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## Vayyiggash

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**B'reshit [Genesis] 44:18-47:27**

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### Haftarah Vayyiggash

#### No Longer Defiled!

*Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 37:23*

***“Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their rebellions; but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them; so shall they be My people, and I will be their Elohim.”***

There is coming a day in which YHWH will cleanse us of all our rebellions and sins that we have committed against Him down through the many ages past. We have acted as if He could not see, and acted as even if He did see, He would do nothing dreadful to us. But we have been cast into the nations and we have forgotten who we are and who our fathers are. We have become a people with no name. Thankfully, Mashiach Yeshua came to restore us back to our Father’s house in order that we might once again serve Him and be the people of His name.

*Divre HaYamim Bet (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles) 16:9*

***“For the eyes of YHWH run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth you shall have wars.”***

As YHWH has sent His Spirit out to canvass the earth to see who would hear His Voice and respond to the call, many are responding to that call. In the above passage the word “perfect” is translated from the Hebrew word שָׁלֵם – “shalem” which means “completeness,” hence the idea of being perfect in heart towards YHWH. It is from this word that the word “shalom” “שָׁלוֹם” comes from.

He has surely gone throughout the whole world looking for those whose hearts are towards Him, but in the midst of our responding to that call He has found us in the midst of our uncleanness.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 64:6***

***All of us are like someone unclean, all our righteous deeds like menstrual rags; we wither, all of us, like leaves; and our misdeeds blow us away like the wind.***

Our fathers before us defiled themselves and taught us to defile ourselves so completely that YHWH considers our righteousness to be like the rags soaked with blood from a woman who is on her monthly period. I would say that YHWH is pretty disgusted, wouldn't you?

***Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 36:17***

***"Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings; their way before Me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity."***

YHWH makes this comparison between a menstruating woman and Israel through two different prophets. This is pretty serious.

***Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 39:24***

***"According to their uncleanness and according to their rebellions I did to them; and I hid My face from them."***

At least in part, YHWH did this by sending us away into captivity among the nations. Even though there were many times we could not find Him, He did not forget us, nor forget where we were at.

***Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 44:23***

***"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."***

This is something that we all have to learn if we are going to return back to our heavenly Father and be a part of His kingdom. It is time that we stop being so sensitive about this whole thing of clean and unclean. I have seen people who were coming back to YHWH's Torah only to turn and walk away once they encountered the Torah of niddah. Brothers and sisters, if any of His commandments offend you, then you are most likely not going to make it all the way back into His kingdom. Most likely at some point those people who find offense in one or more of His Torah commandments will turn and walk away from them and ultimately turn their back on all of His commandments.

Kepha makes reference to this in His epistle when he cites Yeshayah 8:14.

***Kepha Aleph (1<sup>st</sup> Peter) 2:8***

***and,***

***A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence;  
For they stumble at the word, being disobedient;  
Whereunto also they were appointed.***

And let us not forget:

***Ya'aqov (James) 2:10***

***For whosoever shall keep the whole Torah, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all.***

For it is a true saying that we all fall short in many ways of keeping and obeying His commandments to us in our everyday living.

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 27:26***

***"Cursed is he that confirms not the words of this Torah to do them. And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'"***

The major contributing factor to the great Torahlessness among His people today, is simply that they do not know His commandments. Most people are so very busy these days running to and fro from one day to the next, that they hardly have time to breathe, let alone stop and study His word to show themselves approved. So, rather than taking the time to diligently search out a matter with the help of His Spirit, most people run from one teacher to the next looking for what tickles their ears, always increasing in learning, but not in understanding or Torah obedience in their everyday lives.

***2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:7***

***ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

There are many teachers today. It is very easy to find one that will agree with you regardless of what your opinion is or what your position is. But is that what you really want? It certainly isn't what we really need! We need to surround ourselves with teachers of Torah who do not chase after money. We need teachers of Torah who are not swayed by large offerings, or big names or any such thing. We need teachers of Torah who will tell us like it is regardless of what it cost them personally.

***Matithyah (Matthew) 23:29-31***

***29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the sepulchers of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous,***

***30 and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'***

***31 Therefore you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of them that killed the prophets."***

One of the blaring truths of Scripture is, that Israel does not have a very inspiring history. The truth is, that she has been disobedient to YHWH, to His Voice and to His Torah commandments much more than

she has been obedient to Him. We need to own up to this truth. Then we need to repent of it, fully and completely!

***Dani'el 9:20***

***And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before YHWH my Elohim for the holy mountain of my Elohim;***

Like Dani'el, each one of us needs to confess not only our own personal sins, but we also need to confess the sins of Israel. But how can we confess our sins or the sins of Israel to YHWH if we do not know Torah? We cannot! But we can begin with what we know. Then we can learn Torah, and just as important as learning Torah, is obeying Torah. What good is learning Torah if we do not obey it? None!

If we are going to put away all that which has defiled us, then we had better get with YHWH's program and learn what His Torah is, and then obey it, fully and completely.

***Matithyah (Matthew) 5:19***

***"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."***

So, who are your teachers that you surround yourself with: the least teachers of His kingdom? Or, do you listen to and learn from the great teachers of His kingdom: those who teach that we are to obey the whole Torah and that none of it has been done away with? It is your choice. But, please realize this: that the caliber of teacher you choose to learn from may well determine your place in His kingdom. Let us learn from those who will help us to put away all those things that defile us so that we may be clean in His eyes.

ABBA YHWH, we confess that we have defiled ourselves in the past, but we desire to be defiled no longer. Please do what is necessary in our lives to bring us completely out of that defilement; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat shalom

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