

Parshas Miketz

In Miketz, we see Yosef's rise to power, his interpretation of dreams, and his initial interaction with his brothers.

The parsha tells us this historical information for what it means to us in our daily lives. One key takeaway from the Parsha is that Hashem is behind and pushes all the outcomes that need to be manifested.

The way Yosef rose to power and his predictions were based on Pharaoh's dreams and the economic changes Yosef implemented to prepare the land for the times ahead. The Parsheos of Vayeishev, Miketz and Vayigash all fall out around Chanukah because their theme, the story of Yosef, relates to the holiday. That is, Hashem is always there and the mastermind of ensuring the outcomes that need to arise happen, whether through outright salvation, miracles or 'natural order.'

In the Parsha, everything that happened all those years ago with Yosef and Egypt manifests itself even today, just in an alternative setting, substantiating that our salvation is near. The entire entry and exodus from Egypt occurred in an observable, trackable way that has applications even to our times. Just as that narrative ended with our leaving Egypt, so too, the darkness we are living in, in the world, will result in our immediate salvation from this exile.

We just finished Chanukah, where one of the primary commandments is publicizing the Mitzvah. We do this to shine a light on the world. What does this mean?

Through bringing and manifesting positivity, we cajole people to see goodness within themselves. The Goodness that Hashem provides and leaves in the world to be discovered.

Therefore, even in our mundane lives, we must manifest positivity just as light shines through darkness because then, truth will be revealed en masse to the world, and we will truly merit Mashiach.

Good Shabbos!