

MIKEITZ - Genesis 41:25-36

כה וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל-פַּרְעֹה חֲלוֹם פַּרְעֹה אֶחָד הוּא אֵת אֲשֶׁר
הָאֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה הַגִּיד לְפַרְעֹה: כֹּו שִׁבְעַת פָּרֹת הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה
וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים הַטֹּבֹת שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה חֲלוֹם אֶחָד הוּא: כֹּו וְשִׁבְעַת
הַפָּרוֹת הַרְקוֹת וְהַרְעוֹת הָעֵלֹת אַחֲרֵיהֶן שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים הֵנָּה וְשִׁבְעַת הַשָּׁבָלִים
הַרְקוֹת שְׂדֵפוֹת הַקָּדִים יִהְיוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי רָעָב: כח הוּא הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר
דִּבַּרְתִּי אֶל-פַּרְעֹה אֲשֶׁר הָאֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה הִרְאָה אֶת-פַּרְעֹה: כט הֵנָּה
שִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים בָּאוֹת שִׁבְעַת גְּדוֹל בְּכָל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: ל וְקָמוּ שִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי
רָעָב אַחֲרֵיהֶן וְנִשְׁכַּח כָּל-הַשִּׁבְעַת בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם וְכָלֹה הָרָעָב אֶת-הָאֶרֶץ:
לא וְלֹא-יִוָּדַע הַשִּׁבְעַת בְּאֶרֶץ מִפְּנֵי הָרָעָב הַהוּא אַחֲרֵי-כֵן כִּי-כָבֵד
הוּא מְאֹד: לב וְעַל הַשָּׁנֹת הַחֲלוֹם אֶל-פַּרְעֹה פָּעַמִּים כִּי-נִכּוֹן הַדָּבָר
מֵעַם הָאֱלֹהִים וּמִמָּהָר הָאֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ: לג וְעַתָּה יֵרָא פַרְעֹה אִישׁ
נָבוֹן וְחָכֵם וַיִּשִׂיתָהוּ עַל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם: לד יַעֲשֶׂה פַרְעֹה וַיִּפְקֹד פְּקָדִים
עַל-הָאֶרֶץ וַחֲמִשׁ אֶת-אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם בְּשִׁבְעַת שָׁנֵי הַשִּׁבְעַת:

²⁵. Joseph then said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dream is one: what God is doing, [God] has revealed to Pharaoh. ²⁶. The seven goodly cows are seven years, and the seven goodly ears of gran are seven years: it is all one dream. ²⁷. The seven cows coming up after them that were emaciated and repulsive are seven years; and the seven ears of grain [that were] thin and scorched by an east wind—they are seven years of famine. ²⁸. This is the very thing I told Pharaoh: what God is doing, [God] has shown to Pharaoh. ²⁹. Look—seven years are coming, [of] plenty in all the land of Egypt. ³⁰. But seven years of famine are coming up after them, and all the plenty in the land of Egypt will be forgotten; the famine will consume the land. ³¹. The plenty will no longer be known in the land, because of the famine that will follow, so harsh will it be. ³². Pharaoh’s dream was repeated—two times—because the matter has been fixed by God, and God is making haste to accomplish it. ³³. “Let Pharaoh now select a man who is discerning and wise and set him over the land of Egypt; ³⁴. let Pharaoh act and appoint administrators over the land, and let him take one-fifth of [the produce of] the land of Egypt during the seven years of plenty. ³⁵. Have them gather up all the [surplus] food of these good years that are coming, and let them store up grain in the cities under Pharaoh’s control, and put it under guard. ³⁶. The food will then be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will prevail in the land of Egypt; thus the land will not perish through famine.”

HAFTARAH

I Kings 3:25-4:1

כה וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ גְּזְרוּ אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד הַחַי לְשָׁנַיִם וּתְנוּ אֶת־הַחֲצִי לְאִמָּהּ וְאֶת־הַחֲצִי לְאִמָּהּ: כו וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר־בָּנָה הַחַי אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי־נִכְמְרוּ רַחֲמֶיהָ עַל־בְּנָהּ וַתֹּאמֶר ׀ בִּי אֲדֹנָי תְּנוּ־לָהּ אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד הַחַי וְהַמֵּת אֶל־תְּמִיתָהּ וְזֹאת אִמָּרְתַּי גַּם־לִי גַם־לָךְ לֹא יִהְיֶה גְזֹרוֹ: כז וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר תְּנוּ־לָהּ אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד הַחַי וְהַמֵּת לֹא תְּמִיתָהּ הִיא אִמּוֹ: כח וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַמִּשְׁפָּט אֲשֶׁר שָׁפַט הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּרְאוּ מִפְּנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי רָאוּ כִּי־חֲכָמַת אֱלֹהִים בְּקִרְבּוֹ לַעֲשׂוֹת מִשְׁפָּט

א וַיְהִי הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה מֶלֶךְ עַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל

²⁵ Then the king said, “Cut the living child in two, and give half to the one, half to the other!” ²⁶ But the real mother was churning with compassion for her son, so she pleaded with the king, “Please, my lord, give her the living bairn; whatever you do, don’t kill him!” But the other said, “No, it will be neither yours nor mine; cut it in two.” ²⁷ The king spoke up, “On no account kill the child—give him to the first woman—she is the real mother.” ²⁸ When Israel heard of the decision of the king, they held him in awe, seeing that he had within him divine wisdom to do justice.

¹ And king Solomon was now king over all Israel.

Plaut has First Kings 3:15-4:1 as Haftarah