our father with evil to She'ol.

32 For your servant went guaranty for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall be a sinner before my father forever.' "

33 "And now, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a slave to my master, and let the boy go up with his brothers.

34 "For how do I go up to my father if the boy is not with me, lest I see the evil that would come upon my father?"

Genesis 45:1-20

1 And Yosēph was unable to restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he called out, "Have everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Yosēph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept aloud, and the Mitsrites and the house of Pharaoh heard it.

3 And Yosëph said to his brothers, "I am Yosëph, is my father still alive?" But his brothers were unable to answer him, for they trembled before him.

4 Then Yosëph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." And when they came near, he said, "I am Yosëph your brother, whom you sold into Mitsrayim.

5 "And now, do not be grieved nor displeased with yourselves because you sold me here, for Elohim sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For two years now the scarcity of food has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there is neither ploughing nor harvesting.

7 "And Elohim sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to give life to you by a great escape.

8 So then, you did not send me here, but Elohim. And He has set me for a father to Pharaoh, and master of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Mitsrayim."

9 Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Yosëph, Elohim has made me master of all Mitsrayim. Come down to me, do not delay.

10 "And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.

11 "And I shall provide for you there, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty, because five years of scarcity of food are still to come." '

12 "And look, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Binyamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

13 "And you shall inform my father of all my esteem in Mitsrayim, and of all that you have seen. And you shall hurry and bring my father down here."

14 And he fell on his brother Binyamin's neck and wept, and Binyamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him.

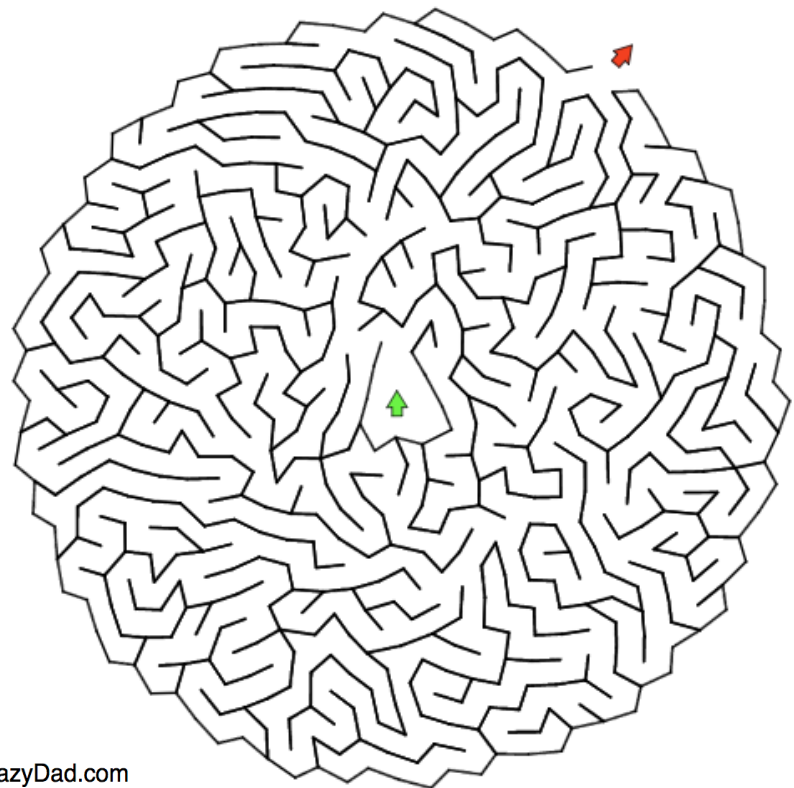
16 And the report of it was heard by the house of Pharaoh, saying, "The brothers of Yosëph have come." And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants.

17 And Pharaoh said to Yosëph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: Load your beasts and go, enter the land of Kena'an,

18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and I give you the best of the land of Mitsrayim, and you eat the fat of the land.

19 And you, you have been commanded, do this: Take wagons out of the land of Mitsrayim for your little ones and your wives. And you shall bring your father, and come.

20 And do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Mitsrayim is yours.' "



Fill In The Blank

- 1) Take _____ out of the land of Mitsrayim for your little ones and your _____.
- 2) O my _____, please let your _____ speak a word in my master's hearing, and do not let your displeasure burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh.
- 3) The _____ of it was heard by the house of _____, saying, "The brothers of Yosëph have come.
- 4) We have a _____, an old man, and a young child of his old age, and his brother is _____, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.
- 5) For how do I go up to my _____ if the boy is not with me, lest I see the _____ that would come upon my father?
- 6) Elohim sent me before you to _____ for you a _____ in the earth, and to give life to you by a great escape.
- 7) He _____ all his brothers and _____ over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him.
- 8) Yosëph was unable to _____ himself before all those who stood by him, and he called out, "Have everyone go _____ from me!"
- 9) Do not be _____ about your _____, for the best of all the land of Mitsrayim is yours.'

True Or False

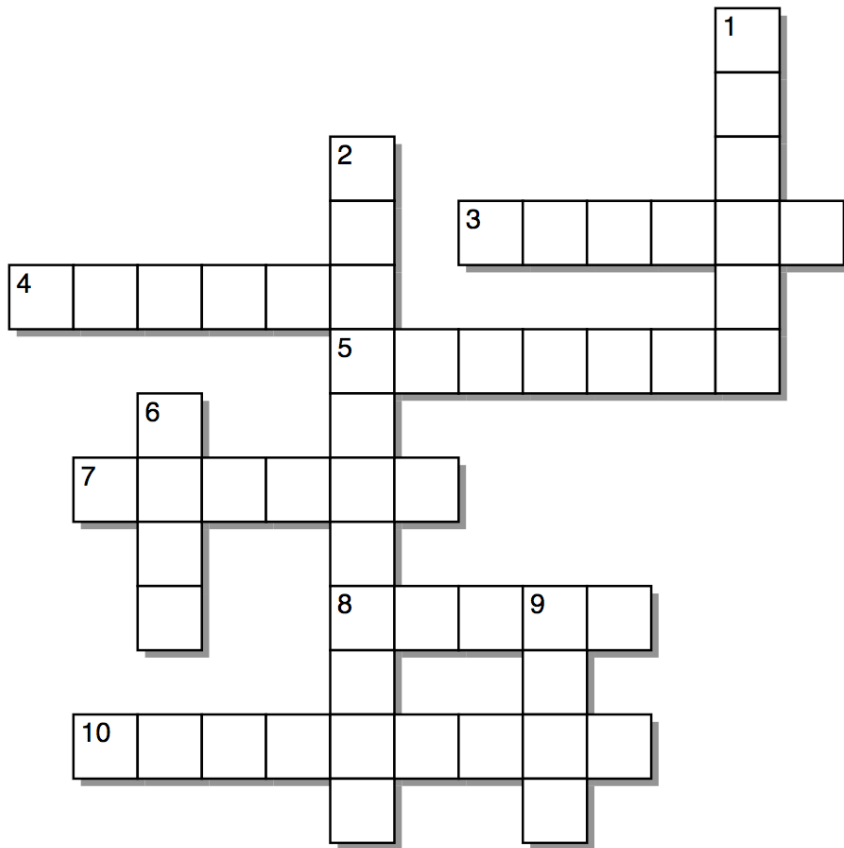
- 1) The Pharaoh was glad to hear that Yosëph's brothers had come to visit. True/False
- 2) The Pharaoh wanted them to take wagons so that they could haul back all their stuff. True/False
- 3) Yosëph came near to him and said, "O my master, please let your servant speak a word in my master's hearing." True/False
- 4) When his brothers met Yosëph there was still four more years of drought. True/False

Across

- 3. The brothers were to inform the father about Yosëph's _____ in Mitsrayim?
- 4. What was taken out of the land to help bring their father, wives, and little ones?
- 5. Who instructed Yosëph to tell his brother's to load their beasts and go to Kena'an?
- 7. What land were they allowed to dwell in?
- 8. How many years was there no ploughing or harvesting?
- 10. What land was Yosëph sold into?

Down

- 1. Who made himself known to his brothers?
- 2. Do not let your _____ burn against your servant.
- 6. What did their father send them to buy?
- 9. What would come upon the Father if his youngest son didn't return?



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