

Parashah 12 Tidbit
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VayeChi, וַיַּחֲיֶה, And He Lived
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Here in *Genesis 47* we are told that Ya'aqov lived *seventeen* (17) years in Egypt and that he was **One Hundred and Forty Seven** (147) years old when he died. You may not be aware of it, but, there is a **GOSPEL MESSAGE** in these numbers. Let me show you what I mean. Ya'aqov made a covenant with his son Yoseph, and in that covenant, Ya'aqov stated that Yoseph was not to bury him in Egypt, **BUT**, Yoseph was to bury Ya'aqov's bones in the same place as his fathers, Abraham and Yitzchaq, in the cave at Macpelah.

What do we learn from this? We learn that we are to honour the Ways and the Words of our Father. When we, like Yoseph, enter into a Covenant with our heavenly Father, through His Living Word, made flesh, our Messiah, we **MUST** learn to obey and fulfill our Covenant Promise, which **IS, ALL THAT YAHWEH HAS SAID, WE WILL OBEY AND WE WILL DO**, which is what our forefathers swore, on our behalf, in *Exodus 19:8*. At the end of the Hebraic Scriptures, which the Christian church fathers have erroneously called, the Old Testament, we have the book of Malachi, and in the last verses of chapter 4, we are admonished by Yahweh, through Malachi, to *Remember the Torah (Law) of Mosheh, My servant, which I, Yahweh Commanded unto him in Horeb for ALL of Yisrael, with the Statutes and Judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: 6 And he SHALL turn (shuv, שׁוּב, return, turn back, bring back, put back, fully restore) the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I Yahweh, come and smite the earth with a curse.*

The fathers mentioned here, in the book of Malachi, are Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, which is a metaphor for obeying the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life as they willingly chose to obey it, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, which IS, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, that when followed and obeyed with a loving surrendered heart, gives all who choose that path, Life, both here on earth and in His everlasting Kingdom. I want you to notice however, that although the word **children** indicates plurality, the word **heart** is in the singular, indicating to us, that turning or surrendering our heart to our heavenly Father, **IS an individual personal choice.**

Throughout Scripture, Yahweh keeps showing us, the Words of His Torah **in action**, and how the principles that are embedded in the Words of His Torah of Life, apply to all of His children's daily lives, regardless of what Millennia they are born in. One of the many examples I could give you, **IS**; you reap what you sow, that principle, along with many others will never change. One example of this principle at work, is when Ya'aqov deceived his father into giving him the blessing of the first born, and because of Esau, Ya'aqov's brother's anger over losing his birthright, Ya'aqov had to flee his home, he had to leave and go away **from** his father and mother, whom he loved, because Esav wanted to kill him. Therefore Ya'aqov willingly left his father and mother's home, to save his own

life, and he was gone for about **twenty two** years, before he returned to see his father again. I arrive at the number of years that Ya'aqov was away by adding One year in travelling and staying with Laban before going to work for Laban for the hand of Rachel, then, he worked seven years, and was given Leah, but he was also given Rachel, however, he had to work yet another seven years for her, then he worked six years for his flocks and, in his twenty second year he returned to the land where his father Yitzchaq, who lived in Canaan.

Now let's jump forward to the life of Ya'aqov and his son Yoseph; Yoseph was **seventeen** years old when he went missing, and his father was convinced that he was dead. Then we are told that Yoseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh, to interpret Pharaoh's dream, which is a span of thirteen years. Next we are told that there was **seven** years of plenty and that those **seven** years of plenty were followed by **seven** years of famine, and in the **second** year of the prophesied famine, Yoseph's brothers came to Egypt to get some grain, and, after a period of time, Yoseph declared himself to his brothers, then we are told that Ya'aqov also came to Egypt. If we add up all those years, we see that they add up to approximately **twenty two** full years. This tells us therefore, that since Ya'aqov willingly **stayed away** from his father, Yitzchaq for **twenty two** years, because of his deceitfulness, causing, I am sure, a lot of pain for Yitzchaq and Rivqah; that **NOW**, Ya'aqov's favourite and highly beloved son, Yoseph, was forcibly taken away from him, for **twenty two** years, therefore the conclusion of the matter **IS** that **WE DO INDEED REAP WHAT WE SOW**.

Furthermore, there are many hidden messages in the **numbers** that are found in Scripture, let me show you some numbers where we can see Elohim's plan of Creation, and redemption onto salvation, as seen through the Ages of the Patriarchs.

Abraham lived 175 Years:	$5 \times 5 \times 7 = 175$ yrs, and $5 + 5 + 7 = 17$
Yitzchaq lived 180 years:	$6 \times 6 \times 5 = 180$ yrs, and $6 + 6 + 5 = 17$
Ya'aqov lived 147 years:	$7 \times 7 \times 3 = 147$ yrs, and $7 + 7 + 3 = 17$

Why are these numbers important? They are important **BECAUSE** it tells us the full story of our **CREATION, THE FALL OF MAN, OUR REDEMPTION AND OUR FUTURE RESURRECTION**, for they are all found here in the **ages of the patriarchs**. In Hebrew, certain words are represented by numbers, such as:

The number **five** in Scripture, represents the **TORAH** and the **GRACE** of Elohim, for **GRACE** and the Words of the **TORAH** of our heavenly Father, **ARE** synonymous term.

The number **six** represents *man*, for man was formed on the sixth day.

The number **seven** represents *spiritual perfection* or *completeness*, and is to be a permanent reminder of the Week of Creation.

The number **three** represents *resurrection*, coming from death to life, and Yahweh's plan of redemption onto salvation.

Therefore, through the numbers that make up the multiples of the Patriarch's actual life span, the time that they lived here on earth, we can see the plan of Elohim for mankind.

Through Elohim's grace and mercy represented by the number **five**, man, represented by the number **six** was formed to be spiritually complete, spiritually perfect, represented by the number **seven**. But Adam Sinned, he transgressed the Words of the Father's Torah of life, and the connection that he had to the Father, who directed his life, was severed, because of Adam's transgression of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and from that point on, we, all of Adam's descendants, have been born into this world, **WITHOUT** that connection to our heavenly Father, we were born under the curse of Adam, which is the **curse of death**, which was pronounced to Adam, when Yahweh Commanded him, that he was **NOT** to eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for, Yahweh said, on the day that you do eat from this tree, you shall surely **DIE**, and since we are **ALL** descendants of Adam, it means that we are all born under **the curse of Adam**, and that means, **that all of us WILL experience PHYSICAL DEATH. However**, we are **NOT** to despair, because, our heavenly Father, who loves us dearly, has made a way for us to reconnect with Him, through His Son, the Words of His Living Torah made flesh, who willingly died on the cross, to forgive the **SIN** of the world, which is the **SIN** that Adam committed, when he was in the garden, and through our heavenly Father's Word Made flesh, our Messiah, we have been offered an opportunity to reconnect with our heavenly Father, by simply choosing to willingly walk, as our Messiah walked, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Since Elohim Himself tells us in *Isaiah 46:10* that from the beginning, He declares the end, and from ancient times the things that **are NOT YET DONE**, saying, **My counsel SHALL STAND, AND I WILL DO ALL My pleasure:**

It means that He has known even before the beginning of time, even before Creation, what was going to happen throughout the history of mankind, and what would happen at the end, when Messiah returns as our conquering king to judge the **WORKS** of the people of the world.

Our heavenly Father knew, that we would **Sin**, that we would transgress the Words of His Torah of Life, and therefore, He devised a plan before **Creation Week**, a plan to redeem those who willingly choose to turn to Him, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do, and that plan, my friends, **IS** shown to us here, **in the ages of the Patriarchs**. Elohim, **WHO IS** all encompassing and spiritually perfect, represented by the number **seven**, made a plan for His created beings to be restored to Him, after they had fallen into Sin, and, by His infinite Grace, represented by the number **five**, He planned to redeem as many as would turn to Him, with surrendered repentant contrite and obedient hearts, and He did that, through His Living Word, His Living Torah made flesh, represented by the number **five**, our Messiah, the Living Torah, for The Words of the Torah came to earth, and took on the flesh of a man, represented by the number **six**, and was sacrificed and died on the cross to redeem us from sure death, because **ALL** of mankind has sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, and then, He rose from the dead on the **third** day, represented by the number **three**, and because of Messiah's selfless sacrifice, and because He **IS** our heavenly Father's completed and perfect plan, represented by the number **seven**, and because of His surrendered Torah obedient Life, that He willingly and lovingly chose to lead, while He was here on earth with us, **WE**, you and I, **NOW** have the opportunity to be reconnected to the Father and live a spiritually complete life, with and through our Messiah, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh. And, we can do that, by emulating messiah's loving surrendered Torah obedient life, in the presence of our heavenly Father, which will result in us, walking on our heavenly Father's Path of Righteousness, which He formed for us at the beginning of time, as long as we continue to live a life that is totally surrendered to Him, which is a life of loving obedience to **ALL** the Words of

the Father's Torah of Life, *Deuteronomy 6:25*, onto eternal life with our heavenly Father and His Son, our groom, Messiah, and all we have to do, **IS** learn to willingly and lovingly surrender our heart, mind, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, as our selfless Messiah **DID** and taught us to **DO**.

Now that we have the Patriarch's ages, we can take it a step further and add all the digits of the multiples that are used in the sequence of the ages of the Patriarchs, and when we do that, we find that they all add up to the number seventeen (17). Some of the Hebrew words that have the gamatria of seventeen are, the word **TOV**, טוב, which in English means **GOOD**, but it has a much more profound meaning than that, it means functioning in the manner that Yahweh, our Creator, formed us to function. We also have the words, *BeYah*, בְּיָה, which means, with Yah, the word, וְבִבְאוֹׁ, which means, *and at His coming*, the word, Zeboach, זְבוּחַ, which means, *sacrifice*, and the word, Yahev, יָהֵב, which means, Gives.

What we learn from the words that I selected, and that have the gamatria of seventeen, is that the Patriarch's lives were seen as **GOOD, TOV**, according to Elohim, and as I said above, the Hebrew word Tov means, **to function in the manner that Yahweh created all of mankind to function**, which means, that the Patriarchs actually functioned, for the most part, according to the plan of Elohim, His plan for the redemption of mankind, that will eventually lead all who choose to follow His plan, to salvation, which is mapped out, throughout Scripture. For Scripture quite clearly points out to us, that the Words of His Living Torah, would come to earth, take on flesh, become a man, as you and I are, and sacrifice Himself on our behalf, for our salvation. He did all of this, because He wants **US TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER** and **IT IS** indeed His wish that **NOT EVEN ONE PERSON PERISH**.

We have to understand that Yahweh does all of this by first redeeming **ALL** people, who have made the conscious choice to willing and lovingly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, **AND** turn away from their past sinful lives, turn away from their Torah transgressive lives, and, for those that choose that path, then, Yahweh, through His Grace, fills these people, with His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*) which puts them, on Yahweh's Path of Righteousness (Torah obedience, *Deuteronomy 6:24-25*), which then, leads us to His Gift of salvation, eternal life, in the kingdom of our heavenly Father as the bride of Messiah.

We have to understand in our heart, that **IT IS** Yahweh, who of course is Messiah, that brings us salvation from certain death, by being our substitute sacrifice, and through His death and resurrection, through His selfless sacrifice, salvation has come to the world. Our Elohim **IS THE EPITOME OF GOOD, the epitome of functioning** in the manner that our heavenly Father wants all of us to function, and since He is omnipotent, He will make His plan come to pass.

According to Scripture, Ya'aqov lived to be one hundred and forty seven years old. One of the words that has the gamatria of 147 is Nitzvah, נִצְּבָה; the word Nitzvah, in English, means *stand upright, erect*. So we can see through the gamatria of the age of Ya'aqov's life, that to the best of Ya'aqov's ability, he lived his life according to the Torah of Elohim, he functioned in the manner that Yahweh created and wanted him to function, he tried his best to live an **UPRIGHT AND RIGHTEOUS**

LIFE, all of his days. Oh the wonders and the depth of the infinite wisdom of our Elohim, it will **NEVER** cease to amaze me.

Next we are told in *verse 29* that *the time drew nigh for Yisrael (Ya'aqov) to die*. To me this is an indication that (Ya'aqov) Yisrael (Yashar El, which mean the straight and upright path of Elohim, but it also means Prince of El or exalted of El) **WILL NO LONGER BE EMBODIED IN ONE PERSON, BUT THAT NOW, AFTER YA'AQOV'S DEATH, IT WOULD BE BESTOWED UPON A PEOPLE, A NATION, A MANY MEMBER BODY, AND THE ESSENCE OF THIS NEW YISRAEL, IS, THE PART OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEING, THAT ACTUALLY LONGS TO BE WITH HIS CREATOR.**

This is, or was, the end of the Patriarchal era; Yisrael **IS** no longer one person, **BUT ONE PEOPLE, LIVING AS ONE AUTONOMOUS GROUP, WITH ONE MIND, ONE HEART AND ONE PURPOSE**, and their purpose **IS TO EMBODY, INTERNALIZE AND LIVE BY THE COVENANT THAT YAHWEH MADE WITH ABRAHAM, YITZCHAQ AND YA'AQOV at Mount Sinai.**

This could **NOT** happen while there was disunity among the brothers. Now, they must learn to live and die for each other, which is why Yehudah's impassioned plea for his brother Benyamin's life, is so important.

We see, in this Parashah, a very powerful transition, from focusing on the mission or dream of one man, Ya'aqov, **who is Yisrael**, to focusing upon a people that are physical and spiritual descendants of one man. Through his blessings, Ya'aqov, who was renamed, Yisrael, by Yahweh, imparts **THE SPIRIT OF YISRAEL UPON HIS CHILDREN**. Yeshua, also did the same, when He was resurrected; He imparted the Spirit of His life, His Torah obedient life, upon us, the many members of His body.

Therefore **THE MAN YISRAEL DIES AND THE PEOPLE YISRAEL ARE BORN. John 12:24** *Verily, verily I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and DIE, it abides alone: BUT IF IT DIES, IT BRINGS FORTH MUCH FRUIT.*

John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the TRUTH; IT IS expedient for you that I go away: FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, the Comforter will NOT come unto you; BUT if I depart, I will send Him unto you.*

We have been graciously grafted into Yahweh's family, called Yisrael; therefore let us, here and now, **pledge** to Yahweh, that starting today, we will willingly walk in the heritage of Ya'aqov by keeping the Covenant that we made with Yahweh at Mount Sinai, through our forefathers, and **WE CAN ONLY DO THAT BY** willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, which contains **ALL** of His Commandments, for they are His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, they are His Words of Life to us. Amein

There are no stand-alone Aleph Tavs in this section of **Genesis 47**, nor are there any Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef, however there are **five** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **five** in Scripture represents Yahweh's Grace and His Torah, for they are synonymous terms. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these

Aleph Tav, that Ya'akov, and all the Patriarch's lived Torah obedient Lives and that we should try to emulate all of our forefathers, Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'akov, by doing what they did, by learning to dedicate our lives to live in total loving, surrendered, obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein!*