

## Gen 44:18-46:27 Chiastic structure

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### TRIENNIAL VAYIGASH, "AND HE DREW NEAR" SUMMARY

**1A) 44:18-34 THE BROTHERS CAME UP FROM EGYPT INTO CANAAN** to Jacob; and he said to them, Go again, and buy us a little food;

**1B) 45:1-2 JOSEPH MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BROTHERS**, and **HE WEPT** aloud; and **THE HOUSE OF PHARAOH HEARD**;

**1C) 45:3-4** And he said: **I AM JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 45:5-11 DO NOT BE GRIEVED THAT YOU SOLD ME HERE, FOR GOD SENT ME BEFORE YOU TO PRESERVE LIFE**;

**2C) 45:12-13** And, behold, **YOUR EYES SEE**, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, **THAT IT IS MY MOUTH THAT SPEAKS TO YOU**;

**2B) 45:14-16** And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, **AND WEPT**; and he kissed all his brothers, **AND WEPT** on them; and the report of **IT WAS HEARD IN PHARAOH'S HOUSE**, saying: **JOSEPH'S BROTHERS HAVE COME**;

**2A) 45:17-46:27 JACOB CAME DOWN FROM CANAAN INTO EGYPT.**

### TRIENNIAL VAYIGASH, "AND HE DREW NEAR" EXTENDED

**1A) 44:18-34 THE BROTHERS CAME UP FROM EGYPT INTO CANAAN** to Jacob; and he said to them, Go again, and buy us a little food;

**1a) 44:18** Then Judah came near to him, and said: Oh my lord, let your servant, I pray you, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant; for you are even as Pharaoh (i.e., **Judah's request**);

**1b) 44:19-22** Our father has a child of his old age, **the only son remaining of his mother**, and his father loves him;

**1a) 44:19-20a** My lord asked his servants, saying: Have you a father, or a brother? **20** And we said to my lord: We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and **he alone is left of his mother**;

**central axis) 44:20b** *And his father loves him*;

**2a) 44:21-22** And you said to your servants: Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him. **22** And we said to my lord: The lad cannot leave his father; for **if he should leave his father, his father would die**;

**1c) 44:23** And you said to your servants: **Except your youngest brother come down with you**, you shall see my face no more;

central axis) 44:24-25 And it came to pass when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said: Go again, buy us a little food;

2c) 44:26 And we said: We cannot go down; **if our youngest brother is with us, then will we go down**; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother is with us;

2b) 44:27-32 **He is the only son remaining of his mother**; our father's life is bound up in his life;

1a) 44:27-29a And your servant my father said to us: You know that my wife bore me two sons; 28 and the one went out from me, and I said: Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since; 29 and **if you take this one also from me**, and harm befall him;

1b) 44:29b **You will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave**;

1c) 44:30a Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and **the lad is not with us**;

central axis) 44:30b **Seeing that his life is bound up with the lad's life**;

2c) 44:31a It will come to pass, when he sees that **the lad is not with us**, that he will die;

2b) 44:31b And **your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave**;

2a) 44:32 For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying: **If I bring him not to you**, then shall I bear the blame before my father for ever;

2a) 44:33-34 Now therefore, let your servant, I pray you, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad is not with me, lest I look on the evil that shall come on my father (i.e., **Judah's request**);

1B) 45:1-2 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him; and he cried: Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while **JOSEPH MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BROTHERS**. 2 And **HE WEPT** aloud; and the Egyptians heard, and **THE HOUSE OF PHARAOH HEARD**;

1C) 45:3-4 And Joseph said to his brothers: **I AM JOSEPH**; does my father yet live? And his brothers could not answer him; for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers: Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said: **I AM JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER**, whom you sold into Egypt;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 45:5-11 DO NOT BE GRIEVED THAT YOU SOLD ME HERE, FOR GOD SENT ME BEFORE YOU TO PRESERVE LIFE;**

**1a) 45:5-8a** There are yet five years in which there shall be neither sowing nor reaping, so that **God sent me before you to preserve your life;**

**1a) 45:5a** And now do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that **you sold me here;**

**1b) 45:5b** For **God sent me before you to preserve life;**  
**central axis) 45:6** For these two years the famine has been in the land; and there are yet five years in which there shall be neither sowing nor reaping;

**2b) 45:7** And **God sent me before you to preserve** for **you** a remnant on the earth, **and to save you alive** by a great deliverance;

**2a) 45:8a** So now **it was not you that sent me here, but God;**

**1b) 45:8b** And **He has made me** a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and **ruler over all the land of Egypt;**

**central axis) 45:9a** Now hasten, and go up to my father, and say to him: **Thus says your son Joseph;**

**2b) 45:9b** **God has made me lord of all Egypt;** come down to me, tarry not;

**2a) 45:10-11** And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you, and your children, and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have; **11** and **there will I sustain you;** for **there are yet five years** of famine; lest you come to poverty, you, and your household, and all that you have;

**2C) 45:12-13** And, behold, **YOUR EYES SEE,** and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, **THAT IT IS MY MOUTH THAT SPEAKS TO YOU. 13** And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hasten and bring my father down here;

**2B) 45:14-16** And he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck, **AND WEPT;** and Benjamin wept on his neck. **15** And he kissed all his brothers, **AND WEPT** on them; and after that his brothers talked with him. **16** And the report of **IT WAS HEARD IN PHARAOH'S HOUSE,** saying: **JOSEPH'S BROTHERS HAVE COME;** and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants;

**2A) 45:17-46:27 JACOB CAME DOWN FROM CANAAN INTO EGYPT;**

**2a) 45:17-20** Pharaoh said to Joseph: **Bring your father down to Egypt;**

**1a.1) 45:17** And Pharaoh said to Joseph: Say to your brothers: This do: **load your beasts**, and go, **get to the land of Canaan**;

**1a.2) 45:18a** And **take your father and your households**, and **come** to me;

**1a.3) 45:18b** And I will give you **the best of the land of Egypt**;

**central axis) 45:18c** **And you shall eat the fat of the land**;

**2a.1) 45:19a** Now you are commanded, this do: **take wagons out of the land of Egypt**;

**2a.2) 45:19b** For **your little ones**, and for **your wives**, and **bring your father**, and **come**;

**2a.3) 45:20** Also regard not your belongings; for **the best things of all the land of Egypt** are yours;

**1b) 45:21a** And **the sons of Israel** did so (i.e., loaded their animals and departed);

**1c) 45:21b** And Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them **provision for the way**;

**central axis) 45:22** **To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver, and five changes of raiment**;

**2c) 45:23** And to his father he sent in like manner ten donkeys laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys laden with **grain and bread and food for his father on the way**;

**2b) 45:24** So he sent **his brothers** away, and they **departed**; and he said to them: See that you do not quarrel on the way;

**2a) 45:25-46:27** **Jacob came down** from Canaan **into Egypt**;

**1a) 45:25** And **they went up out of Egypt**, and **came into** the land of **Canaan to Jacob** their father;

**1b) 45:26a** And they told him, saying: **Joseph is yet alive**, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt;

**1c) 45:26b** And **his heart stood still**, for he believed them not;

**central axis) 45:27a** **And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him**;

**2c) 45:27b** **The spirit of Jacob** their father **revived**;

**2b) 45:28** And Israel said: It is enough; **Joseph** my son **is yet alive**; I will go and see him before I die;

**2a) 46:1-27** **Israel went down from Canaan into Egypt** with all that he had;

**1A) 46:1A** And **ISRAEL TOOK HIS JOURNEY WITH ALL THAT HE HAD**;

**1B) 46:1B** And **CAME TO BEER-SHEBA**, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac;

**1C) 46:2-3A** And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said: Jacob, Jacob. And he said: Here am I. **3** And He said: I am God, the God of your father; **DO NOT FEAR TO GO DOWN INTO EGYPT**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 46:3B** **FOR I WILL THERE MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION**;

**2C) 46:4** **I WILL GO DOWN WITH YOU INTO EGYPT**; and **I WILL ALSO SURELY BRING YOU UP AGAIN**; and Joseph shall close your eyes;

**2B) 46:5A** And Jacob **ROSE UP FROM BEER-SHEBA**;

**2A) 46:7-27** And the sons of Israel **CARRIED JACOB THEIR FATHER**, and their little ones, wives, livestock, and goods **INTO EGYPT**, Jacob and all his seed with him; seventy persons; {s+s}

**1a) 46:5b-6a** And **the sons of Israel** carried **Jacob their father**, and **their little ones**, and **their wives**, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. **6** And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan;

**1b) 46:6b** And came **into Egypt**;

**1c) 46:6c** Jacob, and **all his seed with him**;

**central axis) 46:7a** **His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters**;

**2c) 46:7b** And **all his seed** he brought **with him**;

**2b) 46:7c** **Into Egypt**; {s}

**2a) 46:8-27** **Seventy persons**. {s}