



## **Miqqetz**

(at the end)

### **B'reshit [Genesis] 41:1-44:17**

#### **Two Years Later!**

##### ***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:1***

***1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.***

Yoseph had interpreted the dream of the chief cupbearer two years before this. The chief cupbearer was supposed to remember Yoseph when Pharaoh restored him, and he was to get Yoseph out of prison. He forgot! How do you think this made Yoseph feel? How would you have felt if you had been in Yoseph's place? Perhaps you have been in the position of the cupbearer where you forgot something very important.

That is, the cupbearer forgot until Pharaoh had a dream two years later and needed an interpretation of that dream; then the chief cupbearer remembered Yoseph. To forget something for this long makes one wonder if it was divinely appointed.

So here is the thing that draws our attention to this particular verse: YHWH's sovereignty. YHWH is Sovereign over His creation. So why did the chief cupbearer forget Yoseph, except that YHWH caused or allowed him to forget? And why would this be so? Perhaps YHWH was not quite ready for Yoseph to step into the leadership role that YHWH had set him apart for. Perhaps Yoseph was not quite ready to step into the fullness of that role as a head of state.

Basically, YHWH was not finished refining Yoseph. The moment that YHWH was finished refining Yoseph, YHWH pulled him out of prison and set him over the kingdom he had assigned to him.

Now here is an interesting point to consider. YHWH had assigned Yoseph to sit as the head over Egypt; but in doing so, YHWH also set Yoseph over the nation

of Yisrael as well, for they would all come down into Egypt and bow before him and come under his headship.

This makes us wonder if the authority that the USA exercises over Israel today is because of the pattern set forth so many millennia ago as recorded in these chapters of B'reshit.

## **Pharaoh's First Dream**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:1-4***

***1 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.***

***2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, well-favored and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass.***

***3 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed, and stood by the other cows upon the bank of the river.***

***4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed cows did eat up the seven well-favored and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.***

Please remember that dreams are rarely literal. They are full of symbolism.

Surely no one would expect a very skinny and unhealthy looking cow to eat a fat and healthy looking cow. That would be ridiculous. And even if they could do this, they would not be skinny looking any longer, because there are certain physical laws that govern our world that generally speaking cannot be just tossed aside. Besides, cows eat grass, not other cows!

## **Pharaoh's Second Dream**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:5-7***

***5 And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up upon one stalk, plump and good.***

***6 And, behold, seven ears, thin and scorched with the east wind, sprang up after them.***

***7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.***

Once again, we see that this dream is also full of symbolism. We would not expect to see one ear of corn swallow up and devour another ear of corn, for an ear of corn does not even have a mouth!

Dreams and visions are full of symbolism, and to understand what they mean we must keep that in mind. Dreams and visions are generally literal. In addition to

this, the Scripture teaches us, that the interpretation of dreams belongs to YHWH. So in order for one to have true understanding of a dream, it must be given to him by YHWH.

## **YHWH Closes the Dreams**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:8***

***8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them to Pharaoh.***

In order for YHWH to accomplish His purposes here on earth, He hides some things from certain people and reveals them to others. He does this according to His purposes.

That was the case here. YHWH hid the meaning of the dreams from those who normally understood these types of things. Then He revealed its meaning to whom He desired to be exalted, in this case, Yoseph.

## **A Change in Power**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:9-13***

***9 Then spoke the chief cupbearer to Pharaoh, saying, "I do remember my sins this day.***

***10 Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker.***

***11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.***

***12 And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.***

***13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored to my office, and him he hanged."***

When we read this, a question comes to our mind. Please note the chief cupbearer is speaking to Pharaoh (verse 9). But when we get down to verse 13 we find something very interesting.

Please note the use of the pronoun *he* twice as it refers to Pharaoh. The chief cupbearer used this pronoun in the third person. This is also borne out in the Hebrew text. So what we see, is that the chief cupbearer is speaking to Pharaoh about someone else who had restored him and executed the chief baker. This third person was the then reigning Pharaoh.

What it seems to be strongly suggesting to us, is that this current Pharaoh had not been reigning for very long and that there seems to have been a change in the throne over Egypt. Since the throne was hereditary and passed from father to son, the previous Pharaoh was most likely this Pharaoh's father.

## **Yoseph is Summoned by Pharaoh**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:14-15***

***14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Yoseph [Joseph], and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in to Pharaoh.***

***15 And Pharaoh said to Yoseph [Joseph], "I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it and I have heard it said of you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."***

Pharaoh seems to have been a "get down to business" kind of guy. When the cupbearer informed him that there was someone available to interpret his dreams, he sent for that person right away. Then Pharaoh asked Yoseph about the dreams as soon as he came into his presence. He did not waste any time. Perhaps he was feeling a sense of urgency about the dreams.

## **Yoseph Gives Honor to YHWH**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:16***

***16 And Yoseph [Joseph] answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; Elohim will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."***

From the very beginning, Yoseph gives Elohim all of the honor and glory. He takes none for himself. I wonder how well we do that and how consistent we are at doing this; that is, giving all the honor and glory to YHWH.

Because of Yoseph's answer to Pharaoh it would seem that Yoseph could see the unease and unrest in him.

## **Pharaoh Relates the Dreams to Yoseph**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:17-24***

***17 And Pharaoh spoke to Yoseph [Joseph], "In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:***

***18 and, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat-fleshed and well-favored: and they fed in the reed-grass:***

**19 and, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:**

**20 and the lean and ill-favored cows did eat up the first seven fat cows:**

**21 and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke.**

**22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good:**

**23 and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, scorched with the east wind, sprang up after them:**

**24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears; and I told it to the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.”**

After relating the dreams to Yoseph, Pharaoh once again states that there were none of the magicians that understood what the dreams meant; emphasizing that YHWH had hidden it from all but Yoseph.

YHWH hid the meaning of these dreams from everyone except Yoseph to further His own plans and His own purposes. YHWH is Sovereign over His creation and He will do as He has willed to further His plans and design.

## **The Two are One**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:25-28***

**25 And Yoseph [Joseph] said to Pharaoh, “The dream of Pharaoh is one, what Elohim is about to do he has declared to Pharaoh.**

**26 The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years, the dream is one.**

**27 And the seven lean and ill-favored cows that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears scorched with the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine.**

**28 That is the thing which I spoke to Pharaoh: what Elohim is about to do He has showed to Pharaoh.”**

Pharaoh had two different dreams. Elohim showed Yoseph that these two dreams actually had the same interpretation, effectively making them the same dream.

Yoseph also understood from the doubling of the dream that it was from Elohim and that Elohim was showing to Pharaoh what was about to happen.

## **Plenty Followed by Famine**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:29-31***

**29 “Behold, there comes seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:**

**30 and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;**

**31 and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which follows; for it shall be very grievous.”**

The famine that was coming in seven years' time was going to be so great that the people would forget about the seven years of plenty. It would be a very grievous time for the land of Egypt. This famine would be so extensive that it would also affect the nation of Israel.

## **Wisdom and Insight**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:32-36***

**32 “And for the dream being doubled to Pharaoh, it is because the thing is established by Elohim, and Elohim will shortly bring it to pass.**

**33 Now therefore let Pharaoh seek out a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.**

**34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.**

**35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it.**

**36 And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.”**

What Yoseph suggested to Pharaoh shows great wisdom and insight. Basically what we see, is what earlier passages told us concerning Yoseph: that Elohim was with him. The above verses give us a glimpse into just how much this was true. It is no wonder that everything that Yoseph set his hand to do prospered under His direction.

It makes one wonder about the previous two years and just what kind of refining that YHWH needed to do in Yoseph before he was fit to sit and reign.

## **Elohim Opens Pharaoh's Eyes**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:37-41***

**37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.**

**38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of Elohim is?"**

**39 And Pharaoh said to Yoseph [Joseph], "Forasmuch as Elohim has showed you all of this, there is none so discerning and wise as you,**

**40 you shall be over my house, and according to your word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than you."**

**41 And Pharaoh said to Yoseph [Joseph], "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."**

Now here is a curious thing. Pharaoh took a man from out of the dungeon in which he had been imprisoned, speaks to him for a few minutes, and then makes him ruler over Egypt, second only to himself.

It seems obvious that this had to be of YHWH!

If YHWH did not open Pharaoh's eyes to all that Yoseph was saying to him, how could he have known that this was exactly what needed to happen unless YHWH opened his eyes and Pharaoh saw all of this so very clearly?

## **Pharaoh Elevates Yoseph**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:42-45***

**42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Yoseph's [Joseph] hand, and arrayed him in clothes of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;**

**43 and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, "Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.**

**44 And Pharaoh said to Yoseph [Joseph], "I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt."**

**45 And Pharaoh called Yoseph's [Joseph] name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-phares priest of On. And Yoseph [Joseph] went out over the land of Egypt.**

If there was ever an overnight success, Yoseph was it! He went from being in the depths of prison to being ruler over Egypt. And not only this, but he also was given a wife. This wife was apparently the daughter of the woman who caused him to be thrown into the dungeon in the first place. Rather ironic, wouldn't you say?

All of this was according to YHWH's plan!

## **Without Number**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:46-49***

***46 And Yoseph [Joseph] was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Yoseph [Joseph] went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.***

***47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.***

***48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.***

***49 And Yoseph [Joseph] laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering; for it was without number.***

Can you imagine so much grain that you could not count any higher? That is what happened with Yoseph. He basically just ran out of numbers to express how much grain that he had stored up.

All this began when Yoseph was only thirty years old.

## **The Sons of Yoseph**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:50-52***

***50 And to Yoseph [Joseph] were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bare to him.***

***51 And Yoseph [Joseph] called the name of the first-born Menasheh: For, (said he), "Elohim has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house."***

***52 And the name of the second called he Ephrayim: "For Elohim has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."***

Yoseph's two sons were both born to him during the seven years of plenty, before the famine came to the land.

In fact, Ephrayim's name means *fruitful*.

## **The Stage is Set**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 41:53-57***

***53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end.***

***54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Yoseph [Joseph] had said: and there was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.***

***55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Yoseph [Joseph]; what he says to you, do."***

**56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Yoseph [Joseph] opened all the store-houses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was sore in the land of Egypt.**

**57 And all countries came into Egypt to Yoseph [Joseph] to buy grain, because the famine was sore in all the earth.**

More than likely, about the time that the famine began, Pharaoh was pretty pleased that he had made Yoseph ruler over Egypt, second only to himself.

Now YHWH was ready to accomplish that which was His plan for Yisrael. He was ready to bring them down into Egypt.

## **Ya'aqov Sends His Sons to Buy Grain**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:1-4***

**1 Now Ya'aqov [Jacob] saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Ya'aqov [Jacob] said to his sons, "Why do you look at each other?"**

**2 And he said, "Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy for us; that we may live, and not die."**

**3 And Yoseph's [Joseph] ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.**

**4 But Benyamin, Yoseph's [Joseph] brother, Ya'aqov [Jacob] did not send him with his brothers; for he said, "Lest harm come to him."**

Ya'aqov sent his sons to buy grain; that is, all of them except for Benyamin. Since Rachel was his favorite wife, and since Benyamin was the only son left from that wife as far as Ya'aqov knew, it seems that he was somewhat overly protective of Benyamin.

## **Yoseph's First Dream Fulfilled**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:5-7***

**5 And the sons of Yisrael came to buy among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.**

**6 And Yoseph [Joseph] was the governor over the land; he it was that sold to all the people of the land. And Yoseph's [Joseph] brothers came, and bowed down themselves to him with their faces to the earth.**

**7 And Yoseph [Joseph] saw his brothers, and he knew them, but hid himself from them, and spoke roughly with them; and he said to them. "Why did you come here?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."**

Can you imagine some of the thoughts that Yoseph must have experienced when he was going through his daily routine of receiving people that wanted to

buy grain, and he looks up and sees his ten brothers that were responsible for his sitting on the throne of Egypt?

We can probably be quite certain that he had some pretty strong feelings that came rushing upon him.

We can probably surmise that he spoke roughly to his brothers in order to hide those emotions that he was feeling at that moment.

## **Imprisoned!**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:8-17***

***8 And Yoseph [Joseph] recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.***

***9 And Yoseph [Joseph] remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, "You are spies; to see the nakedness of the land you have come."***

***10 And they said to him, "No, adonai, but to buy food have your servants come.***

***11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, your servants are not spies."***

***12 And he said to them, "No, but to see the nakedness of the land you have come."***

***13 And they said, "We your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not."***

***14 And Yoseph [Joseph] said to them, "That is it that I spoke to you, saying, 'You are spies.'***

***15 Hereby you shall be proved: by the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here, except your youngest brother come here.***

***16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and you shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there be truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely you are spies."***

***17 And he put them all together into custody three days.***

Scripture does not tell us directly why Yoseph treated his brothers in this fashion. Scripture does not tell us directly whether Yoseph was doing this in obedience to His Voice or for other reasons.

When we look at the record as a whole we can surmise that Yoseph was doing this at the direction of YHWH. Why?

These brothers had greatly mistreated Yoseph. They apparently did not fear YHWH as greatly as they should have. The Scripture records that they had been greatly jealous of Yoseph. In Yoseph's mind, he had as yet seen nothing to

indicate that they would still not be jealous of him. After all, here he was sitting on the throne of Egypt and they were bowing down to him, just as he had dreamed; a dream that had caused his brothers to hate him even more.

So it was now time to test his brothers to see if they had grown up, to see if there was any jealousy left in them.

But, why put them in prison for three days?

Again, Scripture does not tell us directly, but perhaps this is how long his brothers had put him in the pit before they took Yoseph out and sold him into slavery. As we will see as we continue to read this story, Yoseph's brothers came to believe that these things were happening to them because of what they had done to Yoseph.

Basically, Yoseph seems to be orchestrating these events in such a way as to bring all these things back to the forefront of their memories.

His brothers had pushed this sin down and hidden it long enough; it was time to bring this sin out in the open so that his brothers could know that he had forgiven them.

## **The Past Catches Up**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:18-24***

***18 And Yoseph [Joseph] said to them the third day, "Do this and live for I fear Elohim.***

***19 If you are true men, let one of your brothers be bound in the house of your imprisonment; but you go, carry grain for the famine of your houses:***

***20 and bring your youngest brother to me; so shall your words be verified, and you shall not die." And they did so.***

***21 And they said one to another, "We are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us."***

***22 And Reuven answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the child.' And you would not listen, therefore, behold, his blood is required."***

***23 And they knew not that Yoseph [Joseph] understood them; for there was an interpreter between them.***

***24 And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spoke to them, and took Shimon from among them, and bound him before their eyes.***

Now we see that those three days of their imprisonment seems to have had the desired effect; they were now back to thinking about what they had done to their brother Yoseph.

As they stood there discussing this in Hebrew, they did not realize that Yoseph could understand all that they were saying. It is interesting to note that Reuven was not going to share in that blame, even though he had helped to cover it up, thereby placing some of the guilt upon himself.

Please note that Yoseph selects Shimon to remain behind in prison. Why did Yoseph pick Shimon?

Again, Scripture does not tell us directly. However, we do know some things. Let us recall the incident with Dinah, the sister of Shimon. It was Shimon and Levi that killed a whole town of men in order to avenge their sister. Perhaps Yoseph wanted to make sure that for the next several months Shimon and Levi could not talk to each other and hatch some outlandish scheme. This is certainly something to consider.

Perhaps it was Shimon that was the most outspoken of his brothers in wanting to kill him.

Whatever the reason that Yoseph had, we can be certain that his choice to keep Shimon in prison was not arbitrary!

## **Instilling Fear**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:25-28***

***25 Then Yoseph [Joseph] commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provisions for the way: and thus was it done to them.***

***26 And they loaded their asses with their grain, and departed there.***

***27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass food in the lodging-place, he found his money; and, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.***

***28 And he said to his brothers, "My money is restored; and, see, it is even in my sack." And their heart failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, "What is this that Elohim has done to us?"***

Yoseph had already probably badly shaken them because of the rough treatment that they had received in Egypt, which they had not expected. Then when they had left Egypt, they left Shimon behind bound in prison. It was probably a very somber journey. Instead of rejoicing as there should have been for bringing the food and supplies back to their families, there were feelings of fear and guilt.

Then one of them opens his sack to feed his donkey and what does he find? He finds his money that he had used to buy the grain.

Now they are very frightened (verse 28). On top of everything else that has happened, are they to expect to see the chariots of Egypt overtake them and accuse them of stealing? What defense would they have for such a charge? None!

They were very frightened and rightly so!

## **The Explanation**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:29-34***

***29 And they came to Ya'aqov [Jacob] their father to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen them, saying,***

***30 "The man, the master of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us for spies of the country.***

***31 And we said to him, 'We are true men; and we are not spies!***

***32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.'"***

***33 And the man, the master of the land, said to us, "This is how I shall know that you are true men, leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way;***

***34 and bring your youngest brother to me, then shall I know that you are not spies, but that you are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and you shall trade in the land."***

Ya'aqov sent ten sons to Egypt. Nine came home. Furthermore, they were standing before him telling him that in order to get more food for their families they needed to take Benjamin with them next time.

They are not having a very good track record and Ya'aqov is not willing to trust them at this point.

Grief still filled Ya'aqov because of the loss of Yoseph. Now he has lost Shimon with the prospect of losing Benjamin.

It seems like it would have been an overwhelming moment for Ya'aqov.

## **Another Unpleasant Discovery**

***B'reshit [Genesis] 42:35-38***

**35 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid.**

**36 And Ya'aqov [Jacob] their father said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Yoseph [Joseph] is not, and Shimon is not, and you will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me."**

**37 And Reuven spoke to his father, saying, "Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to you, deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again."**

**38 And he said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left, if harm befall him by the way in which you go, then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."**

As they unpack they make the very frightening discovery that they all have their money.

They were all very afraid!

Ya'aqov is so afraid he has given up Shimon as dead already.

Reuven offers his own two sons as a guarantee to his father that he would do his very best to bring Benjamin back home to him.

While it was a noble offer, Ya'aqov would not accept the offer.

## **Types and Patterns**

When we come to these last chapters of B'reshit, the chapters that are dealing with Yoseph and his brothers, we get a glimpse of what is going to happen in these latter days.

Let us remember that types and patterns are not exact. For example, Yitzchak (Isaac) is a type of Mashiach. However, while he is the most exact type of Mashiach in Scripture, he still is not Mashiach. There are things about Yitzchak's life that do not match up with Yeshua's life.

When looking at types and patterns, they are similar to dreams and visions in that they may not be exactly what happens when it actually comes time for the types and patterns to be played out.

The exception to this, was the earthly tabernacle in which YHWH told Moshe to be careful to make it exactly like the pattern that he was shown on the mountain (Hebrews 8:5). And as exact as Moshe had this tabernacle made, it was still only a pattern of the heavenly tabernacle, which Scripture tells us was erected without hands (Hebrews 9:11).

But what Scripture shows us, is that Yeshua entered into the heavenly tabernacle and applied His Blood there. He did not enter into the earthly tabernacle. He is a priest only in the heavenly tabernacle (Hebrews 8:4).

So when we look at the pattern that has been set down in these latter chapters of B'reshit concerning Yoseph, we should begin to understand them according to the plan of the first resurrection (Ezekiel 37).

As mentioned above, these patterns may not be exact as they are also full of symbolism and we need to understand them in the full context of all of Scripture, being careful not to set aside any passages in order to get one's doctrine to fit. Rather, what we should do is to allow the Scripture to form our doctrine.

May YHWH continue to open all of our eyes to the validity of His Written Word and the perfection with which He gave it and preserved it into our day. Amein.

ABBA YHWH, please cause us to come back together as a nation, the nation of Ephrayim, so that we may return home and be restored to our brothers, from whom we have been separated for so very many years; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach, Amein.

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