



Miqqetz

(at the end)

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

Recognition

B'reshit (Genesis) 42:7-8

7 And Yoseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but he disguised himself to them, and spoke roughly with them; and he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."

8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

The immediate question that comes to mind is: why did his brothers not recognize him? Let us bring to mind the following passage.

B'reshit (Genesis) 41:14

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

Yoseph was clean shaven. He was wearing the garments of a high official of Egypt. In every way possible Yoseph looked very much like an Egyptian. When his brothers came before him, what they saw before them was an Egyptian. They had no expectation to see their brother ever again, and certainly not as the highest official in Egypt.

This is where we are today. Yehudah's brother Yoseph is still away in the land of his captivity. Yoseph knows and recognizes his brother Yehudah. However, Yehudah does not recognize his brother, nor does he have any desire to recognize him for who he is, since he is in Mashiach Yeshua. Yehudah will somewhat acknowledge him if he will forsake his own birthright and come and be like himself. If Yoseph will do that, then he will see him, but not for who he is, but for what Yehudah can make him into.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 63:16-17

16 For You are our Father, though Avraham knows us not, and Israel does not acknowledge us; You, YHWH, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.

17 YHWH, why do You make us to err from Your ways, and harden our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants' sake, the tribes of Your inheritance.

Please note that YHWH through the prophet Yeshayah in the above passage teaches us, that even though those who are already a part of Israel because they never really left the covenant which YHWH gave through Moshe on Sinai do not acknowledge us or recognize us, He will recognize us. That is, if we turn to Him as our Redeemer, then He will return us to the inheritance of our fathers.

This is not going to happen overnight most likely, as Yehudah is a long way from recognizing the sons of Yoseph as part of the covenant of our fathers, particularly since we look to Yeshua as our Mashiach and they do not. This is one of the major stumbling blocks that is holding us apart at present.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 61:9

And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which YHWH has blessed.

Eventually though, all people will acknowledge our true identity. We will be known for who we are and what we are. This will surely come to pass, in His time!

Tehillim (Psalm) 142:4-7

4 Look to my right, and see that no one recognizes me.

I have no way of escape; nobody cares for me.

5 I cried out to you, YHWH;

I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

6 Listen to my cry, for I have been brought very low.

Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me.

7 Lead me out of prison, so that I can give thanks to your name;

In me the righteous will be crowning themselves, because you will have treated me generously.

Many even today do not recognize the sons of Yoseph and the sons of the northern kingdom for who they truly are. Even in our own midst there are those who simply refuse to fully acknowledge this truth. However, Scripture clearly teaches us that there is a day coming in which we will be seen for who we are in Mashiach Yeshua.

Malachi 2:10

Have we not all one father? Has not one Elohim created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers?

As YHWH spoke through the prophet Malachi, we all have one father, Ya'aqov, who is called "Israel." Thus, all his sons are the sons of Israel. Why is it that his sons deal treacherously with one another and have done so for thousands of years? Is it not time to stop this fighting within the family? Is it not time

to extend the hand of love and forgiveness for all the wrongs done in the past and wipe the slate clean and start afresh and anew? To be sure, it is! This is part of the Besorah (“Good News”) of Mashiach, that He came to make both of us, Yehudah and Yoseph, into one new man.

Ephesians 2:14-19

***14 For He is our peace, who made both into one, and broke down the middle wall of partition,
15 having abolished in the flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;
that He might create in Himself of the two one new man, so making peace;
16 and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the cross, having slain the enmity
thereby;
17 and He came and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were near;
18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
19 So then you are no more strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and
of the household of Elohim,***

Of all the passages in the Brit Chadasha dealing with the two houses of Israel, this one is one of the more openly recognized, as it deals with the two becoming one. This was part of the major work of Mashiach, to rectify these two estranged brothers and bring them both back into the house of our heavenly Father; that is, to keep and obey Torah with the testimony of Mashiach Yeshua.

There are many today that are working on joining Ephrayim to Judah. However, this is not exactly the path that we need to walk on. Please note the following passage of Scripture.

Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 37:16-17

***16 And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick, and write upon it, “For Yehudah, and for the children of Israel his companions”; then take another stick, and write upon it, “For Yoseph, the stick of Ephrayim, and for all the house of Israel his companions”;
17 and join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.***

Today we would like to point out a couple things concerning this passage of Scripture. Please notice that there are two sticks. This is very important to note. It is not one stick with more being added to it to make a bigger stick. Rather, it is two separate sticks. Many of those working today are simply working at bringing pieces of Ephrayim to Yehudah and joining them to the stick of Yehudah. However, this is not what this prophecy actually teaches us that will happen. Before the stick of Yehudah and the stick of Yoseph can be joined together, Yoseph must become a stick; or more specifically, Ephrayim must become a nation once again. Then, and only then, will this prophecy be ready to be fulfilled.

Also, please note that YHWH is speaking to Yechezqel, a priest. Please note that YHWH tells Yechezqel to take these two sticks and join them together. What this teaches us is that it will be the priesthood of YHWH who will join these two sticks or nations together to form one nation once again. It is basically the reverse process of what happened over 2700 years ago when the nation of Israel split into two

kingdoms, Israel and Judah. These two nations must coexist once again in the land side by side before they can be reunited.

What we see happening now in the land is the initial preparation for the birth of a new nation. What we see happening now are the birth pangs of the birth of the northern kingdom. Many do not recognize what is happening for what it truly is, for they are looking on with physical eyes rather than watching with spiritual eyes. The two state solution in Israel is not as bad as many people think it is. It is done in wickedness in high places, to be sure. However, let us bring to mind this passage.

Romans 8:28

And we know that to them that love Elohim all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to His purpose.

Even though this is a very dark time for our brothers in the southern kingdom of Judah at present, it will not be long now before his brothers of the northern kingdom will be planted back in the land and stand next to him. He will come as a mighty man of war and the nations roundabout will melt away in great fear and trembling as Ephrayim rises up from the dead and YHWH gives to him new life and does great good in his midst because Mashiach Yeshua is his Master. Hang on to your hats, brothers and sisters in Mashiach! Do not go faint or lose heart, for YHWH is working in our world today in a very wonderful and mighty way, to perform His works; and it will be wonderful in our eyes and in the eyes of all who see. Bless His great and mighty name!

ABBA YHWH, open our eyes that we might see, and open the eyes of our brothers that we might recognize one another; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat shalom

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