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Gen 44:18-47:27 Vayigash Expanded Chiasm

1A.1) 44:18-34 JUDAH spoke for the brothers **BEFORE JOSEPH**;

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;

1b) 44:19-22 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, and his father loves him. 21 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) 44:27-31 If he sees that the lad is not with us, **he will die**;

1a) 44:27-29 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, you **will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave**;

1b) 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 soul is bound up with the lad's soul*;

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

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

2a) 44:32-34 **Let your servant, I pray you**, stay a bondman instead of the lad;

1a) 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;

1b) 44:33a Now therefore, let your servant, I pray you, stay **instead of the lad**;

central axis) 44:33b *A bondman to my lord*;

2b) 44:33c And **let the lad go up with his brothers**;

2a) 44:34 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;

1A.2) 45:1-16 JOSEPH REVEALED HIMSELF to his brothers, and **FELL ON THEM AND WEPT**;

1a) 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**;

1b) 45:3-4 I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt;

1a) 45:3a And Joseph said to his brothers: ***I am Joseph***; does my father yet live?

1b) 45:3b And ***his brothers could not answer him***;

central axis) 45:3c ***For they were dismayed at his presence***;

2b) 45:4a And ***Joseph said to his brothers***: Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near;

2a) 45:4b And he said: ***I am Joseph*** your brother, whom you sold into Egypt;

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

2c) 45:7-8a And **God sent me before you to preserve** for you **a remnant on the earth**, and to save you alive by a great deliverance. **8** So now it was not you that sent me here, but God;

2b) 45:8b-13 You see that **it is my mouth that speaks to you**;

1a) 45:8b-11 And He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ***ruler over all the land of Egypt***. **9** Now hasten, and go up to my father, and say to him: Thus says your son Joseph: God has made me lord of all Egypt; ***come down to me, tarry not***. **10** 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;

central axis) 45:12 ***And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaks to you***;

2a) 45:13 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***;

2a) 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;

1A.3) 45:17-20 PHARAOH's speech: bring your father and come, and **THE BEST OF THE LAND OF EGYPT** will be yours;

1a.1) 45:17-18a And Pharaoh said to Joseph: Say to your brothers: **Do this**: load your beasts, and go, get to the land of Canaan; **18** and **take your father and your households, and come** to me;

1a.2) 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) 45:19 Now you are commanded, **do this**: take wagons out of the land of Egypt for **your little ones, and** for **your wives**, and **bring your father, and come**;

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

1A.4) 45:21-23 **JOSEPH GAVE THEM PROVISIONS** for the journey;

1a) 45:21 And the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them **provision for the way**;

1b) 45:22a To all of them he gave each man **changes of raiment**;

central axis) 45:22b **But to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver**;

2b) 45:22c And five **changes of raiment**;

2a) 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**;

1A.5) 45:24-25 So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them: See that you do not quarrel on the way. **25** And **THEY WENT UP OUT OF EGYPT**, and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father;

1B) 45:26-28 **CARTS WENT UP FROM EGYPT**; from Joseph to Jacob;

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

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

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

2b) 45:27b And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, **the spirit of Jacob their father revived**;

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

1C) 46:1 And **ISRAEL** took his journey with all that he had, and **CAME TO BEER-SHEBA**, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac;

1D) 46:2-3A And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said: Jacob, Jacob. And he said: Here I am. **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;

2D) 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;

2C) 46:5A And **JACOB ROSE UP FROM BEERSHEBA**; and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives;

2B) 46:5B-27 CARTS WENT DOWN TO EGYPT carrying Jacob and all his descendants, seventy persons; {s+s}

1a) 46:5b-7 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, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his descendants with him; **7** his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and **all his descendants he brought with him into Egypt**; {s}

1b) 46:8a And these are the names of **the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons**;

1c.1) 46:8b-15 Reuben, Jacob's first-born. **9** And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. **10** And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman. **11** And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. **12** And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. **13** And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puvah, and Iob, and Shimron. **14** And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. **15 These are the sons of Leah**, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddanaram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three;

1c.2) 46:16-18 And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. **17** And the sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister; and the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel. **18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter**, and these she bore to Jacob, even sixteen souls.

2c.1) 46:19-22 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. **20** And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Potiphera priest of On bore to him. **21** And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. **22 These are the sons of Rachel**, who were born to Jacob; all the souls were fourteen;

2c.2) 46:23-25 And the sons of Dan: Hushim. **24** And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. **25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter**, and these she bore to Jacob; all the souls were seven;

2b) 46:26a All the souls belonging to Jacob that came into Egypt, that came out of his loins;

2a) 46:26b-27 Besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty-six. 27 And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were seventy; {s}

2A.1) 46:28 And he sent JUDAH BEFORE him to JOSEPH, to show the way before him to Goshen; and they came to the land of Goshen;

2A.2) 46:29-30 29 And JOSEPH made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he PRESENTED HIMSELF to him, and FELL ON HIS NECK, AND WEPT on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said to Joseph: Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are yet alive;

2A.3) 46:31-47:11 Joseph presented Jacob and his brothers to PHARAOH/ he gave them THE LAND OF GOSHEN;

1a) 46:31-47:5 Joseph presented his brothers to Pharaoh;

1a) 46:31 And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's house: I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him: *My brothers, and my father's house*, who were in the land of Canaan, *have come to me*;

1b) 46:32-34 And *the men are shepherds*, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say: *What is your occupation?* 34 That you shall say: Your servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, *both we, and our fathers*; that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians;

central axis) 47:1 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said: My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen;

2b) 47:2-4 And from among his brothers he took five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said to his brothers: *What is your occupation?* And they said to Pharaoh: *Your servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers*. 4 And they said to Pharaoh: To sojourn in the land we have come; for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks; for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, we pray you, let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen;

2a) 47:5 And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying: *Your father and your brothers have come to you*;

2a) 47:6-11 Joseph presented his father to Pharaoh;

1a) 47:6 The land of Egypt is before you; *in the best of the land* make your father and your brothers to dwell; *in the land of Goshen* let them dwell. And if you know any able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle;

1b) 47:7a And *Joseph brought in Jacob* his father, and *set him before Pharaoh*;

1c) 47:7b And *Jacob blessed Pharaoh*;

1d) 47:8-9a And Pharaoh said to Jacob: How many are the days of the years of your life? **9** And Jacob said to Pharaoh: *The days of the years of my sojournings* are a hundred and thirty years;

central axis) 47:9b *Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life*;

2d) 47:9c And they have not attained to *the days of the years* of the life of my fathers in *the days of their sojournings*;

2c) 47:10a And *Jacob blessed Pharaoh*;

2b) 47:10b And *went out from the presence of Pharaoh*;

2a) 47:11 And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, *in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses*, as Pharaoh had commanded;

2A.4) 47:12-26 JOSEPH PROVIDED his father, his household, and all Egypt with bread for the famine was very severe;

1a) 47:12-20 So that they do not perish, **the Egyptians propose to become Pharaoh's bondmen**;

1a) 47:12-13 And Joseph sustained his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to the want of their little ones. **13** And there was no bread in all the land; for *the famine was very severe*, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished by reason of the famine;

1b) 47:14-19a *Buy us and our land* for bread;

1A) 47:14-15A And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. **15** And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph, and said: **GIVE US BREAD**;

1B) 47:15B For **WHY SHOULD WE DIE IN YOUR PRESENCE?** For our money has failed;

1C) 47:16-17 And Joseph said: Give your cattle, and I will give you bread for your cattle, **IF THE MONEY HAS FAILED**. **17** And they brought their cattle to Joseph. And Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the donkeys; and **HE FED THEM WITH BREAD IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL THEIR CATTLE** for that year;

CENTRAL AXIS) 47:18A **AND WHEN THAT YEAR WAS ENDED, THEY CAME TO HIM THE SECOND YEAR**;

2C) 47:18B And said to him: We will not hide from my lord, that OUR MONEY IS ALL SPENT; and THE HERDS OF CATTLE ARE MY LORD'S; there is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands;

2B) 47:19A WHY SHOULD WE DIE BEFORE YOUR EYES, both we and our land?

2a) 47:19b Buy us and our land FOR BREAD;

central axis) 47:19c And we and our land will be bondmen to Pharaoh;

2b) 47:19d And give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land is not desolate. So *Joseph bought all the land of Egypt* for Pharaoh;

2a) 47:20 For the Egyptians sold every man his field, because *the famine was severe* upon them; and the land became Pharaoh's;

central axis) 47:21 And as for the people, he removed them city by city [i.e., he moved them into the cities], *from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end;*

2a) 47:22-26 In exchange for their lives, *the Egyptians became Pharaoh's bondmen;*

1a) 47:22 *Only the land of the priests he did not buy*, for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land;

1b) 47:23-24 Then Joseph said to the people: Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh. Lo, here is seed for you, and you shall sow the land. 24 And it shall come to pass at the harvest, that *you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh*, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for those of your households, and for food for your little ones;

central axis) 47:25 And they said: You have saved our lives. Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's bondmen;

2b) 47:26a And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt to this day, that *Pharaoh should have the fifth;*

2a) 47:26b *Only the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's;*

2A.5) 47:27 And ISRAEL DWELT IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, in the land of Goshen; and they acquired possessions in it, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.