

## ויגש Vayigash (*And He Approached*)

Shabbat Shalom! Welcome to Vayigash (*And He Approached*), this week's Parasha (*Torah Portion*). May you be richly blessed as you study the portion of Scripture that will be read during this Shabbat's (*Saturday*) morning service in synagogues throughout the world.

As we study the Torah let us never forget that **Yeshua the Messiah** is the Living Torah, the Word of God made flesh. He is the way, the truth and the life — the Living Manna sent from heaven. Without Him living in our lives through the indwelling Presence of his Set-Apart/Kadosh Spirit (*Who leads us into all truth and revelation*) the **Written Torah** can become the dead letter of the law!

### **Highlights from Torah Portion – Genesis 44:18 – 47:27**

Judah approaches Joseph  
Joseph identifies himself and reconciles with his brothers  
Pharaoh joins in welcoming the brothers  
Joseph sends his brothers back to Canaan laden with gifts  
Jacob receives the good news about Joseph  
Jacob and his family move to Egypt  
Seventy members of Jacob's family live in Egypt  
Jacob arrives in Egypt  
Joseph settles his family in Goshen  
Jacob and Pharaoh meet  
The famine rages on

### **Highlights from Haftorah (*Prophets*) – Ezekiel 37:15-28**

The sign of the two sticks

### **Highlights from Brit Chadashah**

Israel coming to salvation: Ro 9:1–29  
Gentiles being grafted into the olive tree of Israel: Ro 11:13–24  
Gentiles becoming a part of Israel: Eph 2:11–22  
Yeshua on the regathering of lost Israel: Mt 10:6; 15:24

### **Highlights from extra scriptures**

#### **1 Samuel 25:1 – 31:13**

Samuel the judge dies  
David marries Abigail, saves Saul's life again

Saul admits his guilt  
David joins with the Philistines  
God doesn't answer Saul and Saul visits a witch  
David is spared from fighting Saul  
God answers David  
David kills the enemy and the enemy kills Saul

## **2 Samuel 1:1-27**

King Saul dies

## **Psalms 77:1 – 82:8**

When overwhelmed, remember God's greatness  
God's continued guidance despite unbelief  
Avenge the defilement of Jerusalem  
Israel's plea for God's Mercy and God's plea for Israel's obedience  
Rebuke of Israel's urgent judges

## **Mark 14:53 – 16:20**

The Sanhedrin tries Yeshua  
Peter denies Yeshua  
Pilate tries Yeshua  
Yeshua is beaten, crucified and buried  
The resurrection, appearance and ascension of Yeshua

## **Luke 1:1-66**

Zacharias ministers in the Temple  
An angel announces the birth of John the Baptist  
Zacharias is unable to speak  
Gabriel announces Messiah's birth  
Mary miraculously conceives  
Mary visits Elizabeth and Elizabeth gives birth to John

This week's Torah portion focuses on several key themes. Keep these in mind as we proceed.

- Reuniting lost family members
- Healing and reuniting divided families
- Reconciliation
- Forgiveness of past wrongs, offenses and misunderstandings