

The Torah Project

Genesis 46

Genesis 46:3

He said, “I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.”

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- **Abraham** went to Egypt without being told to.
 - **Isaac** was told not to go to Egypt
 - **Jacob** told to go to Egypt and God would descend with him
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Genesis 15:13-14

God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.”

Abraham

(Chapter 22)

- “Abraham, Abraham”
- “Here I am”
- “Go up...”
- Sacrifices afterward

Jacob

(Chapter 46)

- “Jacob, Jacob”
 - “Here I am”
 - “Go down...”
 - Sacrifices prior
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Mark 8:25

Then again, He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored and *began* to see everything clearly.

Purim Parallels

Genesis 44:30-34

“Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since his life is bound up in the lad's life, when he sees that the lad is not *with us*, he will die. Thus your servants will bring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow. For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him *back* to you, then let me bear the blame before my father forever.’ Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers. For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me – for fear that **I see the evil that would overtake my father?**”

Esther 8:3,6

Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept and implored him to avert the evil *scheme* of Haman the Agagite and his plot which he had devised against the Jews... “For how can I endure **to see the evil which will befall my people**, and how can I endure to see the destruction that will overtake my people?”

Genesis 44:34 ברע אשר ימצא את אבי

Esther 8:6 ברעה^(f.) אשר ימצא את עמי

Esther 2:5

Now there was at the citadel in Susa a Jew whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,

Genesis 43:14

“...and may God Almighty grant you compassion in the sight of the man, so that he will release to you your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, **if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.**”

Esther 4:16

“Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and **if I perish, I perish.**”

Genesis 43:14

כאשר שכלתי שכלתי:

Esther 4:16

וכאשר אבדתי אבדתי:

Hanukkah Parallels Too?

Genesis 46:28

Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out *the way* before him **to Goshen**; and they came into the land of Goshen. Joseph prepared his chariot and went up **to Goshen** to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared before him, he fell on his neck and wept on his neck a long time.

“to Goshen”

גשנה



נל (Go) = "Go"

לנ (Av) = "Father"

“to Goshen” גשנה = 358 = משיח “Messiah”
