

Portion: VaYigash (And He Drew Near)
Berēshith (Genesis 46:32-47:27)

Genesis 46:32-34

32 And the men are shepherds, that they have been men of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds, and all that they have.'

33 "And it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?'

34 "that you shall say, 'Your servants have been men of livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,' so that you dwell in the land of Goshen, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Mitsrites.

Genesis 47:1-27

1 Then Yosēph went and spoke to Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, their flocks and their herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Kena'an. And see, they are in the land of Goshen."

2 And he took five men from among his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we and also our fathers."

4 And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to dwell in the land, because there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for the scarcity of food is severe in the land of Kena'an. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen."

5 And Pharaoh spoke to Yosēph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 The land of Mitsrayim is before you. Settle your father and brothers in the best of the land, let them dwell in the land of Goshen. And if you know of capable men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.

7 And Yosēph brought in his father Ya'aqob and set him before Pharaoh. And Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Ya'aqob, "How old are you?"

9 And Ya'aqob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojournings are one hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not reached the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojournings."

10 And Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 So Yosēph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Mitsrayim, in the best of the land, in the land of Ra'meses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Yosēph provided his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household with bread for the mouth of the little ones.

13 Now there was no bread in all the land, because the scarcity of food was very severe, and the land of Mitsrayim and all the land of Kena'an became exhausted from the scarcity of food.

14 And Yosëph gathered up all the silver that was found in the land of Mitsrayim and in the land of Kena'an, for the grain which they bought. And Yosëph brought the silver into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when the silver was all spent in the land of Mitsrayim and in the land of Kena'an, all the Mitsrites came to Yosëph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the silver is gone!"

16 And Yosëph said, "Give your livestock, and I give you bread for your livestock, if the silver is gone."

17 So they brought their livestock to Yosëph, and Yosëph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks they owned, and for the herds they owned, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread in exchange for all their livestock that year.

18 And when that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We do not hide from my master that our silver is all spent, and my master also has the livestock we owned. There has not been left any before my master but our bodies and our lands.

19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and let us and our land be servants of Pharaoh. And give us seed, and let us live and not die, and let the land not lie waste.

20 And Yosëph bought the entire land of Mitsrayim for Pharaoh, because every man of the Mitsrites sold his field, because the scarcity of food was severe upon them. And the land came to be Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, from one end of the borders of Mitsrayim to the other end.

22 Only the ground of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had from what Pharaoh gave them by law, and they ate that which Pharaoh gave them by law. Therefore they did not sell their ground.

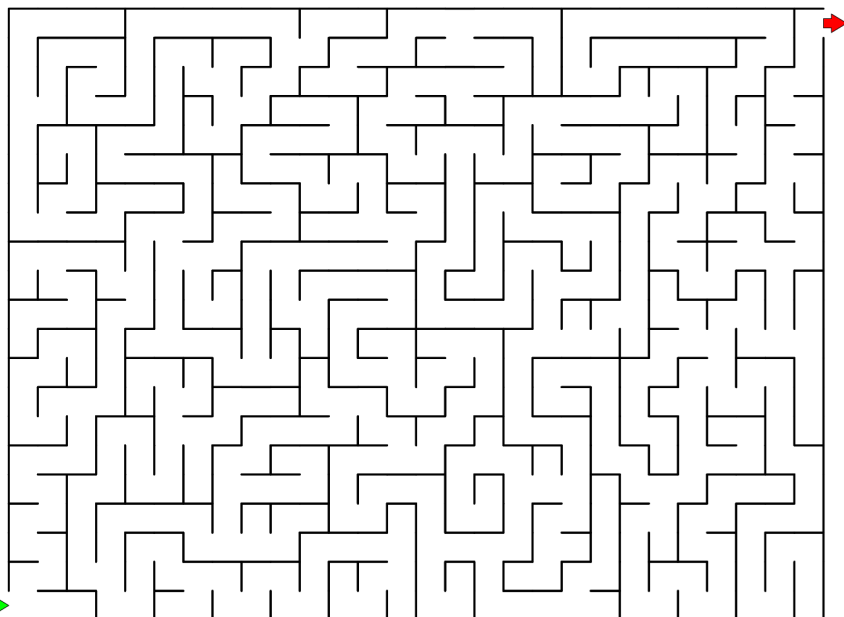
23 And Yosëph said to the people, "Look, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land.

24 And it shall be that in the harvest you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. And four-fifths is your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones.

25 And they said, "You have saved our lives. Let us find favour in the eyes of my master, and we shall become Pharaoh's servants."

26 And Yosëph made it a law over the land of Mitsrayim to this day, that Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the ground of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's.

27 And Yisra'ël dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim, in the land of Goshen. And they had possessions there and were fruitful and increased exceedingly.



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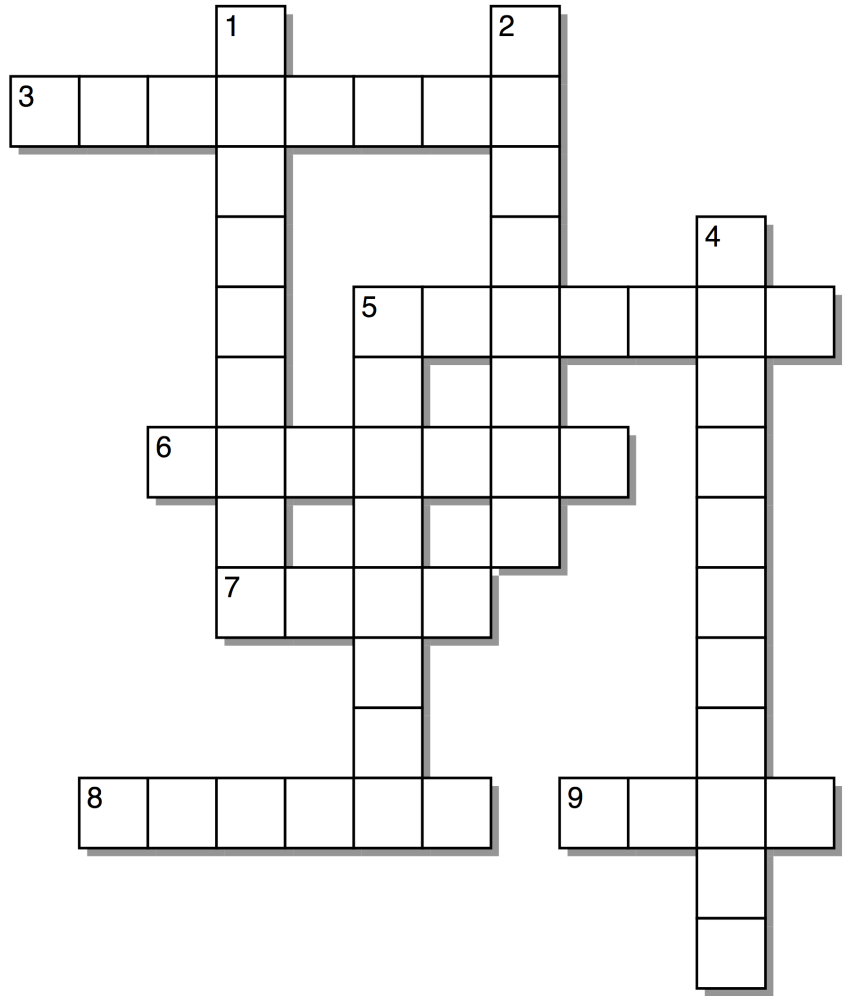
- 1) And the men are _____, that they have been men of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their _____, and all that they have.
- 2) And it shall be that in the harvest you shall give _____-fifth to Pharaoh. And _____-fifths is your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones.
- 3) The land of Mitsrayim is before you. Settle your father and brothers in the best of the land, let them dwell in the land of _____. And if you know of _____ men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.
- 4) And Yosëph made it a _____ over the land of Mitsrayim to this day, that Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the _____ of the priests only, which did not become Pharaoh's.
- 5) And Yosëph _____ up all the silver that was found in the land of Mitsrayim and in the land of _____ for the grain which they bought. And Yosëph brought the silver into Pharaoh's house.
- 6) And when that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We do not hide from my master that our silver is all _____, and my master also has the _____ we owned. There has not been left any before my master but our bodies and our lands.
- 7) So Yosëph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a _____ in the land of Mitsrayim, in the best of the land, in the land of _____, as Pharaoh had commanded.
- 8) And Yosëph _____ the entire land of Mitsrayim for Pharaoh, because every man of the Mitsrites sold his field, because the scarcity of food was _____ upon them. And the land came to be Pharaoh's.
- 9) And he took _____ men from among his brothers and _____ them to Pharaoh.

True Or False

- 1) Yosëph gave them bread in exchange for silver once the people ran out of livestock to trade. True/False
- 2) In addition to owning the land the Pharaoh was given one-fifth of the harvest. True/False

Across

3. Thus he fed them with bread in _____ for all their livestock that year.
5. And Ya'aqob blessed _____.
6. Only the ground of the _____ he did not buy.
7. Look, here is _____ for you, and you shall sow the land.
8. Yosēph moved the people into the _____.
9. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our _____?



Down

1. Your servants are _____, both we and also our fathers.
2. Let us find favour in the eyes of my master, and we shall become Pharaoh's _____.
4. The days of the years of my _____ are one hundred and thirty years.
5. Give us bread, for why should we die in your _____?

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BODIES

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