

Vayigash

Genesis 45:1-15

FIRST ALIYAH

¹ Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone withdraw from me!” So there was no one else about when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² His sobs were so loud that the Egyptians could hear, and so the news reached Pharaoh’s palace.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still well?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dumfounded were they on account of him.

SECOND ALIYAH

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come forward to me.” And when they came forward, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, he whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be distressed or reproach Yourselves because you sold me hither; it was to save life that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ It is now two years that there has been famine in the land, and there are still five years to come in which there shall be no yield from tilling. ⁷ God has sent me ahead of you to ensure Your survival on earth, and to save your lives in an extraordinary deliverance.

THIRD ALIYAH

⁸ So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt.

⁹ “Now, hurry back to my father and say to him: Thus says your son Joseph, ‘God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me without delay. ¹⁰ You will dwell in the region of Goshen, where You will be near me—you and your children and your grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all that is yours.

FOURTH ALIYAH

¹¹ There I will provide for you—for there are yet five years of famine to come—that you and your household and all that is yours may not suffer want.’ ¹² You can see for yourselves, and my brother Benjamin for himself, that it is indeed I who am speaking to You. ¹³ And you must tell my father everything about my high station in Egypt and all that you have seen; and bring my father here with all speed.”

¹⁴ With that he embraced his brother Benjamin around the neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; only then were his brothers able to talk to him.