

Parashah Vayechi - וַיַּחֲיֶיךָ

"and he lived"

Torah portion:

Genesis 47:28 - 50:26

Haftarah portion:

1 Kings 2:1-12

Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:

Hebrews 11:21-22

1 Peter 1:3-9

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so

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**Torah Portion: Gen. 48:19**

"His seed shall become a multitude of nations"

[Two House Theology and the "Lost Tribes"](#)

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In Zech.6:12 "temple" - הַיְכָל - *haycahl* - is translated by οἶκον - *oikon* in the Septuagint.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary (ναός - *naos*) of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling (οικεῖ - *oikei*) in YOU?"

**Isaiah 57:15** "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth [שָׁכַן Strong's 7931; LXX: κατοικων] eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell (אֲשָׁכֵן) [Strong's 7931; no LXX] in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. "

**This is to say:**

"I dwell in a high and holy place, but also I dwell with the broken and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the crushed."

**- This is God's definition of His "Two House" theology!**

## Reading past the Haftarah portion

@1Kings2:27, the fulfillment of YHVH's change regarding Eli. A lot of Messianics say that God does not change, but with Eli God indeed changed a "forever" promise to a "never" promise.

## Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion

**The Gospel Stands by itself.** The Law & the Prophets help explain, BUT are not NECESSARY for SALVATION.

**1 PETER 1:1** Peter (an) apostle of-Jesus Messiah **to-chosen resident-aliens of-dispersion** of-Pontus, of-Galatia, of-Cappadocia, of-Asia and of-Bithynia,

["**to-chosen resident-aliens of-dispersion**"; thus this speaks to Jewish (the chosen) believers (see next verse) in the Diaspora, as **Gentile Christians** would not be called "resident-aliens" there. On the other hand, note that in 2:11 that two groups are addressed; "dwellers abroad AND resident aliens", wherein the former might be understood as **Gentile Christians**. Also, in **Hebrews 11:1-15**, we see that the Gentiles named Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Abraham and Sarah all "confessed that they-are **strangers and resident-aliens of the land**".

However, the book may be primarily addressed to **Jewish Christians**, although of course much still applies to **Gentile Christian life in Messiah**, wherein both **Jewish** and **Gentile Christians** are "one new man" in Messiah (compare Eph. ch2).]

v2 **According-to knowledge-before of-God Father, in holiness of-spirit**, with-reference-to obedience and sprinkling of-blood of-Jesus Messiah; may **favor** to-YOU and peace be-multiplied.

v3 **Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Messiah**, namely-the-one **having-begotten us again** according-to his much mercy with-reference-to (a) living hope through resurrection of-Jesus Messiah out-of dead(s).

v4 With-reference-to (an) inheritance imperishable and undefiled and unfading, having-been-kept-and-still-being-kept in (the) heavens with-reference-to **YOU**

v5 **The (ones) being-protectively-guarded in power of-God through trust** with-reference-to (a) **salvation** prepared to-be-uncovered in (the) last season.

v6 In which YOU-are-exulting, (a) **little-bit just-now if it-is-essential having-been-grieved in Various trials**,

v7 In-order-that **the means-of-proving YOUR trust** much-more-price [than] gold being-perished, but through fire being-proved, it (your trust) might-be-found with-reference-to laudation and glory and honor (price) **in uncovering of-Jesus Messiah**;

[note trials are an essential thing wherein the believers prove their trust. These trials are **not** defined as **only** physical trials (physical pain)...]

v8 **Whom not having-seen YOU-are-cherishing**, with-reference-to whom just-now **not seeing but trusting**, YOU-are-exulting with-joy unspeakable and with-having-been-and-still-glorified.

v9 **Obtaining-for-yourselves the finish of-the trust salvation of-souls.**

**[This is through trust - which is the work of God -see John 6:29]**

[I think **the following passage is very important** concerning the "hierarchy" of the Law and the Prophets in relation to the Good-news of Messiah (the Gospel).]

v10 **Concerning of-which salvation prophets sought-out and searched-out, the (ones) having- prophesied concerning of-the favor with-reference-to YOU,**

v11 **Searching with-reference-to whom or what-sort (of) season** was-being-made-evident the spirit of-Messiah in them testifying-beforehand the sufferings with-reference-to Messiah and the glories after these-things.

v12 **To-whom it-was-uncovered that not to-themselves but to-YOU they-were-ministering the-things, which now were-told to-YOU through the (ones) having-brought YOU good-news in Holy Spirit having-been-dispatched from heaven,** with-reference-to which (things) angels are-desiring to-stoop-alongside.

**[The Gospel - the "good-news" stands by itself.** Yes, the Law and the Prophets help explain (*the law prophesied* about Jesus @Matt.11:13), and we should study them both. BUT they are not *necessary* for Salvation. It seems that often Messianics say that the Gospel cannot stand without the law and the prophets. To me, this is akin to taking a tree and placing it upside down. The Root is Yeshua – Rev.22:16. His Word has primacy. Noting that on the road to Emmaus the two disciples (first Christians, but not yet called Christians) were Jewish and likely lifelong "Torah Observant"; Jesus was not telling them that they needed "a Hebrew mindset" or Torah, as they already had it. He was opening up the scriptures to them for the first time in their lives of studying them. I think this points to the higher power of the Living Word and/or the Holy Spirit YHVH.]

v13 **On-this-account having-girded-up the loins of YOUR intellects,** being-sober, YOU-hope perfectly on **the favor being-brought to-YOU in uncovering of Jesus Messiah.**

[Trust is the work of God (Jn.6:29). Trust comes through hearing, and hearing through the saying of Messiah (God, Jn.10:30; Rom.10:17). Therefore we study to show ourselves approved unto God (2 Tim.2:15)...thus as here "**having-girded-up the loins of YOUR intellects**".]

v14 As **children of-obedience** not configuring-yourselfs to-the desires formerly in YOUR ignorance,

[IF 1 Peter is written to Hebrew Christians: their former desire was to do the works of the law of Sinai according to their own desires. Of course this would also speak to Gentile Christians (cf. Rom.9:24), whose former desires were different, but still not to be continued now. Both groups had fleshy desires.]

v15 BUT according-to **the holy-(one) having-called YOU** also YOU yourselves **become holy in all conduct,**

v16 For-the-reason-that it-has-been-written-and-is-still-written: **YOU-shall-be holy because I (am) holy.**

[Again, this was first written to the Jew. BUT: "To the Jew first - - AND to the Greek".]

v17 And if YOU-are-calling-on (a) Father the-one judging without-respect-to-persons according-to the work of-each, YOU-turnabout in fear the time of **YOUR dwelling-abroad**,

[again, physically -the Jewish believer, and spiritually - Jew and Gentile believers are currently "dwelling abroad" from YHVH in their physical bodies.]

v18 Knowing-absolutely that YOU-were not **redeemed with**-perishable-things, silver-coin or gold-objects, out-of YOUR aimless conduct given-over-from-(your)-father,

v19 **BUT with-precious blood as of-a-lamb-sacrifice unblemished and without-spot, Messiah,**

v20 On-the-one-hand having-come-to-be-known-before-and-still-known before casting-down of (the) world, on-the-other-hand **having-been-manifested on last of-the times because-of YOU**

**v21 The (ones) through him trusting with-reference-to God the (one) having-raised him out-of dead(s) and having-given glory to-him, so-that YOUR trust and hope be with-reference-to God.**

v22 Having-purified-and-still-purifying YOUR souls in **the obedience of-the truth with-reference-to brotherly-love without-hypocrisy**, YOU-cherish one-another out-of (the) heart earnestly,

v23 Having-been-begotten-again-and-still-begotten not out-of (a) perishable thing-sown BUT imperishable, through (the) living and remaining word of-God.

v24 For-the-reason-that all flesh as grass, and all its glory as flower of-grass; the grass was-dried-up, and the flower fell-away;

v25 But **the saying of-Jehovah is-remaining into the age. But this is the saying namely-the good-news-having-been-brought with-reference-to YOU.**

[This shows that even IF while some incorrectly think we can't trust the extant Hebrew or Greek texts, we know we can trust **the saying of YHVH**, which saying endures forever. **In this we see that the good-news (the Gospel) supersedes the law and the prophets.**]



The echo chamber.

Hello? Hello? Hello?

Do you hear - *anything?*

English - hear

LXX Greek ἄκουε

N.T. Greek - ἀκούω *akouō*

Hebrew - שְׁמַע sh'mah

Spanish - ¡Escucha!

...and so forth.

"Hear Israel, Yahweh, our Elohim, Yahweh, is ONE." Cf. Mark 12:29-31 - Deut. 6:4,5

Trust is the work of God. Jn.6:29

Trust comes by hearing the saying of-Messiah. (or 'of-God'?) Cf. Ro.10:17, Jn.10:30, Col.1:16-19

I trust. May God Help me with my lack of trust. Mk.9:24

Be still and know God. Ps.46:10

shhh...no words at all...a good place to be...

- Solace may be found in the echad of "shema" in Messiah. In the quiet bewilderedness of God's Love: Who can be saved? Me? Jesus saves, even me. And you. I trust, so *help me*, God. With God all things are possible. The authentic light is already appearing. Jn.3:16, Phil.2:9-11, Mk.9:24, 1Jn.2:8, Lu.18:26-27.

Hear the love? shhh...no words at all...a good place to be...

On another-different (heteros) hand, there is a sound of silence that is not good, the apathy of when people hear evil but don't speak against it. And near this different silence, there is another-similar (allos) evil silence of when no one listens (1Jn.4:6), and in this the spirit is quenched. This latter is not apathy/indifference, but rather the result of the fact of legends sought (2Tim.4:3-4), i.e. imposed - a cloak put on another. The latter difference is worse than the former.

### **Echo:**

Yet even in this cloak of dark lonely silence - isolation - solace may be found in the echad of "shema" in Messiah. A quiet bewilderedness of Love: Who can be saved? Me? Jesus saves, even me. And you!?! I trust, so help me, God. With God all things are possible. The authentic light is *already* appearing. Jn.3:16, Phil.2:9-11, Mk.9:24, 1Jn.2:8, Lu.18:26-27.

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### **Hanukkah echos:**

What a beautiful Hanukkah this was.

**John 10:22** But the dedication(s) came-to-pass in the Jerusalem, and it-was winter.

v23 And the Jesus was-walking-around in the temple in the portico of-the Solomon.

Previously, Jesus had said that he was the true sanctuary of God:

**John 2:19** "The Jesus answered and said to-them, YOU-break-down this sanctuary, and in three days I-shall-raise it.

v20 The Jews therefore said, In forty and six years this sanctuary was-built, and you yourself-will-raise it in three days?

v21 But that (one) was-saying concerning **the sanctuary of-his body**.

v22 When therefore he-was-raised out-of dead (ones) his disciples were-made-mindful that he-was-saying this to-them, and they-trusted the scripture **and the word which the Jesus said.**"

And Jesus had already told them that he was the light of the world:

**John 8:12** "Again therefore the Jesus spoke to-them, saying, I myself-am the light of-the world; the (one) following me will by-no-means walk-around in the darkness, BUT he-will-have the light of-the life."

So at the Dedication they want him to tell them if he is the Messiah, and he says / *already told you, but you don't believe me.*

**John 10:24** "The Jews therefore encircled him, and they-were-saying to-him, Till at-what-time are-you-lifting-up our soul? If you yourself-are the Messiah, you-say-(so) to-us with-boldness-of-speech.

v25 The Jesus answered to-them, I-said to-YOU, and YOU-are not trusting. The works which I myself-am: doing in the name of-my Father, these-(things) (are)-bearing-witness concerning me:"

One of his works that bore witness of him was when he stopped the temple service:

**Mark 11:16** "And he-was not letting-be in-order-that any-one might-bring-through (an) article through the temple."

Then, with this background, Jesus tells them he is God:

**John 10:30** "I and the Father are one."

and so,

v31 "The Jews therefore again bore stones in-order-that they-might-stone him."

What an un-happy bunch of Hanukkah celebrants!

Jesus specifically picked the time around the Dedication to contrastingly say **"NO! I AM the Light! I AM the center of attention in the Lampstands, I am better than the physical temple, its lampstands, or your little chanukkiyah, no matter how great and glorious they appear to you".**

Jesus is the true Light of the naos/sanctuary.

Jesus distinguished himself from the Dedication celebration, just as he made a distinction between the physical Temple and himself.

Again,

**Mark 11:16** "And he-was not letting-be in-order-that any-one might-bring-through (an) article through the temple."

**This was a physical act that foreshadowed what he did spiritually:**

**Matthew 27:51** "And behold the veil of-the sanctuary was-split into two, from from-above till below"

## That veil was his flesh!

**Hebrews 10:19-20** "Having therefore brothers, boldness-of-speech with-reference-to the entering-in of-the holy-ones in the blood of-Jesus,

Which (entering-in) he-dedicated for-us (a) way recently-slain and living, **through the veil, this is his flesh,"**

**Therefore the veil is spiritual; and so too all the commandments regarding the veil and its related service.**

**The sanctuary of God is in the believer.** It is important to see in this that **Jesus stopped the physical Temple services** (Mk.11:16, Jn.2:19-22, Mt.27:51, Heb.10:19-20) - **and that includes stopping the physical temple service of a celebration/Dedication.**

Living the spiritual life is more difficult than seeing it; believers often know there are things wrong with something and yet still participate in those things (e.g. Christmas, Hanukkah, Halloween, Easter). There is no need to place a Chanukkiyah in front of the Lampstand in our hearts (1Cor.3:16).

**Shema! Now hear this!**

**Hebrews 13:10** "We-are-having (an) altar out-of which the (ones) serving to-the tabernacle are not having authority to-eat."

This is such a critical verse to know:

**1Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling in YOU?" Again, this dictates that the Temple service (as at Heb.7:11) has changed. What a beautiful Light! What a peaceful place to be:

**Hebrews 4:3** "For we, the (ones) having-trusted, are-going-in into the rest, according-as he-has-said-and-still-says: As I-swore in my wrath; if they-will-go-in into my rest; and-yet of-the works having-been-come-to-pass from casting-down of-(a)-world."

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Recommended reading:

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