



Parshas Mikeitz – Overview

Years 2227-2238

- Overall theme of Parsha: The “end” of the suffering of Yosef
- Jewish approach of history is not “cause & effect” rather it is the later outcome that produces the cause.
- The Salvation of Hashem is as quick as the blink of an eye
- Hashem is preparing the salvation, while things appear to be getting worse
- Yosef fulfills the dreams in order to get the brothers to do Teshuva for selling Yosef
- The power of jealousy and hatred do not allow the brothers to see the truth

1. Yosef becomes Viceroy of Egypt:

- Dreams of Pharaoh
- Yosef explains the dreams and advises Pharaoh
- Yosef appointed Viceroy of Egypt
- Yosef marries Osnas
- Seven years of plenty – Egypt stores up food
- Yosef has two sons – Menashe & Ephraim
- Seven years of hunger begin

2. 1st Descent of brothers to Egypt:

- 10 brothers descend to Egypt – bow before Yosef
- Yosef recognizes brothers – they do not recognize him
- Yosef accuses brothers of being spies
- Shimon thrown in Jail
- Yosef’s demand from the brothers
- Brothers return home – find their money in their saddle bags
- Yaakov refuses to allow Binyamin to descend to Egypt
- Yehuda guarantees safe return of Binyamin

3. 2nd Descent of brothers to Egypt:

- 11 brothers descend to Egypt – bow before Yosef
- Yosef dines with the brothers
- Yosef has his goblet placed in Binyamin’s saddle bag
- Brothers leave Egypt and are caught with the goblet
- Yosef demands Binyamin’s detention in Egypt