**2023 Parashah Reading #12 Name: Vayechi Torah Reading: B’reisheet 47:28 – 50:26**

 **Haftarah Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-12 Gospel Reading: John 13:1-19**

**Torah Portion, Outline and Questions for Discussion B’reisheet 47:28-50:26**

**Chapter 47:28 - 31** *“Yoseph and the Famine” cont.*  **Chapter 48:1 - 22**  *“Yacob Blesses Ephraim and Manasseh”*

**Chapter 49:1 - 27** *“Yacob Blesses His Sons”* **Chapter 49:28 – 50:14** *“Yacob's Death and Burial”*

**Chapter 50:15 – 21** *“God's (Elohim’s) Good Purposes”* **Chapter 50:22 – 26** *“The Death of Yoseph”*

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**Questions for Discussion**

1. In Chapter 48 Yacob blesses Yoseph’s sons Ephraim and Manasseh. Explain in your own words why you think Yacob did this and the ramifications of this adoption.
2. **Scholar Review Questions**-In Chapter 49 Yacob blesses his sons.
3. What stands out to you in this account and why?
4. Why did Yacob speak over them, and were these good things, bad things or a mix?
5. Was Yacob only speaking about the sons themselves, or do you think his words had to do with the future?
6. Why wasn’t Dina present or spoken over?
7. In reading 50:15-21, are there parts of this account which remind you of Yeshua at the end of His life?
8. **Scholar Review Questions**-In 50:25 we read Joseph’s last request before he died.
9. Did the children fulfill this request?
10. Why did Yoseph make this request?
11. Compare and contrast the accounts of Yacob’s and Yoseph’s bodies after their respective deaths.

**Haftarah and Gospel Portions, Outlines and Questions for Discussion**

**Haftarah Parashah 1 Kings 2:1-12**

**Chapter 2:1-9 “David's Instructions to Shlomoh” Chapter 2:10-12 “The Death of David”**

**Questions for Discussion**

This is a very interesting section of Scripture that has many provocative statements to ponder.

1. What stands out to you concerning David’s instructions to Shlomoh (Solomon)?
2. Why do you think this account was chosen as the companion Haftarah parashah to this week’s Torah parashah?
3. What role does Torah play in verses 2-4?
4. **Joining Scripture to Scripture Exercise-**How does this role of Torah fit with Psalm 119 and part of the “Blessing After the Reading of the Torah” we read each week?
5. Verse 12 reads, “And Shelomoh sat on the throne of his father David. And his reign was firmly established.” (TS209) The throne of David is often overlooked for its importance in YHWH’s plan for humanity, so I have included some questions below to explore this topic.
6. Describe the establishment of the throne of David, its nature, its role and its longevity.
7. What connection does the throne of David have with the throne of YHWH? (Hint-look at the Tanach’s historical writings.)
8. What role does the throne of David prophetically fulfill as mentioned by the prophets, the Psalmists and by Gabriel in the Brit Hadashah?

**Gospel Parashah John 13:1-19**

**Chapter 13:1-19 “Yeshua Washes the Disciples' Feet”**

**Questions for Discussion**

Here we read the famous account of Yeshua washing the disciples’ feet.

1. What makes this very unorthodox action by Yeshua so famous?
2. What does this action by Yeshua reveal about His character?
3. If applicable to your walk with the Lord, share how in some way you relate to Kefa (Peter) in this account.
4. What does this seemingly simple but profound action of our Teacher and Master teach us to do, one for another?

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