

The Weekly Hebrew Lesson

וַיַּחֲיוּ יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שִׁבְעַת עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה
Vayechi Ya'akov b'erezt Mitzrayim sh'va esre shanah

A Closed Portion: A Lesson in D'rash and Sod

סתומה (*setumah*) = *closed*

טוב (*tov*) = *good* = *gematria of 17*

Reuben - Unstable Like Water: A Lesson in Thought, Word, and Deed

Judah's Blessing: A Prophetic Glimpse into the Messianic Era

יָבֹא שִׁילֹה (*yavo Shiloh*) = *Shiloh comes/arrives* = *gematria of 358* = מְשִׁיחַ = *Messiah*

שִׁילֹה (*Shiloh*) = *gematria of 345* = מֹשֶׁה = *Moses*

מְחֹקֵק (*mechokek*) = *scholar, ruler, a divine decree that transcends logic, bosom, inside, engrave*

הֶרְגֵּל (*hergel*) = *habit, routine and is akin to* רֶגֶל (*regel*) = *foot*