



Congregation Notes Torah Portion VaYechi

How Are Jacob's Blessings Related to the Coming of Messiah and the Gentiles?

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Gen. 47:28-50;26; I Ki 2:1-12; John 13:1-19

***Genesis 49:1 And Jacob called וַיִּקְרָא his sons and said, Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:**

***Matthew 22:2-4** The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his servants to call those he had invited to the banquet, but they refused to come. **4** Again, he sent other servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.....

***Revelation 19:7-9** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God.

***Romans 8:29-30** **29** For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined, these also He called; and whom He called, these also He justified; and whom He justified, these also He glorified.

***Genesis 41:14** Then Pharaoh sent and called וַיִּקְרָא **Joseph**, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

***Isaiah 2:2** In the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

***Daniel 2:40&44** And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.... ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

***Isaiah 60:22** A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. **I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.**"

***Matthew 24:35-37** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away. **36** No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man....

***Genesis 47:29-30 TO JOSEPH HE SAYS:** ²⁹ When the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, Now if I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, ³⁰ but let me lie with my fathers; you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place. And he said, I will do as you have said.

***Genesis 48:5-6** And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. ⁶ Your offspring whom you beget after them shall be yours; they will be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

***Genesis 48:8-11** Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?" ⁹ Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me in this place." And he said, "Please bring them to me, and I will bless them." ¹⁰ Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. Then Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹ And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not thought to see your face; but in fact, God has also shown me your offspring!"

***Genesis 48:15-16** The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and may my name live on in them, and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

***Genesis 48:14-16** Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn. ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them,
And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

***Genesis 12:1-3** Then the LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your kindred, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those

who bless you and curse those who curse you; and all the families of the earth will be blessed through you."...

***Genesis 48:19** But his father refused and said, 'I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations.

***JPS Tanakh 1917 *Genesis 48:19** And his father refused, and said: I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

***I Chronicles 29:11** Yours, Hashem, is the greatness, the strength, the splendor, the triumph and the glory, even everything in heaven and earth. Yours, Hashem, is the kingdom, and the sovereignty over every leader.

***Matthew 2:22-23** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

***Genesis 50:23-26** Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. ²⁴ And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." . ²⁵ Then Joseph took an oath from the children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up y bones from here." ²⁶ So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

***Genesis 43:29** And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto you, my son.

***Revelation 21:7** He that overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be to him God, and he shall be to me my son.

***I John 4:4** You have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

***Deuteronomy 33:12** Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."

***Galatians 3:27-29** For all of you who were baptized into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah. **28**There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. **29**And if you belong to Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise....

***Ezekiel 37:21-22** Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

***Amos 9:15** I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.

***Isaiah 56:6-8** Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, And to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants-- Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant--

7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.