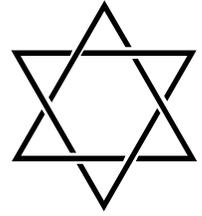


Vayechi (And he lived)

“Jacob Blesses His Sons”

Parasha II – Genesis/B'reisheet 47:28 – 50:26



B'reisheet (Genesis) 49:3-27

³ “Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the first fruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. ⁴ Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it--he went up to my couch! ⁵ Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords. ⁶ Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen. ⁷ Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. ⁸ Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. ⁹ Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹ Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. ¹² His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk. ¹³ Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon. ¹⁴ Issachar is a strong donkey, crouching between the sheepfolds. ¹⁵ He saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, so he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant at forced labor.



¹⁶ Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷ Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward. ¹⁸ I wait for your salvation, O LORD. ¹⁹ Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels. ²⁰ Asher's food shall be rich, and he shall yield royal delicacies. ²¹ Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears beautiful fawns. ²² Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall. ²³ The archers bitterly attacked him, shot at him, and harassed him severely, ²⁴ yet his bow remained unmoved; his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), ²⁵ by the God of your father who will help you, by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that crouches beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. ²⁶ The blessings of your father are mighty beyond the blessings of my parents, up to the bounties of the everlasting hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, and on the brow of him who was set apart from his brothers. ²⁷ Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil.”

The Lesson Verse

“By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.” Hebrews 11:22

Let's Learn Hebrew!

In our teaching this week we learned about the deaths of both Jacob and Joseph. Our Hebrew word for this week is a "**Mavet**". Mavet in English means "**Death**".

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Questions



1. Who was the firstborn son of Jacob?

- A. Reuben
- B. Judah
- C. Joseph

2. Circle the correct word: "Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of (**WAR, VIOLENCE**) are their swords." (Genesis 49:5)

3. Fill in the blank: "Judah is a _____'s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a _____; who dares rouse him?" (Genesis 49:9)

4. "Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon." (Genesis 49:13)

TRUE OR FALSE

5. Circle the correct word: "Issachar is a strong (**DONKEY, HORSE**), crouching between the sheepfolds." (Genesis 49:14)

6. "Dan shall rule his people as one of the tribes of Israel." (Genesis 49:16)

TRUE OR FALSE

7. Fill in the blank: "Raiders shall raid _____, but he shall _____ at their heels." (Genesis 49:19)

8. Fill in the blank: "Asher's food shall be _____, and he shall yield _____ delicacies." (Genesis 49:20)

9. What animal is associated with Naphtali? (Genesis 49:21)

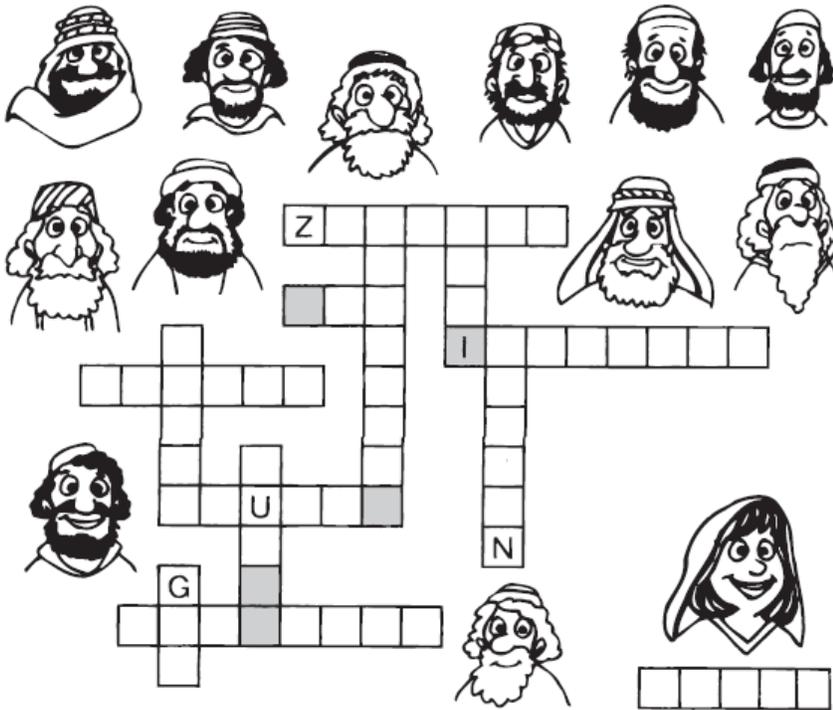
- A. Sheep
- B. Bear
- C. Doe

10. "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf, in the morning devouring the prey and at evening dividing the spoil." (Genesis 49:27)

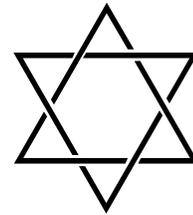
TRUE OR FALSE

Jacob Sons Crossword Puzzle

God blessed Jacob with twelve sons. Can you fit all of their names in the puzzle below? Some letters are already in the puzzles to help you. When you are finished, take the letters from the shaded boxes and put them into the boxes below. These letters will spell the name of Jacob's daughter.



- Asher
- Benjamin
- Dan
- Gad
- Issachar
- Joseph
- Judah
- Levi
- Naphtali
- Reuben
- Simeon
- Zebulun



Cryptogram Puzzle

Decode the message by finding each substitute letter or symbol.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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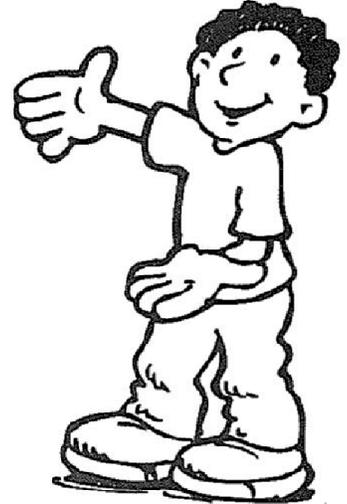
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Word Search

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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 K X M E I R I A G A C Z L F Z
 K D L V M L R E P J D G N P K
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 R N Q T N J J D W F K F A R M

Asher
 Benjamin
 Dan
 Gad
 Issachar
 Joseph
 Judah
 Levi
 Naphtali
 Reuben
 Simeon
 Zebulun



Just For Fun

Sadly, both Simeon and Levi did not receive a good blessing. Jacob said of the two brothers, "Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords... I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel." This probably made them very sad and they ran away. How many differences can you spot between the two pictures? (Genesis 49:5, 7)

