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# Pearl Seeking

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## TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Gen. 44:18-34	Yehudah offers to take Binyamin's place
Tuesday:	Gen. 45:1-15	Yoseph reveals himself to his brothers
Wednesday:	Gen. 45:16-28	Yoseph sends for his family
Thursday:	Gen. 46:1 - 47:12	Elohim speaks to Ya'aqob; Yoseph's family arrives in Mitsrayim and settles in
Friday:	Gen. 47:13-27	Yoseph buys entire land of Mitsrayim for Pharaoh

After Yoseph was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in command under Pharaoh, his brothers also came to Mitsrayim to buy grain. Yoseph played some tricks on his brothers to test their love for their brother Binyamin. After they passed Yoseph's tests, he revealed to them who he was and made peace with them. In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, the report of Yoseph and his brothers' reunion has reached Pharaoh. We will witness the gifts that Pharaoh graciously bestows upon Yoseph's family as he directs Yoseph to bring his entire family to Mitsrayim. Now, let's read Gen. 45:16-28; 46 & 47:1-12, 27.

## PARSHA POINTS

- Pharaoh and his servants were glad to hear about Yoseph's reunion with his brothers - 45:16
- Pharaoh told Yoseph (45:17-20):
  - "Have your brothers load their animals and go back to Kena'an"
  - "Bring your father and your households here"
  - "I will give your family the best land of Mitsrayim to live in"
  - "You won't go hungry"
  - "Take my wagons and go get your entire family"
  - "Whatever you had there, will be replaced with better things here"
- Pharaoh provided (45:21-23):
  - Yoseph's brothers with wagons and food for their journey (**derek**) as well as changes of garments (**semalot**)
  - Binyamin a wagon (**agalah**) with 300 (**shlosh me'ot**) pieces of silver and 5 (**chamesh**) changes of garments
  - Yoseph's father with 10 (**eser**) donkeys (**chamorim**) loaded with gifts and 10 female donkeys loaded with grain, bread and food for his journey



- Yoseph sent his brothers with an admonishment NOT to quarrel among themselves - 45:24
- Yoseph's brothers told Ya'aqob that Yoseph was still alive and governor of Mitsrayim. Ya'aqob's heart stopped when he heard the news - 45:26
- After Ya'aqob saw all the things that Pharaoh had provided, he believed his sons and exclaimed that he wanted to see Yoseph before he died - 45:27-28
- On his way to Mitsrayim, Ya'aqob gave offerings to Elohim in Be'ersheba. Elohim spoke to Ya'aqob in visions, reassuring him that He would be with him and make him a great nation - 46:1-4
- All Ya'aqob's household headed for Mitsrayim, 66 (**shishim ve shesh**) beings in all - 46:5-26
- Ya'aqob sent Yehudah ahead to point the way to Goshen. When they arrived, Yoseph came out to meet them - 46:28-29
- Yoseph had an emotional reunion with his father, with big hugs and many tears - 46:29
- Yisra'el declared that he could now die in peace, because he had seen Yoseph again - 46:30
- Yoseph advised his brothers that when Pharaoh asked their occupation that they should answer that they were herdsmen over the livestock instead of referring to themselves as shepherds, because they were considered to be an abomination to the Mitsrites - 46:31-34
- Yoseph and Pharaoh confirmed that his family would dwell in Goshen which had the best land in Mitsrayim. The most skilled among them were also appointed as chief herdsmen over Pharaoh's livestock - 47:1-6
- Ya'aqob was presented before Pharaoh and blessed Pharaoh - 47:7, 10
- Yoseph provided bread for his father and his brothers during the time of scarcity - 47:12-13
- Yoseph's family prospered in the land of Goshen - 47:27



# DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Notice that Yoseph openly showed favor to Binyamin by giving him 300 pieces of silver and 5 changes of garments. In the same way, when Yoseph was first reunited with them at the feast, he gave Binyamin 5X as much as he gave to his other brothers at the feast (43:34); how do you think the brothers felt about that? (45:22)
- Ya'aqob did NOT believe his children when they said that Yoseph was alive, until the wagons came with all the provisions from Mitsrayim. Research the significance of the Hebrew word for wagon, and why this might have been the reason Ya'aqob believed his son was now alive. (45:26-28)
- Why do you think shepherds were an abomination to the Mitsrites? Why do you think Yoseph's brothers told Pharaoh they were shepherds even after Yoseph told them NOT to? Were they showing Yoseph and Pharaoh their sovereignty? (46:33-34; 47:3)
- Is there a significance to Yoseph sending 5 of his family members to meet with Pharaoh? What does the number 5 represent in the Scriptures? (47:2)
- Why did Pharaoh provide Yoseph's family with the best land in Mitsrayim? Why did Pharaoh offer Yoseph's brothers the job of 'chief herdsman'? Was it because in actuality they were more than common shepherds but understood shepherding to a greater degree? (47:6)
- Why do you think Ya'aqob blessed Pharaoh? Was it because he was honoring him or thanking him? Was he showing Pharaoh that he also had authority? (47:7, 10)
- Discuss the significance of Yoseph providing his family with bread when there was none to be found in Mitsrayim. (47:12-13)

