

# Parasha 12: Vayechi (And He Lived) B'reshheet/Genesis 47:28 – 50:26)

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In our Torah parasha for this week, we come to the end of two very important figures in the life, and history of the forthcoming nation of Yisrael: Ya'akob/Jacob and Yosef/Joseph. The stage is now set for YHWH's *'coming redemption'* of His beloved nation. Ya'akob/Jacob, and all his family have been reunited, and resettled, out of the land of Canaan, and into Mitzrayim/Egypt. As we saw last week, Yosef/Joseph took great care to see that his family would remain separated from the rest of the mainstream influence of the Mitzri/Egyptian culture. He also ensured, that they would have the *'best place'* within this land for their future growth.

Now, as we have in our previous parashot/portions, we will focus on the *'prophetic implications'* represented by Yosef/Joseph, and his two sons born to him in Mitzrayim/Egypt. We will see what happens through their grandfather's, Ya'akob's/Jacob's, *'b'racha/blessing'*, and their inclusion, through *'adoption'*, into his mishpocah/family.

## Ya'akob's Adoption Of Yosef's Sons

As we have been intimating all through these latter parashot/portions, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GOY/THE NATIONS/GENTILE CONNECTION to the *'nation of Yisrael'*. Starting with Abraham, YHWH calls the *'avinu/our father'* of faith out from among the idolatrous, and pagan nation of the Chaldean's. The beginning of Yisrael as a nation, is *'rooted'* in this *'covenant friend'* of YHWH who *'crossed over'* into Canaan. Thus, Abraham became the *'first Hebrew'* **[meaning to crossover]**. The rabbinical commentary on this would have us all believe, that Abraham, Yitz'chak/Isaac, and Ya'akob/Jacob were *'Jewish'*. The fact is, THEY WERE NOT! The term *'Jewish'*, comes from the son of Ya'akob/Jacob, Yahudah/Judah. The *'further designation'* of the *'southern portion'* of *'Yisrael's kingdom'*, after the nation was *'divided'*, was identified *'corporately'* by this moniker. Now, today, there have become *'two houses of Yisrael'*. All resulting from the *'division'*, which was imposed upon Shlomo/Solomon for his idolatry, and sexual sinfulness. The *'division'* of the *'nation of Yisrael'* occurred under the reign of Shlomo's/Solomon's son, Rechavam/Rehoboam. The result is the *'northern house'* became a *'separate kingdom'*. It is also of a *'non-Jewish character'*. I do not mean in any way to belittle the place that *'Jewish/Israel'* has had in both its *'history'*, or in view of YHWH's *'eternal/redemptive purposes'*. However, in order to *'understand clearly'* just what YHWH's *'eternal purpose'* is, you MUST BE ABLE TO SEE *'both aspects'* of the *'nation of Yisrael'*, as *'Jewish'*, and *'non-Jewish'*. What we are about to *'see'*, through Yosef's/Joseph's two sons, will play an *'important future role'* in the *'northern*

house', its 'history', and 'prophetic restoration', with its Jewish, 'southern counterpart'. In light of this, let us remember, that these 'two sons of Yosef/Joseph' WERE THEMSELVES NOT OF FULL YISRAELITE HERITAGE. Their mother was a Mitzri/Egyptian. The daughter of a Mitzri/Egyptian priest. This means, that they were only HALF Yisraelite, their other HALF...Goy/The Nations. **\*[The term 'Gentile', is a word that has become used intentionally by both 'Jewish', as well as 'Christian' sides of the religious equation. A term of 'division'. However, the word is actually 'goy/goyim' in Hebrew, and literally means, 'nation', or 'nations'. Today, there are 'true gentiles', meaning someone who has no genetic link to Abraham. However, due to what we are discovering here in our present Torah parasha, Yisrael, as a nation, has always had a 'non-Jewish/goyim root' within its 'genetic make-up' through Yosef's/Joseph's children born to him while in exile in Mitzrayim/Egypt!]**

In the opening verses of our parasha, we find Yosef/Joseph coming to Ya'akob/Jacob at his request. The time of his father's passing is close. Ya'akob/Jacob blesses YHWH for allowing him to see his son Yosef/Joseph again, when he thought he never would. At the same time, he offers YHWH praise for the 'added blessing' of seeing his grandchildren too. He wants to take this last opportunity to 'make sure' the boys are 'legally secured' in relation to the rest of the family. This is done by 'adoption'.

***"And now thy two banim [sons], Ephrayim [Ephraim] and Menasheh [Manasseh], which were born unto thee in Eretz Mitzrayim [Land of Egypt] before I came unto thee into Mitzrayim [Egypt], ARE MINE; like Reuven [Reuben] and Shimon [Simeon], THEY SHALL BE MINE. And thy moledet [kindred], which are born to thee after them, SHALL BE THINE, and shall be called after the shem [name] of their achim [brothers] in their nachalah [inheritance]."***  
***(B'resheet/Genesis 48:5-6 OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)***

What has happened by means of this 'adoption process' is, Yosef/Joseph has been legally 'set aside'. He is not 'removed', but his two sons are to be 'included' WITH him. They 'share the position' as 'sons by adoption', with their father, Yosef/Joseph. Thus, his inheritance is 'doubled'! Ya'akob/Jacob uses his first two sons, Reu'ven/Reuben and Shimon/Simeon, as an example. Just as they were his, through their mother Leah, so these two sons of Yosef/Joseph are now his too. Manasseh and Ephraim, have just as much 'standing', and 'right' to the 'family inheritance' with their father Yosef/Joseph, as do all their brothers through Leah, and Raquel/Rachel. The reason for their inclusion, will be seen in the 'blessing', which Ya'akob/Jacob is about to give the boys.

## **Ya'akob Changes The Order Of The Bechor/Firstborn Blessing**

Now, what happens next is quite interesting. First, Ya'akob/Jacob 'seemingly' pretends not to see Yosef's/Joseph's two sons. When he does 'seemingly' notice them, he asks Yosef/Joseph 'who they are'? Now, I say 'seemingly', because we are told at the outset of our parasha, that Ya'akob/Jacob had spent his last 'seventeen years' becoming reacquainted with his son Yosef/Joseph. This most certainly would have included his grandsons too. No, Ya'akob/Jacob is doing this to 'make a clear point'. One which we are about to see. Yosef/Joseph, understanding his father's 'weakened eyesight', is about to be drawn into Ya'akob's/Jacob's plan. He 'positions' the boys in their 'proper places' according to their 'birth order'. Menashe/Manasseh as the 'oldest', on the right, as the 'bechor/firstborn' is placed. Ephraim, the 'youngest', is on the left. However, when Ya'akob/Jacob

goes to 'bless the boys', he inexplicably 'crosses his hands'. Now, the 'right hand of blessing' is on Ephraim, and the 'left hand' is on Manasseh. Ya'akov/Jacob begins the 'b'racha/blessing'.

***“And he made on Yosef a berakhah [blessing], and said, HaElohim [The Mighty One], before whom my Avot [Fathers] Avraham and Yitzchak [Isaac] did walk, HaElohim [The Mighty One] Who was Roeh [Shepherd] to me all my life long unto this day, The Malach [Angel] which redeemed me from kol rah [all evil], may he make a berakhah [blessing] on the ne'arim [boys], and let my shem [name] be named on them, and the shem [name] of my Avot [Fathers] Avraham and Yitzchak [Isaac]; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of ha'aretz [the earth].” (B'eresheet/Genesis 48:15-16 OJB-definitions mine)***

Pay attention to who Ya'akov/Jacob is blessing. Yosef's/Joseph's two sons are being 'identified' with him. He is 'seemingly' giving up his place for them. However, the 'blessing' is still Yosef's/Joseph's. In bringing Yosef's/Joseph's two sons into the equation, Ya'akov/Jacob has DOUBLED Yosef's/Joseph's portion in the family inheritance, and at the same time, is MAKING A PLACE for his two sons within the family. **\*[Note- in Hitgalut/Revelation 7:8, the listing of the 144,000, 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Yisrael, 'Yosef/Joseph' is again listed there with his brothers. The need for Yisrael's 'multiplicity', from the 'nations' has been achieved. Therefore, 'Yosef/Joseph' is returned to his original place at the end]**

Now, Ya'akov/Jacob gives praise to YHWH for 'watching over him' all the years of his life, and 'delivering him' from all the evil that had sought to remove him from YHWH's purpose. He then, 'places his name' on the boys, 'adopting them' into the 'lineage of the patriarchs'. Next, Ya'akov/Jacob gives us 'a hint' into YHWH's 'purpose' in bringing the boys into the family, and the inheritance. He says,

***“...and let them grow into a MULTITUDE in the midst of ha'aretz [the earth].”***

Remember earlier in our parasha, Ya'akov/Jacob made this statement about the 'b'racha/blessing', which YHWH had 'prophesied' he would become through his descendants,

***“And Ya'akov [Jacob] said unto Yosef, El Shaddai appeared unto me at Luz in Eretz Kena'an [Land of Canaan], and made on me a berakhah [blessing], And said unto me, Hineni [Behold], I will make thee FRUITFUL, and MULTIPLY thee, and I will make of thee a KEHAL OF AMMIM [ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLES]; and will GIVE HAARETZ HAZOT [THIS LAND] to thy zera [physical seed] after thee for an ACHUZZAT OLAM (EVERLASTING POSSESSION).” (B'eresheet/Genesis 48:3-4 OJB-emphasis/definitions mine)***

Here you have Ya'akov/Jacob recounting the BLESSING OF MULTIPLICITY, which was given him on several occasions. You will also recall, YHWH took Abraham, and 'pointed him to the sky'. He told him to 'count the stars'. Their 'innumerability' would represent the SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF MULTIPLICITY, which he was being given. On another occasion, YHWH pointed Abraham to the 'seashore', and told him to 'count the grains of sand'. Their 'innumerability' would represent the PHYSICAL BLESSING OF MULTIPLICITY, which he was being given. Now, we are being given a 'hint' as to 'how' this BLESSING OF MULTIPLICITY would be realized. It would somehow be related to the 'inclusion' of Yosef's/Joseph's two sons. **\*[Please note- the**

**'stars' are NOT a picture of the supposed 'spiritual blessings' for the 'church' as inferred by the 'Replacement theology of Christendom'. Both the 'stars', and 'sand', are each 'prophetic markers' of the nation of Yisrael. 'Stars', the 'spiritual promises' of 'blessing', and 'multiplicity'. The 'sand', the 'physical promises' of the same]**

When Yosef/Joseph realized, his father was 'crossing his hands' over his sons, he was displeased. He thought he 'knew' the order in which YHWH would do things. Yet, Ya'akob/Jacob, old, and feeble as he was, 'knew' exactly what he had done. IT WAS BEING ORDERED BY YHWH'S RUACH HAKODESH/SPIRIT OF HOLINESS! In Yosef's/Joseph's protest, Ya'akob/Jacob gave a 'further explanation' as to 'what' was happening, and 'why'.

***"And Yosef said unto aviv [his father], Not so, Avi [my father]; for this is the bechor [firstborn]; put thy yamin [hands] upon his rosh [head]. And aviv [his father] refused, and said, I know it, beni (my son), I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly achiv hakaton [his younger brother] shall be greater than he, and his zera [seed] shall become a multitude of Goyim [nations]. And he made a berakhah [blessing] on them that day, saying, In thee shall Yisroel [Yisrael] bless, saying, Elohim [the Mighty One] make thee like Ephrayim [Ephraim] and like Menasheh [Manasseh]; and he set Ephrayim [Ephraim] before Menasheh [Manasseh]."***  
***(B'resheet/Genesis 48:18-20 OJB- definitions mine)***

Ya'akob/Jacob 'speaking under the revelation' of the Ruach HaKodesh/YHWH's Spirit of Holiness, 'prophesies' about Yosef's/Joseph's two sons. Menasheh/Manasseh will truly be blessed, and will become a GREAT PEOPLE. However, Ephraim will become GREATER. He will literally become a MULTITUDE OF NATIONS. This was exactly what YHWH promised Abraham. (see B'resheet/Genesis 17:4-6) So, it is 'through Ephraim', that YHWH will 'fulfill his promise' of MULTIPLICITY to Abraham.

## **Increasing Multitudes Of Fish**

As we are touching on this 'blessing of multiplicity', that will come through Ephraim, I want to go back, and look at a phrase used by Ya'akob/Jacob to describe it. In verse 16 of chapter forty-eight, toward the end, Ya'akob/Jacob says of Ephraim and Manasseh,

***"...And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."***

The word 'grow' in this verse is quite interesting, because of the 'imagery' it projects. The word in Hebrew is 'dagah', and it means 'to multiply', and 'increase'. However, the further inference in the Hebrew is, 'like spawning of fish'. The word 'dag' in Hebrew, is the word for 'fish'. So, Ya'akob/Jacob, by YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness says, that the 'multiplicity' of Ephraim and Manasseh would be like 'fish that spawn, thus multiplying, and increasing'. However, this is not in 'water', but in the 'midst of the earth'! Does this 'imagery' bring anything to mind out of the Messianic Scriptures? How about the words of our blessed Master, and Rebbe Yeshua?

***"And walking beside Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Master, King the Messiah] saw two achim [brothers], Shimon [Simon], the one being called Kefa [Peter], and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for they were daiyagim (fishermen).***

*And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Master, King the Messiah] says, Come, follow me, and I will make you daiyagei adam (fishers of men).*

*And immediately, leaving their nets, they followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Master, King the Messiah].” (Mattityahu/Matthew 4:18-20 OJB- definitions mine)*

Master Yeshua knew His Torah. He knew the words of Ya’akob/Jacob concerning the future of Ephraim. These Yisraelites, from the ‘*northern tribes*’, were destined to be ‘*scattered among the peoples of the nations*’. In the Scripture, ‘*a sea*’ or ‘*ocean*’ can point to a ‘*multitude of people*’. (Ps. 65:7; Is. 17:12; Rev. 17:15) Master Yeshua was calling Shimon Kefa/Simon Peter, and Andri/Andrew his brother, to come, and help Him preach the Besorah/Gospel of the Kingdom. They were to gather up these ‘*scattered, floating, swimming Yisraelites*’ from among the ‘*waters*’ of humanity/the goyim/nations.

I was taught in Bible College, that there were only ‘*two groups of people*’ on the face of the earth. There were ‘*Jews*’, and ‘*Gentiles*’. However, what we are learning here, is that this is not accurate. In fact, it is through the later history of the ‘*division of the nation of Yisrael*’ into ‘*two kingdoms*’, or ‘*houses*’, that ‘*each respective house*’ was either ‘*scattered*’, or ‘*dispersed*’ among the ‘*goyim/nations*’. As a result, there are THREE ‘*groups of people on the earth*’:

- 1) **Jewish/Yisraelites**- those who, while being ‘*dispersed*’ among the ‘*goyim/nations*’, have been able to ‘*retain their Hebraic identity*’
- 2) **Non-Jewish/Yisraelites**- those who have become ‘*scattered among the goyim/nations*’ of the earth for the past 2730 years. However, they have become ‘*lost to their Hebraic identity*’, and ‘*Yisraelite heritage*’, and
- 3) **True Gentiles**- those who have ‘*no connection genetically*’ to Yisrael, through Abraham at all.

REGARDLESS, ALL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ETERNAL REDEMPTION THROUGH YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH, by ‘*believing upon Him*’ as the Savior, and Redeemer of Yisrael, and the whole world. ‘*Jewish/Yisraelite people*’ may come to COMPLETION, [This is without any need of ‘*conversion*’ to any prescribed man-made religion, Christian or otherwise] in the ‘*truest sense*’ of their Hebraic heritage. The ‘*Non-Jewish/Yisraelites*’, are RETURNED TO THEIR HEBRAIC HERITAGE, and are again, allowed to ‘*acclimate themselves*’ to their ‘*true Yisraelite identity/culture*’, and ‘*worship*’. [This too without any need for ‘*conversion*’ to any religion, Jewish or otherwise] The ‘*True Gentiles*’, MAY ALSO BECOME A PART OF YHWH’S REDEEMED/RENEWED COVENANT NATION OF YISRAEL, BY BELIEVING UPON YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH. In turn, they too can become ‘*acclimated*’ to the ‘*true Hebraic way of worship*’. and ‘*serving YHWH*’.

## **Ephraim: A Melo HaGoyim**

In this part of our parasha, another very important phrase is given to us in the Hebrew. It too shows the progression to ‘*physical/spiritual multiplicity*’ as promised to Abraham. It provides us a ‘*prophetic key*’ to look for. YHWH’s ‘*eternal/redemptive purposes*’ are being realized amid the history of mankind on earth. In the latter part of Ya’akob’s/Jacob’s reply to Yosef/Joseph, that his hands, though switched from ‘*older to younger*’, were ‘*positioned correctly*’ in YHWH’s eternal/redemptive purpose. Concerning the two brothers Ya’akob/Jacob says,

**“...he also [*Manasseh/Manassas- the older*] shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly achiv hakaton [*Ephraim- his younger brother*] SHALL BE GREATER THAN HE, and his zera [*seed*] shall become a MULTITUDE of Goyim [*Nations*].” (B’resheet/Genesis 48:19b OJB- emphasis/definitions mine)**

The phrase ‘a multitude of nations’ in Hebrew is ‘melo HaGoyim’. The word ‘melo’ means ‘fullness’, ‘to full length’. ‘HaGoyim’ means ‘The Nations’, and more specifically, ‘the nations outside of YHWH’s nation of Yisrael’. So, we are told here, that Ephraim is destined to become a multitude ‘that will reach its fullness’, ‘come to its full length’, among the ‘nations of the earth’. The implications of this is enormous! Because of what will happen in the ‘division of the nation of Yisrael’ into ‘two distinct groups’: Jewish and Non-Jewish. Both will continue to be Yisraelite. Ephraim will become ‘scattered among ALL the goyim/nations of the earth’. These goyim/nations will have in varying measures, a representation of the ‘seed of Abraham’ in it! Now, we understand more clearly, the meaning of the navi’s/prophet’s words to Rechavam/Rehoboam, Sh’lomo/Solomon’s son. He rallied the men of Yahudah/Judah to go up, and quash the rebellion of the ‘northern tribes’. Then, YHWH said, through the navi/prophet, they were not to go, and fight their brethren. Why?

**“...for this thing has come from Me.” (M’lechim Aleph/1 Kings 12:24b OJB)**

It was the realization of YHWH’s ‘prophetic judgment’ on the nation of ‘Yisrael’, because of Shlomo’s/Solomon’s idolatry, and sexual sinfulness. But, it was even more than that. IT WAS NECESSARY! This ‘division’ of the ‘nation of Yisrael’ into ‘two distinct houses’, would result in the nation becoming ‘southern’, and ‘northern tribes/houses’. The ‘northern tribes/house’ was taken captive into Assyria, as we have already discussed in our earlier Torah portion of ‘Miketz’. It was this ‘scattering’ among the ‘multi-faceted cultural nation/kingdom of Assyria’, that initially began the ‘process of assimilation’. In time, this ‘assimilation’ took on a wider application, as the ‘northern house’ began to ‘migrate out from Assyria’ to the other nations of the earth. This ‘process of scattering’ continued until the ‘house of Yosef-Ephraim’ was broadcast throughout almost every nation on earth. As has been so aptly put: FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, YHWH HAS BEEN SILENTLY FILLING THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WITH YISRAELITES! (Batya Wooten) In time, when this ‘filling’ will have reached its FULLNESS, then YHWH’s ‘eternal/redemptive purpose’ will finally be realized. **\*[This is the real meaning of the phrase ‘The Fullness of the Goyim/Nations’, as mentioned by Rav Sha’ul in the Messianic Writings of the letter to the Romans, is all about. (Romans 11:25; see also Devarim/Deuteronomy 32:8)]**

The greatest ‘prophetic event’ of all time happened in 1948, when the nation of Yisrael came back into existence after almost 2000 years! The ‘southern house’ of Jewish Yisrael founded its Homeland, and Jews from all over the world began their ‘Aliyah/Return’ to The Land. This ‘return’ of the ‘dispersed’ house of Jewish Yisrael, was a prelude to another profound event of immense magnitude. THE PROMISED REGATHERING, AND RETURN, OF THE SCATTERED NORTHERN HOUSE OF YOSEF-EPHRAIM, ALSO BEGAN. All over the world, believers of all genres within the confines of the ‘organized church of Christendom’, began to ‘awaken’ to an exciting revelation. Not only did their faith have a ‘Hebraic root’, they had one too! This ‘regathering’, is in process, even as you are reading these words! There is still much that needs to be realized in this process. However, these two events in the history of mankind are indeed SIGNS that YHWH’s ‘eternal purpose’ is closer than ever to being realized!

Yeshua HaMashiach/The Messiah will return, and the Malchut HaShomayim/Kingdom of The Heavens will be established on earth. He will take up His throne in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem. HE WILL REIGN AS KING OVER A RE-UNIFIED WHOLE HOUSE OF YISRAEL FOR 1,000 YEARS. This time will be known as the Millennium.

Now, with this knowledge, let us listen afresh to the words of our blessed Master, when He was on earth. He makes a very important statement concerning the *'alignment of prophetic events'* that will give us a *'definite sign'* that we are in the *'Acharit HaYamim/Latter Days/Times'*.

***"...and Yerushalayim [Jerusalem] will be trampled down by the Goyim [Nations], until the TIMES OF THE GOYIM [NATIONS] are fulfilled." (Luke 21:24b OJB-emphasis/definitions mine)***

Rebbe Yeshua tells us, the holy city of Yerushalayim/Jerusalem will be *'trampled underfoot'* for a *'specified period of time'*. It will always be a point of *'contention'*, and *'captivity'* till when? UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES/NATIONS ARE FULFILLED. When will that be? It will be, as we said above, until the *'nations of the earth'* have reached their *'capacity of Yisraelites'* as was prophesied here by Ya'akob/Jacob. Now, let us take a closer look as to this time of Ephraim becoming a *'melo HaGoyim/fullness of the Gentiles/Goyim/Nations'*. We will quote a verse we cited above.

***"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this MYSTERY— so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES [GOYIM/NATIONS] has come in;" (Romans 11:25 NASB- emphasis/definitions mine)***

Rav Sha'ul tells us here, that these things he is revealing are a MYSTERY. Most Bible teachers apply this verse only to the *'Jewish house'* of Yisrael. However, it applies to both the *'Jewish'*, AND *'Non-Jewish'* house of Yisrael AS A WHOLE. This is the MYSTERY part. YHWH has *'partially blinded'* Jewish Yisrael, and while they *'keep the Torah'*, and the *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times/and 'Chagim/Feasts'*, THEY CANNOT SEE REBBE YESHUA AS THEIR M'LECH MASHIACH/KING MESSIAH. On the other hand, the *'house of Non-Jewish Yisrael'*, Yosef/Ephraim, have also been *'partially blinded'*. They have been able to *'see'* Rebbe Melekh/King Yeshua as Mashiach, but have been *'blinded'* to the *'need of the Torah'*, and celebrating the *'Mo'edim/Appointed Times/and 'Chagim/Feasts'*. This PARTIAL BLINDNESS will continue until when? UNTIL THE FULLNESS OF THE NATIONS HAS COME. When is that? As Ya'akob/Jacob prophesied: UNTIL THE NATIONS OF THE WHOLE EARTH HAVE BECOME FILLED WITH THE SEED OF ABRAHAM. THE TEEMING MULTITUDE OF NON-JEWISH YISRAELITE FISH THROUGH EPHRAIM. When will that be? Rebbe Yeshua said it: IT WILL BE UNTIL THE HOLY CITY OF YERUSHALAYIM/JERUSALEM IS NO LONGER TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT BY THE NATIONS. This is when the *'times'* of the so-called GENTILES/GOYIM/NATIONS have been fulfilled.

Now, keeping the above in mind, it was during the Yisraeli war of 1967, that the city of Yerushalayim/Jerusalem was liberated from the control of foreign nations. It was the first time in almost 1900 years that this happened! If you knew YHWH's *'prophetic signs'* scattered throughout Scripture, then this was A PROPHETIC EVENT OF IMMENSE MAGNITUDE! It signaled that the *'words of Ya'akob/Jacob'*, THE TIME OF THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES/NATIONS

was close to being fulfilled. Of course, this event was only a *'partial fulfillment'*, because the Yisraeli government allowed the Arab presence to continue both in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem, and on the Temple Mount. Nonetheless, it was, and is a *'sign'*, that points us to wake up, and realize, that we are living in the *'closing hours'* of the last of the *'Acharit HaYamim/Latter Days'*. YHWH's *'eternal purpose'* is about to be realized! As we said above, the coming back into existence of the *'nation of Yisrael'* in 1948, is one of the most *'striking prophetic events'* in our modern era. So, is the *'waking up'* of Ephraim. After 2730 years of judgment, the Non-Jewish House of Yisrael, Yosef-Ephraim, is *'waking up'* to its *'forgotten Hebraic culture'*, and *'Yisraelite identity'*. It is *'heralding the sign'*, that YHWH is about to bring His *'prophesied promise'* concerning the *'rejoining'* of the *'divided house of Yisrael'* together (**Yeshayahu/Isaiah 11:11-13; 49:6**), the *'raising up again'* of the *'Tabernacle of David'*. (**Amos 9:11; Ma'asim/Acts 15:16**) You can read all about it in Yechezk'el/Ezekiel the navi/prophet chapter 37:15-28.

## The Acharit HaYamim/Latter Days

After Ya'akov/Jacob blesses Yosef's/Joseph's two sons, he then calls for all of his sons to come before him. He intends to bless them also, but in the process, before he begins, Ya'akov/Jacob makes this statement.

***“And Ya'akov [Jacob] called unto his banim [sons], and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the ACHARIT HAYAMIM [LATTER DAYS].”***  
***(B'resheet/Genesis 49:1 OJB- definitions mine)***

The phrase, ACHARIT HAYAMIM in Hebrew, as we see above is LATTER DAYS. This whole parasha contains *'pictures of the things'*, that we can be looking for, as we approach the time of YHWH's realization of His *'eternal purpose'* on earth among mankind. This is the *'first time'*, that this statement is made in the Scriptures! There are some that say that there is no prophecy within the Torah. THEY COULDN'T BE MORE WRONG! This is just one place where YHWH speaks *'prophetically'* through His Torah.

Ya'akov/Jacob by YHWH's Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness, blesses each of his sons, and gives *'prophetic insight'* into their future. It all has to do with the *'latter-day existence'* of the *'nation of Yisrael'*. If we will let YHWH, by His Ruach HaKodesh/Spirit of Holiness teach us, under the *'spirit of wisdom and revelation'*, we can come to see the *'mysteries'* YHWH has *'hidden'* NOT FROM US, but FOR US!

In this parasha, not only does Ya'akov/Jacob pass off the scene, but so does Yosef/Joseph. The stage has been set, for the next part of YHWH's *'eternal/redemptive purposes'* to be realized under a new deliverer. A man named Moshe. May we have *'open hearts'*, and *'yielded spirits'*, as we continue to be led through the Truth, that awaits us in our next book of the Torah...Shemot/Exodus.

Now, we may say, as we do, when we come to the end of our study of each book of the Torah,

***Chazak, Chazak, Venitzchazek!***  
***Be strong! Be strong, and may we be strengthened!***

Amein!