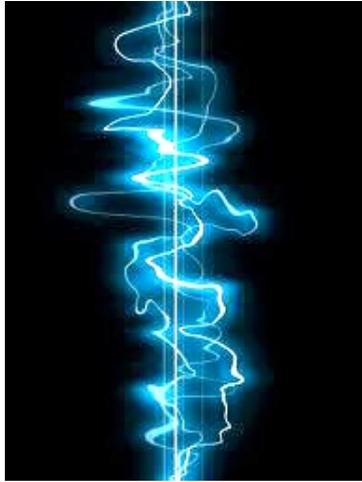


VaYashev - וישב - And He Dwelt



B'reishit / Genesis 37:10- 40:23

The Hebrew word *shev* - שב means 'sit' and has the Infinitive *la'shevet* - לשבת (to sit). The Present Tense form of the verb would be: 'He is sitting.' *Hu yoshev* - הוא יושב and the feminine form: 'She is sitting.' *Hi yoshevet* - היא יושבת. Yes - *hu* is he and *hi* is she!

In this context *yashev* - Jacob / *Ya'akov* / יעקוב has returned to the Land of Promise and is dwelling, or settling down, in peace. Sadly, as we see, his peace is short-lived with the disappearance and presumed death of his favorite son Joseph / *Yosef* / יוסף. Again we find a story of brother against brother! The ten brothers / *achim* / אחים gang up against their younger brother / *ach* / אח and he is sold into slavery in Egypt. The Sages of Israel have attributed the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem to *sinat chinam* - baseless hatred between brothers!

DIKDUK - GRAMMAR

The Family	<i>Ha'Mishpacha</i>	המישפחה
father	av / abba	אב / אבא
mother	em / ima	אם / אמא
son	ben	בן
daughter	bat	בת
brother	ach	אח
sister	achot	אחות

ALEPH-BET REVISION : First 10 letters - *Aleph - yod*

Twinkle - twinkle little star ...

Aleph, bet-vet, gimel ,dalet, hei - vav, zayin, chet, tet, yod.

Back to the *parasha* - where we see an interesting connection between heaven and earth - *ha'shamaiim ve'et ha' aretz* - השמיים ואת הארץ.

In Joseph's two dreams, the first depicts a harvested field of wheat where his brothers' sheaves are bowing down to his. The Hebrew word for 'earth' or 'land' is *aretz* - ארץ and 'ground' or 'soil' is *adamah* - אדמה. God formed man from 'the dust of the earth' and called him Adam - אדם. The second dream is set in the heavens and the sun, moon and stars are bowing down to his star. Sun - *shemesh* - שמש; moon - *yarei'ach* - ירח; star /stars - *kochav / kochavim* - כוכב / כוכבים.

Jacob admonishd his beloved son after the second dream. One only bows down to God Himself. However, he no doubt remembered his own vivid dream of the ladder that united heaven and earth, which he knew played a part in God's great redemptive plan for mankind. He likely wondered if Joseph's dreams somehow did too.

VOCABULARY - MILIM

English	Transliteration	Hebrew
Heaven	Ha'Shamaiim	השמיים
soil	adamah	אדמה
cultivated field / fields	sadeh / sadot	סדה / סדות
family	mishpacha	משפחה
sun	shemesh	שמש
moon	yarei'ach	ירח
star / stars	kochav / kochavim	כוכב / כוכבים
dream / dreams	chalom / chalumat	חלום / חלומות
guard / guards	shomer / shomrim	שומר / שומרים
holy	kadosh	קדוש