

Rabbi's Column – April 27, 2020

Torah on Thursday

Genesis 37:20

Now, let's go and kill him and throw him into one of pits and say "a wild animal ate him" and we will see what will become of his dreams.

Rashi: "and we will see what will become of his dreams" Rabbi Isaac said, "this text says "interpret me", The Omnipresent Will said "Yes – they say "let us kill him" and the text finishes "and we will see what will become of his dreams" – we will see whose word will be enacted, whether y'all's or mine." It is impossible that they actually spoke "and we will see what will become of his dreams" since their intention was to kill him and void his dreams.

Sforno: "let's go and kill him" They were convinced he had come to do them harm and remove them from the blessing. Remember that they were completely righteous men, whose names would be on "the shoulder-pieces of the ephod ... for remembrance of the Israelite people" (Exodus 28:12) How could such righteous men do what they did? They were convinced that Joseph himself intended to kill them, and were trying to prevent that.

Steinsaltz: "a wild animal ate him" That region was sparsely populated, so if somebody were to ask they could blame his death on an animal that fed on him.

What we covered in the other Torah Thursday was a bit different. We went over the first day of creation from the viewpoint of the text as interpreted by the Older Jewish Publication Society translation, the Newer Jewish Publication Society translation, and the commentators Ibn Ezra and Kimchi. I was going to use Nachmanides, but in these first verses, both the grammarian and the mystic are equally long winded.

I will look forward to doing things in person again, whenever that might wind up happening.

Sending thoughts of healing out to one and all at this time, including myself. May we share kind thoughts when next we see each other.

Dave Lerner (in this case Rabbi Larry Moldo) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Torah Thursday

Time: Every week on Thu, until Jun 4, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

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