PARSHAS MIKETZ

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW

Yosef comes out of prison and interprets
Pharaoh's dreams. Yosef is revered and
appointed as ruler of Egypt, second in
command. Menashe and Ephraim are born.
Famine ensues. Yosef's brothers come to
Egypt. Brother's unite. Goblet is found by
Binyamin. Brother's are sent home.



Pesukim - 146 Words - 2,025 Letters - 7,914 Mitzvos - 0





GEMATRIA

The Chasam Sofer says that the gematria of שבר from the verse יש יש - from the verse שבר במצרים השבר במצרים - is 502, which is the same as both (502) ארור המן and ברוך מרדחי (502). It is also the gematria of the years of the lives of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov together.

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Kotzker Rebbe points out that the difference between a Jew and a goy is how they wake up in the morning. By Yaakov, it says: וייקץ יעקב he got up and said Modeh Ani. By Pharoah, it says: ויקץ פרעה ויישן he got up and went right back to sleep!



DID YOU KNOW

At the end of the Parshah in most Chumashim, Parshas Miketz is unique in that it records the number of words in the Parshah: 2025!



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QUOTABLE QUOTE

No soul was ever saved by hate. No truth was ever proved by violence.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

Rashi says: "All other rivers are not called canals, only the Nile. For all of the land is made into many man-made canals, and the Nile goes up into them and waters them."

From a deeper perspective, we have to realize that although it may not seem as obvious, even man-made things are FROM HASHEM. Hashem gave humans the capacity to come up with it, but it doesn't take Hashem out of the picture!

R' Yochanan Rudensky shlit'a pointed out that in Avos, it says: Don't stop learning and say, 'Wow, look at that plowed field."

Why did it choose a plowed field, something man-made? To teach us that we can see Hashem's beauty in this world even through man-made things.

Yavan only saw the human side of creation. We must learn to see the Hashem side of creation.

Have a holy Shabbos!