



Midrash - Parashat Vayigash

- I. “Then Judah came near unto him” (Gen. 44:18)
 - A. He came near and was ready for any of three things (93:6):
 - 1. Battle (2 Sam. 10:13) - R. Judah
 - 2. Appeasement (Josh. 14:6) - R. Nehemiah (93:3-4)
 - a) Prov 25:11
 - b) Prov. 20:5
 - 3. Prayer (1 Kings 18:36) - The Rabbis
- II. “Like Pharaoh” (Gen. 44:18)
 - A. Sarah was taken by Pharaoh and punished
- III. “For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying: If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear the blame to my father for ever.” (Gen. 44:32)
 - A. Why was Judah the spokesperson for the brothers? (93:8)
- IV. “I am Joseph” (Gen. 45:3)
 - A. Joseph claimed to have purchased their lost brother as a slave (93:8)
 - B. Veiled rebuke
- V. “And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.” (Gen. 46:1)
 - A. He offered sacrifices in the merit of his father, Isaac:
“The Rabbis said: We look upon him [Isaac] as though his ashes were heaped in a pile on the altar.” (94:5)
- VI. “All the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.” (Gen. 46:27)
 - A. Who was the seventieth soul? (94:9)

VII. "And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph" (Gen. 46:28)

- A. Judah being reunited with Joseph is seen as a foreshadowing of the Messianic Era: "The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord. (Isa 65:25) (95:1)
- B. "Come and see how all whom the Holy One, blessed be He, hath smitten in this world He will heal in the future that is to come." (95:1)
- C. RESURRECTION