

# THE BEREKHU

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BAREKHU ET ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH

BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

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BARUCH ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH LA OLAM VA'ED

BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

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Vayeshev

*“And He Dwelt”*

Bereishit | Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

Reading: Genesis 40:1 - 23

# Blessing the Reading of the Torah

ברוך אתה אדני

אלהינו מלך העולם

אשר בחר בנו מכל העמים

ונתן לנו את תורתו

ברוך אתה אדני נותן התורה

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu,**

**melekh ha-olam,**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim**

**venatan la-nu et Torato.**

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah**

**Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah**

## Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless *Don Owen* because he has come up for the honor of God, for the honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver *Don* from all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and may He send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together with all Israel and all his brethren;  
and the congregation says,  
In Yeshua's Name  
Amen.

## Genesis 40:1 - 3

1 Now it was after these things that the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their master, the king of Egypt.

2 Pharaoh was angry with his two officials, with the chief of the cupbearers and with the chief of the bakers.

3 So he put them in custody of the house of the commander of the bodyguards—in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined.

## Genesis 40:4 - 6

4 The commander of the bodyguards assigned Joseph to be with them and served them as their personal servant. They were in custody for some time.

5 Then the two of them each dreamed a dream on the same night. The dream of each man—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison—each had its own interpretation.

6 When Joseph came to them in the morning, he observed them, and there they were, looking miserable.

## Genesis 40:7 - 9

7 So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in the custody of the house of his master saying, "Why are your faces so sad today?"

8 They said to him, "We dreamed a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Please tell me."

9 So the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph, saying to him, "In my dream, suddenly, there was a vine in front of me.

## Genesis 40:10 -12

10 On the vine were three branches, and as it was budding, its blossoms came out, its clusters ripened into grapes.

11 Pharaoh's cup was in my hand and I took the grapes, pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and put the cup in Pharaoh's palm."

12 "This is its interpretation," Joseph said to him. "The three branches: they are three days.



## Genesis 40:13 - 15

13 In another three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position. Then you'll put Pharaoh's cup in his hand just as you used to do before when you were his cupbearer.

14 But if you remember me, that I was with you, when it goes well with you, please show me kindness and mention me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.

15 For I was forcibly kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing at all that they should put me in this pit."

## Genesis 40:16 - 18

16 When the chief of the bakers saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, “I also was in my dream. Expectantly, there were three baskets of white bread on my head.

17 In the top basket was food for Pharaoh—all kinds of baked goods. But the birds were eating them from the basket on my head.”

18 Then Joseph answered and said, “This is its interpretation. The three baskets: they are three days.

## Genesis 40:19 -21

19 In another three days Pharaoh will lift up your head—off of you—and will hang you on a tree. Then the birds will eat your flesh off of you.”

20 Then it happened on the third day—Pharaoh’s birthday—that he held a banquet for all his servants. He lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers among his servants.

21 He restored the chief of the cupbearers as his cupbearer, and he put the cup on the palm of Pharaoh’s hand.

## Genesis 40:22 - 23

22 But the chief of the bakers he hung. It was just as Joseph had interpreted for them.

23 Yet the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph—indeed, he forgot him.



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## Joseph Journey

- 17 years old
- Dreamer of Dreams
- Not only a dreamer, but also a teller of said dreams
- Was loved greater than the other brothers by his father Jacob, Israel
- His brothers despised him
- His father had no problem showing his favoritism of Joseph
- Joseph had no troubles bringing bad reports to his father



## Journey to Shechem and Dothan

- Joseph journeyed to Shechem to check on his brothers and the flocks
- Was approximately a 60 mile journey, about 4 days
- Brothers moved the flocks to Dothan, another days journey – 15 miles
- Joseph meets a stranger who says his brothers had moved on to Dothan. (Rashi refers to stranger as the angel Gabriel)
- The brothers see the dreamer approaching and scheme to kill him
- Joseph's next journey to Shechem will be several hundred years when the Nation of Israel bring his bones back from Egypt



# Schechem's Historical Significance

- Genesis 12:6 – 1<sup>st</sup> city that Abram comes to, builds an altar to Yah, and the promise of the land being Abrams is confirmed there by YHWH
- Genesis 33:17 - 20 – Jacob, Israel, built an altar to YHWH and named it El-elohi Yisrael, God, the Elohim, God, of Israel. He dug a well, Yubb Yusuf, Jacobs well.
- Genesis 34 - Dinah is defiled, Levi and Simeon take revenge
- Deuteronomy 27 - Nation of Israel is separated, told of the blessings and curses at Mt Gerashim and Mt Ebal
- Joshua 8 – Nation stands before Mt Gerashim and Mt Ebal to hear the blessings and curses
- Joshua 8 - Joshua builds an altar to YHWH and built the pillars with the Ten Commands written on them
- Joshua 24 – Joshua brings the Nation to the pillars and proclaims them as a witness against them and their behavior

## Dothan's Historical Significance

- Joseph's brothers turn on him
- Joseph is sold to the here and travels 550 miles, several months journey, to Egypt
- Midianite merchants dragged Joseph from the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites
- Joseph digs a well, Yubb Yusuf, and this is a stopping point for caravans for centuries
- 2 Kings 6 – Elisha lives in Dothan, is surrounded by the Aramean army, his servants eyes are opened so that he sees the great host of angels and the chariots of fire there to protect them. Aramean army blinded by Yah
- John 4:5 – 43 – Yeshua speaks to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well
- This is a place where lives are changed

## Because of Dothan

- Joseph goes from favored son to servant
- Sold into slavery to Potipher, who recognizes that Joseph and Potiphers household is blessed through Yah because of Joseph (Gen 39)
- Potipher's wife desires him, falsely accuses him and Potipher has him thrown into prison
- Yah gives him favor with the prison guards and his keepers and he is elevated above the other prisoners
- Meets the baker and the cupbearer and interprets their dreams

# Blessed In Adversity

Genesis 39:2 But YHWH was with Joseph. So he became a successful man in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

3 His master saw that Yah was with him and that Yah made everything he set his hand to successful.

4 Joseph found favor in his eyes, so he served him as a personal servant and he made him an overseer over his household; everything that was his he entrusted into his hand.

5 From the time that he made him an overseer in his house and over everything that belonged to him, Adonai blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph; Yah's blessing was on everything that belonged to him, in the house and in the field.

6 So he released everything he owned into Joseph's hand. With him in charge, he did not think about anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance.

7 Now after these things, the master's wife lifted up her eyes at Joseph and said, "Come, lie down with me!"

8 But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "my master doesn't think about anything in the house with me in charge, and everything that belongs to him he's entrusted into my hand.

9 No one in this house is greater than I, and he has withheld nothing from me—except you, because you are his wife. So how could I commit this great evil and sin against Yah?"

# Blessed In Adversity

Genesis 39:10 So whenever she spoke to Joseph, day after day, he did not listen to her invitation to lie down beside her, to be with her.

11 Now on one such day, he came into the house to do his work, and none of the people of the house were there in the house.

12 Then she grabbed him by his garment saying, “Come, lie with me!” But he left his garment in her hand, fled and went outside.

13 When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside,

14 she screamed to the men of her house and said to them, “Look! Someone brought a Hebrew man to us to fool with us. He approached me to lie with me so I screamed out loud.

15 When he heard me raise my voice and scream, he left his garment with me, fled and went outside.”

16 Then she kept the garment with her until his master came home.

17 She spoke the same words to him saying, “The Hebrew slave that you brought us approached me to fool with me.

18 When I raised my voiced and screamed, he left his garment with me and fled outside.”

## Blessed In Adversity

Genesis 39:19 Now when his master heard the words his wife spoke to him saying, “Such are the things your slave did to me,” his anger burned.

20 Then Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined. So there he was, in the prison.

21 But YHWH was with Joseph and extended kindness to him and gave him favor in the eyes of the commander of the prison.

22 The commander of the prison entrusted into Joseph’s hand all the prisoners who were in the prison, so that everything that was done there, he was responsible for it.

23 The commander of the prison did not concern himself with anything at all under his care, because Adonai was with him, and Adonai made whatever he did successful.

## Blessed In Adversity

- Joseph is placed as servant to the baker and cupbearer in prison for angering Pharaoh
- They both dreamed perplexing dreams
- Joseph hears and interprets their dreams
- Gen 40:8 They said to him, “We dreamed a dream and there is no one to interpret it.” Then Joseph said to them, “Don’t interpretations belong to God? Please tell me.”
- Joseph asks them to remember him when the events are completed to tell Pharaoh of the injustices he suffered through his brother’s actions
- The cupbearer will be re-instated and the baker will be hung
- It happens as interpreted and the chief of the cupbearers is restored
- The cupbearer forgets Joseph for a time

## Joseph's Actions

- Joseph took on each hardship and acted with dignity and served with honor
- Accepted his fate and was diligent with every belonging in his care and every task that he was given
- Acted in a manner that reflected YHWH in every action
- He lived out what would later be written in Colossians 3:23



## Colossians 3:22 - 25

22 Servants, obey your human masters in every respect—not just within your master’s sight as people-pleasers, ***but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.***

***23 Whatever you do, work at it from the soul, as for the Lord and not for people.***

***24 For you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as a reward. It is to the Lord Messiah you are giving service.***

25 For the one doing wrong will be paid back for what he did wrong, and there is no favoritism.

# Overcome

Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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# Parashah Miketz Aliyah or Reading

עֲדָה – At the end

Genesis 41:1 – 44:17

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Day | Genesis 41:1 – 14     | <u>Haftarah</u>      |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day | Genesis 41:15 – 38    | Zechariah 2:14 – 4:7 |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day | Genesis 41:39 – 52    |                      |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Day | Genesis 41:53 – 42:18 |                      |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Day | Genesis 42:19 – 43:15 | <u>Gospels</u>       |
| • 6 <sup>th</sup> Day | Genesis 43:16 – 29    | John 10:22 – 28      |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> Day | Genesis 43:30 – 44:17 |                      |



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