

# Parasha 12: Vayechi (And He Lived) B'resheet/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 *'rabbinic 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, Yehudah/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 idolatrous and sexual sinfulness. The *'division of the nation of Yisrael'* however, 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, these *'two sons of Yosef/Joseph'* **WERE THEMSELVES NOT OF FULL YISRAELITE HERITAGE**. Their mother was a Mitzri/Egyptian, the daughter of an Mitzri/Egyptian priest. This means they were only **HALF** Yisraelite. Their other **HALF...** Goy/from 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. It has unfortunately become a ‘*divisive term*’ for both. 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! **\*\* (Also... Please read the End Note of our parasha. A very important ‘*insight*’ is given refuting the two ‘*Jewish rabbinic ideas*’ that Yosef’s wife was NOT Egyptian and why both are wrong!)**

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. Ya’akob/Jacob wanted to take this last opportunity to ‘*make sure the boys were legally secured*’ in relation to the rest of his family. This was done through ‘*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 Raquel/Rachel, so these two sons of Yosef/Joseph are now his too. Manasseh and Ephraim have just as much ‘*standing and right in the family inheritance*’ with their father Yosef/Joseph as do all his 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 these two 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 is placed as the ‘*oldest*’ on the right as the ‘*bechor/firstborn*’. Ephraim, ‘*the youngest*’ 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'resheet/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 their grandfather. 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 here 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].” (B'resheet/Genesis 48:16b OJB-definitions mine)***

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'resheet/Genesis 48:3-4 OJB-emphasis/definitions mine)***

Here you have Ya'akov/Jacob recounting this **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 THROUGH HIS HARUACH HAKODESH/THE SPIRIT OF HIS 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 [physical 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 YHWH, by His HaRuach Hakodesh/The Spirit of His 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 HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His 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 Writings? How about the words of our blessed Adon/Lord 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)*

Our Adon/Lord 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**) Our Adon/Lord 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 would be 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

**REGARDLESS, ALL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ETERNAL REDEMPTION THROUGH YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH** by ‘*believing upon Him*’ as their Savior, 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 is WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR CONVERSION to any religion, Jewish or otherwise!]** In turn, the ‘*True Gentiles*’ **MAY ALSO BECOME A PART OF YHWH’S REDEEMED/RENEWED COVENANT NATION OF YISRAEL. HOW? BY SIMPLY BELIEVING UPON YESHUA HAMASHIACH/THE MESSIAH.** In turn, they too become ‘*acclimated to the true Hebraic way of worship and lifestyle of 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'akov's/Jacob's reply to Yosef/Joseph concerning his hands being switched from 'older to younger', they were 'positioned correctly' in YHWH's eternal/redemptive purpose. Concerning the two brothers Ya'akov/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 [*physical 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'. The word '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 of nations that will reach its fullness, come to its full length among the nations of the earth'. The implications of this are enormous! Because of what will happen in the 'division of the nation of Yisrael into two distinct groups': **Jewish as well as Non-Jewish peoples.** Regardless, both will continue to be Yisraelite in their essence. 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 Sh'mayah/Shemaiah, **they were not to go and fight their brethren.** Why?

**“...for this thing has come from Me.” (M'lechim Alef/I Kings 12:24b OJB)**

It was the incursion 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 composite of both 'southern and northern tribes/houses'. The 'northern tribes/house' were 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 what the real meaning of the phrase 'The Fullness of the Goyim/Nations', which Rav Sha'ul/Paul mentions in his letter to the Romans within the Ketuvim HaNotzrim/Messianic Writings is all about. (Romans 11:25; see also D'varim/Deuteronomy 32:8)]**

The greatest 'prophetic event' of all time happened in 1948, when the nation of Yisrael came back into physical 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 a continuing present *'process'*, even as you are reading these words! There is still much that needs to be realized along the way. 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 M'LEKH/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 Adon/Lord Yeshua. He makes a very important statement concerning the *'alignment of prophetic events'* that will give us a *'definite sign'* that we have entered into the prophesied days known as 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 [more literally... SACRED SECRET]— 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 **SACRED SECRET.** **\*\*[The difference? A 'mystery' is something hidden and by 'inference' cannot be known. A 'secret' is something 'known' and can 'become known' when the One who 'knows' determines to reveal it]** 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 **SECRETIVE** 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 TO WHOM THESE THINGS POINT AS THEIR M'LEKH 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/Teacher, King Yeshua as Mashiach/Messiah, 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'akov/Jacob prophesied: **UNTIL THE NATIONS OF THE WHOLE EARTH HAVE BECOME FILLED WITH THE SEED OF ABRAHAM. THE TEEMING MULTITUDES OF NON-JEWISH YISRAELITE FISH THROUGH EPHRAIM**. When will that be? Rebbe Yeshua said: **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 **GENTILES/GOYIM/NATIONS** have been fulfilled!

Now, keeping the above in mind, it was during the Yisraeli Six Day 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'akov/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/becoming conscious'* 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 saw above, is **LATTER DAYS**. This whole parasha contains *'pictures of the things'* that we can be looking forward to 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 HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness, teach us under the '*spirit of wisdom and revelation*', we can come to see the **SACRED SECRETS** YHWH has '*hidden*' **NOT FROM US... BUT FOR US!**

In this parasha, not only does Ya'akob/Jacob pass off the scene, but so does Yosef/Joseph. The stage is now 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, let us say as we do when we come to the end of each book of the Torah...

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

**Amein!**

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**[End Note](#)**

The following is a clarification concerning the rabbinic thought concerning Yosef's wife, Asenath, whom he is recorded as marrying in Mitzrayim/Egypt. There are two main narratives put forth by rabbinic Judaism.

- 1.) The first presents Asenath as an '*ethnic Egyptian*', the daughter of an Egyptian priest. **(B'resheet/Genesis 41:45)** According to this narrative, it is said she converted to Judaism. The conversion was so she could marry Yosef and their family be able to live within the parameters of acceptable Jewish religious conduct.
- 2.) The second presents an even more unbelievable scenario. Here, Asenath is said to have actually been Jewish. YHWH sovereignly directed her to go to Egypt to meet Yosef and have their two children. This was necessary in order for Yosef's two sons continued future influence concerning YHWH's and Yisrael's purposes.

We must always remember the words of Scripture are always inspired by YHWH's HaRuach HaKodesh/His Spirit of Holiness. Man's commentary, even rabbinic commentary **IS NOT!** The main purpose the rabbinic writings assert these things, is because they do not believe YHWH would allow someone of Yosef's stature in Torah to marry a woman outside of the Jewish traditional patterns and the Torah. Yet, as we see through David's lineage, He allowed this same sort of scenario through his great-grandfather Boaz. He took Ruth, a non-Yisraeli, a Moabitess, as his wife. It was through this line of heritage that m'lekh/king David would come, and eventually the birth of our Adon/Lord Yeshua would provide Redemption to the whole world: Jew and Gentile. Along with the promised restoration of the Whole House of Yisrael!

YHWH sovereignly allowed for these scenarios to occur, in order that the power of redemption and salvation would find a way to reach into all of the world. It is also why, as we have seen in our recent Torah studies, YHWH sovereignly allowed Yosef's two sons, Manasseh/Manassas and Ephraim, to be that part of the Twelve Tribes of Yisrael to be scattered out among the nations of the whole earth due to the sins of David's son, Sh'lomo/Solomon. It was means to allow a Gentile connection to the Whole House Of Yisrael, to bring redemption to all the world.

The spirit of religion can be, and in most instances is, a very dark presence indeed. It is why we must always be on guard of its encroachment. Unfortunately, rabbinic Judaism itself may also be a source of very dark intentions. Whether it was its hand in putting to death our precious Adon/Lord Yeshua or its resistance to the disciples and apostles who carried the message of the Gospel in the time of the Book of Ma'asim/Acts. YHWH's Lordship through the Presence of His HaRuach HaKodesh/The Spirit of His Holiness must always be given preeminence in our hearts and lives. May Abba YHWH give us increased grace to walk in His power... Amein!