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For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This week the Torah Portion name is Vayeishev and is translated as "And Lived (dwelt)"

### **The Torah Commentary:**

*And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. These the generations of Jacob. Joseph, seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the land with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought to his father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of colors. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told his brethren; and they hated him yet the more. And he said to them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: And his brethren said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said... And he told to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said to him, What this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to you to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying. (read Gen. 37:1-11) And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near to them, they conspired against him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer comes. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast has devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And Reuben heard, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said to them Shed no blood, cast him into this pit that in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come to*

*his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, coat of colors that on him; and they took him, and cast him into a pit; and the pit empty, no water in it. And Judah said to his brethren, what profit if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he our brother our flesh. And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty of silver; and they brought Joseph into Egypt. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; (Gen. 37:18-24,26-28,31) And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him. (Acts 7:9) We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. (Ps. 106:6) And Yeshua went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said to them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased. (Matt. 21:12-15) Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, to the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Yeshua by subtlety, and kill. But they said, Not on the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people. (Matt. 26:3-5) Then gathered the chief priests, and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? For this man does many miracles. If we let Him thus alone, all will believe on Him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said to them, You know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spoke he not of himself; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Yeshua should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death. (John 11:47-53) Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said, What will you give me, and I will deliver Him to you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. (Matt. 26:14-16) And I said to them, If you think good, give my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty of silver. (Zech. 11:12) Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and YHVH has not done? Surely the Lord YHVH will do nothing but He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. The lion has roared, who will not fear? The Lord YHVH has spoken, who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:6-8) And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.*

*But while they wondered every one at all things which Yeshua did, He said to His disciples, Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not; and they feared to ask Him of that saying. (Luke 9:43-45) From that time forth began Yeshua to show to His disciples, how that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (Matt. 16:21) And while He yet spoke, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. And they that had laid hold on Yeshua led away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled. Then did they spit in His face and buffeted Him; and others smote with the palms/rods of their hands, saying, Prophesy to us, You Messiah, Who is he that smote You? (Matt. 26:47,67,68) Then the soldiers of the governor took Yeshua into the common hall, and gathered to Him the whole band. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put upon His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail King of the Jews! And they spit on Him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from him, and put His own raiment on Him and led Him away to crucify. (Matt. 27:27-31) And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the thieves, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Yeshua, Father forgive them: for they know not what they do. And the parted His raiment and cast lots. (Luke 23:33,34)*