**2023 Parashah Reading: #9 Name: Vayeshev Torah Reading: Genesis 37:1-40:23 Haftarah Reading: Zechariah 2:10-4:7 Gospel Reading: John 10:22-28**

**Torah Portion, Outlines and Questions for Discussion Genesis 37:1-40:23**

**Chapter 37:1-11 “Yoseph's Dreams” Chapter 37:12-36 “Yoseph Sold by His Brothers”**

**Chapter 38:1-30 “Yehudah and Tamar” Chapter 39:1-23 “Yoseph and Potiphar's Wife”**

**Chapter 40:1-23 “Yoseph Interprets Two Prisoners' Dreams”**

1. Many important, godly people in the Bible are shepherds by profession, including Yoseph and his family (37:2). How does this profession equip people used by YHWH to be leaders?
2. **SCHOLAR REVIEW QUESTIONS-** In 37:1-11 we read of Joseph’s dreams.
3. His dreams seem to be “heady” stuff for his future. Do you think it wise that he shares them with family, and do you think they affected Joseph’s assessment of himself?
4. What level of authority were these dreams, i.e., did they have the one fulfillment during Joseph’s life, or do they have a future fulfillment? Please use scripture to defend your answer.
5. When reading the account of Yoseph sold by his brothers, the actions of two brothers stand out, Reuven and Yehudah. Discuss these two men’s roles throughout their family dealings, i.e., where they start out and how they end up. How are these lessons for us today?
6. Yoseph is an important figure in the Bible, being a type or model for THE Messiah of YHWH, whom we know as Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth, who saves not only Israel but the whole world. In this week’s Torah Parashah, identify the markers in Yoseph’s story that fulfill part of this model.

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

**Haftarah Parashah Zechariah 2:10-4:7**

**Chapter 2:10- 13 “A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line” cont. Chapter 3:1-10 “A Vision of Joshua the High Priest”**

**Chapter 4:1-7 “A Vision of a Golden Lampstand”**

Zechariah is an amazing book, and I highly encourage you to read it. It is a message of hope and love of YHWH for His people Israel, and by extension, us as Gentiles grafted into Israel. We read this week part of YHWH’s plan for Israel while the Israelites were coming back to the land from Babylonian exile. Later in the book of Zechariah are important prophecies of what we look forward to YHWH fulfilling in the latter days.

1. Chapter 2 is a vision of a man with a measuring line. Name other instances in Scripture that involve a measuring line.
2. Why is YHWH having this man measure Jerusalem?
3. Regarding chapter 3, describe in your own words what YHWH is doing with Joshua and how this applies to Israel (ourselves included) today.
4. In chapter 4 we see two images appear, the golden lampstand and two olive trees. What do these images represent? Compare these meanings with other Scriptural examples of two olive trees and lampstands.

**Gospel Parashah John 10:22-28**

**Chapter 10:22-28 “I and the Father Are One”**

1. In verse 24 some of the Jews said Yeshua had not told them He was the Messiah, but in verse 25 He said He did tell them plainly. Using Biblical references identify where Yeshua told them plainly.
2. 10:26-27 state, “But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:” (KJV)
3. Why does Yeshua call some people His sheep?
4. Is this a compliment? Please explain.
5. How does this fit in with the Yoseph model of the Messiah?
6. 10:28 states, “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.” (KJV)
7. What is meant by ‘pluck them out of my hand’?
8. Give other Biblical examples of plucking them out of His hand concept.

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