



Torah Portion VaYechi - And He Lived - Are You An Ambassador?

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Genesis 47:28-50:26; I Kings 2:1-12; John 13:1-19

***James 1:2-4** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

***I Peter 1:6** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

***John 16:33** I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

***Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

***Romans 12:12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

***Genesis 44:21-23;27B-29** Then you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. We said to my lord, The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die. Then you said to your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again. You know that my wife bore me two sons. One left me, and I said, Surely, he has been torn to pieces, and I have never seen him since. If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.....

***Genesis 44:33-34** Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad as a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see the evil that would come upon my father?.....

***Genesis 45:5,7-8** And now, do not be distressed or angry with yourselves that you sold me into this place, because it was to save lives that God sent me before you. God sent me before you to preserve you as a remnant of the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. Therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God, who has made me a father to Pharaoh—lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt....

***Genesis 50:20** As for you, what you intended against me for evil, God intended for good, in order to accomplish a day like this—to preserve the lives of many people.

***Isaiah 3:25** I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more ...

***Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

***Genesis 49:1-2** And Jacob called his sons and said, Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days: Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.

***Genesis 49:8(-12)** Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies.

***Psalm 18:40** You have also given Me the necks of my enemies, so that I destroyed those who hated me.

***Genesis 49:8b-9** Your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?

***Revelation 5:5** But one of the elders said to me, Do not weep, Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah the Root of David has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.

***Genesis 49:10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

***Psalm 18:43b-44** ...You have made **Me the head of the nations**; a people I have not known shall serve Me, as soon as they hear of Me they obey Me; **the foreigners submit to Me**.

***Genesis 49:11** Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

***Isaiah 63:1-2** Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah with crimson-stained garments? Who is this robed in splendor, marching in the greatness of His strength? It is I, proclaiming vindication, mighty to save. Why are Your clothes red, and Your garments like one who treads the winepress?

***Romans 15:8** For I tell you that Messiah has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs,.....

***2 Corinthians 5:20** Therefore, we are the Messiah's representatives, as though God were pleading through us. We plead on the Messiah's behalf: Be reconciled to God! ANOTHER VERSION SAYS:

***2 Corinthians 5:20-21** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

***Genesis 49:1-2** And Jacob called וַיִּקְרָא his sons and said, Gather together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in the last days. Gather together and hear, you sons of Jacob. And listen to Israel your father.

***Genesis 49:22(-26)** Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall. The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him.

***Matthew 12:8-14** For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Yeshua, they asked him, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? He said to them, If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Then he said to the man, Stretch out your hand. So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Yeshua.

***Genesis 49:24** But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), By the God of your father who will help you,

***Luke 22:42-44** Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done. And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.

***John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

***Acts 4:11** This Yeshua is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

***Genesis 49:25-26** And by the Almighty who will bless you with **blessings** of heaven above, **Blessings** of the deep that lies beneath, **Blessings** of the breasts and of the womb. The **blessings** of your father have excelled the **blessings** of my ancestors, up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

***Revelation 14:14** Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown.

***John 7:5** For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

***John 7:1** After these things Yeshua walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

***Genesis 50:10-11a** And they came to Atad Goren which is on the other side of the Jordan, and they eulogized there a eulogy great and imposing to the extreme; and he observed for his father a mourning period of seven days. When the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land saw the mourning in Atad Goren the said, This is a mourning for Egypt that is imposing.

***Genesis 50:12** So Jacob's sons did as he commanded them.

***Ruth 3:3&6** Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor;.....So she went down to the threshing floor and did all that her mother-in-law instructed her.

***Acts 14:21b&22** ...they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the should of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.