

# Customized reading

[Genesis ]

(42)19: If you are honest men, then let one of your brothers be bound in your prison-house;

but you go, carry grain for the famine of your houses.

20: Bring your youngest brother to me; so will your words be verified, and you won't die."

They did so. 21: They said one to another, "We are most assuredly guilty concerning our brother,

in that we saw the distress of his soul,

when he begged us, and we wouldn't listen. Therefore has come on us

this distress. 22: Reuven answered them, saying, "Didn't I tell you, saying,

'Don't sin against the child,' and you wouldn't listen? Therefore also, behold, his blood is required.

23: They didn't know that Yoseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between them.

24: He turned himself about from them, and wept, and he returned to them, and spoke to them,

and took Shimon from among them, and bound him before their eyes.

25: Then Yoseph commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provisions for the way.

Thus was it done to them. 26: They loaded their donkeys with their grain,

and departed from there. 27: As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey food in the lodging-place, he saw his money. Behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.

28: He said to his brothers, "My money is restored! Behold, it is even in my sack."

Their hearts failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying,

"What is this that God has done to us? 29: They came to Yaakov their father to the land of Canaan,

אִם-כִּנְיִם אַתֶּם אַחֲיֵיכֶם אַחַד יֵאָסֵר בְּבֵית

מִשְׁמַרְכְּכֶם וְאַתֶּם לָכוּ הִבִּיאוּ שֹׁבֵר רֶעֱבוֹן בְּתֵיכֶם:

וְאֶת-אַחֲיֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן תְּבִיאוּ אֵלַי וַיֵּאמְרוּ דְבַרְיֶכֶם

וְלֹא תָמוּתוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ-כֵן: 21 וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-אָחִיו אֲבֹל־

אֲשֵׁמִים | אֲנַחְנוּ עַל-אָחִינוּ אֲשֶׁר רָאִינוּ צָרַת נַפְשׁוֹ

בְּהִתְחַנְּנוּ אֵלֵינוּ וְלֹא שָׁמְעֵנוּ עַל-כֵּן בָּאָה אֵלֵינוּ

הַצָּרָה הַזֹּאת: 22 וַיַּעַן רְאוּבֵן אֶתֶם לֵאמֹר הֲלוֹא אָמַרְתִּי

אֵלֵיכֶם | לֵאמֹר אֶל-תַּחֲטְאוּ בֵּילָד וְלֹא שְׁמַעְתֶּם וְגַם-

דָּמוֹ הִנֵּה נִדְרָשׁ: 23 וְהֵם לֹא יָדְעוּ כִּי שָׁמַע יוֹסֵף כִּי

הִמְלִיץ בֵּינְתֶם: 24 וַיִּסֹּב מֵעֲלֵיהֶם וַיִּבֶךְ וַיָּשָׁב אֲלֵהֶם

וַיְדַבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם וַיִּקַּח מֵאִתָּם אֶת-שְׁמֹעוֹן וַיֵּאָסֵר אֹתוֹ

לְעֵינֵיהֶם: 25 וַיִּצְוּ יוֹסֵף וַיִּמְלְאוּ אֶת-כָּלֵיהֶם בָּרֶ וְלָהֲשִׁיב

כַּסְפֵיהֶם אִישׁ אֶל-שִׁקּוֹ וְלָתֵת לָהֶם צֹדָה לְדַרְךָ

וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם כֵּן: 26 וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֶת-שִׁבְרָם עַל-חֲמֹרֵיהֶם

וַיֵּלְכוּ מִשָּׁם: 27 וַיִּפְתַּח הָאָחַד אֶת-שִׁקּוֹ לָתֵת מִסְפּוֹא

לְחֲמֹרוֹ בַּמָּלֹן וַיֵּרָא אֶת-כַּסְפּוֹ וְהִנֵּה-הוּא בְּפִי

אֲמַתְחָתוֹ: 28 וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אָחִיו הֲשִׁיב כַּסְפִּי וְגַם הִנֵּה

בְּאֲמַתְחָתִי וַיֵּצֵא לָבָם וַיִּחְרְדוּ אִישׁ אֶל-אָחִיו לֵאמֹר

מִה-זֹּאת עָשָׂה אֱלֹהִים לָנוּ: 29 וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-יַעֲקֹב אָבִיהֶם

and told him all that had befallen them, saying,

30: "The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly with us, and took us

for spies of the country. 31: We said to him, "We are honest men. We are no spies.

32: We are twelve brothers, sons of our father;

one is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33: The man, the lord of the land, said to us, "Hereby will I know that you are honest men.

Leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way.

34: Bring your youngest brother to me. Then will I know that you are not spies,

but that you are honest men. So will I deliver you your brother,

and you shall trade in the land. 35: It happened as they emptied their sacks,

that behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were afraid.

36: Yaakov, their father, said to them,

"You have bereaved me of my children! Yoseph is no more, Shimon is no more,

and you want to take Binyamin away. All these things are against me. 37: Reuven spoke to his father, saying,

"Kill my two sons, if I don't bring him to you.

Deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him back to you.

38: He said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left.

If harm befall him by the way in which you go,

then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol. (43)1: The famine was severe in the land.

2: It happened, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt,

their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food.

אַרְצָה כְּנַעַן וַיִּגִּדּוּ לוֹ אֶת כָּל־הַקְּרֹת אֲתֶם לְאֹמֶר:

30: דִּבֶּר הָאִישׁ אֲדֹנָי הָאָרֶץ אֲתָנוּ קָשׁוֹת וַיִּתֵּן אֲתָנוּ

כְּמַרְגְּלִים אֶת־הָאָרֶץ: וַנֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו כְּנִים אֲנַחְנוּ לֹא

הָיינו מְרַגְלִים: שְׁנַיִם־עֶשֶׂר אֲנַחְנוּ אֲחִים בְּנֵי אָבִינוּ

הָאֶחָד אֵינְנוּ וְהַקָּטָן הַיּוֹם אֶת־אָבִינוּ בְּאָרֶץ כְּנַעַן:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵינוּ הָאִישׁ אֲדֹנָי הָאָרֶץ בְּזֹאת אֵדַע כִּי כְנִים

אַתֶּם אֲחֵיכֶם הָאֶחָד הַנִּיחֹ אֹתִי וְאֶת־רַעְבוֹן בְּתֵיכֶם

קָחוּ וּלְכוּ: וְהָבִיאוּ אֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן אֵלַי וְאֵדָעָה

כִּי לֹא מְרַגְלִים אַתֶּם כִּי כְנִים אַתֶּם אֶת־אֲחֵיכֶם אֶתֵּן

לָכֶם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ תִּסְחָרוּ: וַיְהִי הֵם מְרִיקִים שֶׁקִּיָּהֶם

וְהִנֵּה־אִישׁ צְרוּר־כַּסְפוֹ בְּשֶׁקוֹ וַיִּרְאוּ אֶת־צִרְרוֹת

כַּסְפֵיהֶם הֵמָּה וַאֲבֵיהֶם וַיִּירְאוּ: וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם

יַעֲקֹב אֲבֵיהֶם אֹתִי שְׁכַלְתֶּם יוֹסֵף אֵינְנוּ וְשִׁמְעוֹן

אֵינְנוּ וְאֶת־בְּנִימִן תִּקְחוּ עָלַי הֲיוֹ כְלָנָה: וַיֹּאמֶר

רְאוּבֵן אֶל־אָבִיו לֹאמֹר אֶת־שְׁנֵי בְנֵי תָמִית אִם־לֹא

אָבִיָּאנוּ אֵלַיךָ תָּנָה אֹתוֹ עַל־יְדֵי וְאֲנִי אֲשִׁיבְנוּ אֵלַיךָ:

וַיֹּאמֶר לְאֵיֶרֶד בְּנֵי עִמְקֹם כִּי־אָחִיו מֵת וְהוּא לְבַדּוֹ

נִשְׂאָר וּקְרָאָהוּ אָסוֹן בְּדַרְךְוֹ אֲשֶׁר תִּלְכוּ־בָהּ

וְהוֹרְדְתֶם אֶת־שִׁיבְתִי בְּיָגוֹן שְׂאוּלָה: וְהָרַעַב כָּבֵד

בְּאָרֶץ: וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר כָּלוּ לֶאֱכֹל אֶת־הַשֶּׁבֶר אֲשֶׁר

הָבִיאוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם אָבֵיהֶם שׁוּבוּ שְׁבֵרוּ־

3: Yehudah spoke to him, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, saying, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.

4: If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food,

5: but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you.

6: Yisrael said, "Why did you treat me so badly, telling the man

that you had another brother? 7: They said, "The man asked directly concerning ourselves, and concerning our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?'

We just answered his questions. Is there any way we could know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'

לְנוּ מֵעַט־אָכַל: <sup>3</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוּדָה לֵאמֹר הֲעַד  
הָעַד בְּנוֹ הָאִישׁ לֵאמֹר לֹא־תִרְאוּ פָנַי בְּלִתי אַחֵיכֶם  
אִתְּכֶם: <sup>4</sup>אִם־יִשְׁכַּח מִשְׁלַח אֶת־אָחִינוּ אִתָּנוּ נִרְדֶּה  
וְנִשְׁבְּרָה לָךְ אָכַל: <sup>5</sup>וְאִם־אֵינְךָ מִשְׁלַח לֹא נִרְדֶּה כִּי־  
הָאִישׁ אָמַר אֵלֵינוּ לֹא־תִרְאוּ פָנַי בְּלִתי אַחֵיכֶם  
אִתְּכֶם: <sup>6</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל לָמָּה הִרְעַתֶּם לִי לְהַגִּיד  
לְאִישׁ הָעוֹד לָכֶם אָח: <sup>7</sup>וַיֹּאמְרוּ שְׂאוֹל שְׂאֵל־הָאִישׁ  
לְנוּ וְלִמּוֹלְדֹתֵנוּ לֵאמֹר הָעוֹד אֲבֵיכֶם חַי הֲיֵשׁ לָכֶם  
אָח וְנִגְדֶּלֹו עַל־פִּי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הִידוּעַ נִדַּע כִּי  
יֹאמֶר הוֹרִידוּ אֶת־אַחֵיכֶם:

14: Yehudah and his brothers came to Yoseph's house,

and he was still there. They fell on the ground before him.

15: Yoseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done?

Don't you know that a man such as me can indeed practice divination?

16: Yehudah said, "What will we tell my lord? What will we speak? Or how will we clear ourselves?

God has found out the iniquity of your servants.

Behold, we are my lord's bondservants, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found.

17: He said, "Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup is found,

he will be my bondservant; but as for you, go up in peace to your father.

**וַיָּבֹאוּ** <sup>14</sup>(44)

יְהוּדָה וְאָחָיו בֵּיתָה יוֹסֵף וְהוּא עוֹדְנוּ שָׁם וַיִּפְּלוּ  
לְפָנָיו אֲרָצָה: <sup>15</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם יוֹסֵף מַה־הַמַּעֲשֶׂה הַזֶּה  
אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם הֲלוֹא יָדַעְתֶּם כִּי־נַחֵשׁ יִנַּחֵשׁ אִישׁ  
אֲשֶׁר כְּמִנִּי: <sup>16</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה מִה־נֹּאמַר לְאֹדְנִי מִה־  
נִדְבַר וּמִה־נִּצְטַדֵּק הָאֱלֹהִים מִצָּא אֶת־עוֹן עַבְדֶּיךָ  
הַנֶּנּוּ עַבְדִּים לְאֹדְנִי גַם־אֲנַחְנוּ גַם אֲשֶׁר־נִמְצָא הַגְּבִיעַ  
בְּיָדוֹ: <sup>17</sup>וַיֹּאמֶר חֲלִילָה לִּי מִמַּעֲשוֹת זֹאת הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר  
נִמְצָא הַגְּבִיעַ בְּיָדוֹ הוּא יִהְיֶה־לִּי עֶבֶד וְאַתֶּם עֹלִו  
לְשָׁלוֹם אֶל־אֲבֵיכֶם:

28: Of the children of Yissakhar, their generations, by their families, by their father's houses,

according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

29: those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Yissakhar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

יִשָּׂשכָר לְבִנָּי יִשְׁשַׁכָּר תּוֹלְדֹתֵם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵם לְבֵית אָבִיתֵם  
בְּמִסְפַּר שְׁמוֹת מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה כָּל יֵצֵא  
צָבָא: פְּקֻדֵיהֶם לְמִטָּה יִשְׁשַׁכָּר אַרְבָּעָה וַחֲמִשִּׁים  
אַלְף וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת:

30: Of the children of Zevulun, their generations, by their families, by their father's houses,

according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

31: those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zevulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

זְבֻלֹן לְבִנָּי זְבוּלֹן תּוֹלְדֹתֵם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵם לְבֵית אָבִיתֵם  
בְּמִסְפַּר שְׁמוֹת מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה כָּל יֵצֵא  
צָבָא: פְּקֻדֵיהֶם לְמִטָּה זְבוּלֹן שִׁבְעָה וַחֲמִשִּׁים  
אַלְף וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת:

32: Of the children of Yoseph: of the children of Ephrayim, their generations, by their families, by their father's houses,

according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward,

all who were able to go forth to war; 33: those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephrayim, were forty thousand five hundred.

יֹסֵף לְבִנָּי יוֹסֵף לְבִנָּי אֶפְרַיִם תּוֹלְדֹתֵם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵם לְבֵית אָבִיתֵם  
בְּמִסְפַּר שְׁמוֹת מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה  
כָּל יֵצֵא צָבָא: פְּקֻדֵיהֶם לְמִטָּה אַפְרַיִם אַרְבָּעִים  
אַלְף וַחֲמִשׁ מֵאוֹת:

34: Of the children of Menasheh, their generations, by their families, by their father's houses,

according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war;

35: those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Menasheh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

מְנַשֶּׁה לְבִנָּי מְנַשֶּׁה תּוֹלְדֹתֵם לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתֵם לְבֵית אָבִיתֵם  
בְּמִסְפַּר שְׁמוֹת מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וּמַעְלָה כָּל  
יֵצֵא צָבָא: פְּקֻדֵיהֶם לְמִטָּה מְנַשֶּׁה שְׁנַיִם וּשְׁלֹשִׁים  
אַלְף וּמֵאוֹת: