



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYIGASH: PUZZLE PIECES!



IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA THE SONS OF YAAKOV ARE IN EGYPT TO BUY FOOD SUPPLIES DURING THE FAMINE.

THEY ARE SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT THE VICEROY OF EGYPT WAS NONE OTHER THAN THEIR LONG-LOST BROTHER, YOSEF - WHOM THEY HAD SOLD MANY YEARS EARLIER.



THE BROTHERS ARE SHOCKED, EMBARRASSED AND WORRIED THAT YOSEF WILL BE ANGRY WITH THEM.

DON'T BE UPSET - LOOK HOW I ENDED UP BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME! HERE IN EGYPT I WAS IN A POSITION TO PREPARE THE COUNTRY FOR THE FAMINE AND ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH FOOD FOR SO MANY PEOPLE - INCLUDING YOU!



GOD'S MASTER PLAN

YOSEF REALISED THAT EVERYTHING WAS PART OF GOD'S MASTER PLAN. ALTHOUGH LIFE HAD BEEN DIFFICULT, HE SAW HOW ALL THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE FELL INTO PLACE AND NOW HE COULD SEE THE PICTURE. HE HAD BECOME A POWERFUL PERSON IN EGYPT AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND MANY OTHERS TOO! HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS WHY GOD HAD DIRECTED HIM TO EGYPT.



SOMETIMES THINGS HAPPEN IN OUR LIVES THAT FEEL DIFFICULT AND DON'T ALWAYS MAKE SENSE TO US. THE STORY OF YOSEF REASSURES US THAT GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN FOR US AND THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON. WHEN WE REMEMBER THAT WE'RE ONLY SEEING SOME OF THE PUZZLE PIECES AND NOT THE WHOLE PICTURE, IT CAN MAKE THINGS FEEL LESS CONFUSING.

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