

Dec. 24 to 30, 2017

וַיַּחַי

Vayechi

'And He Lived'

Gen 47:28-50:26, 1 Ki 2:1-2:12

i.e., Jacob

Genesis 47:28:

Va Yechi



וַיַּחַי

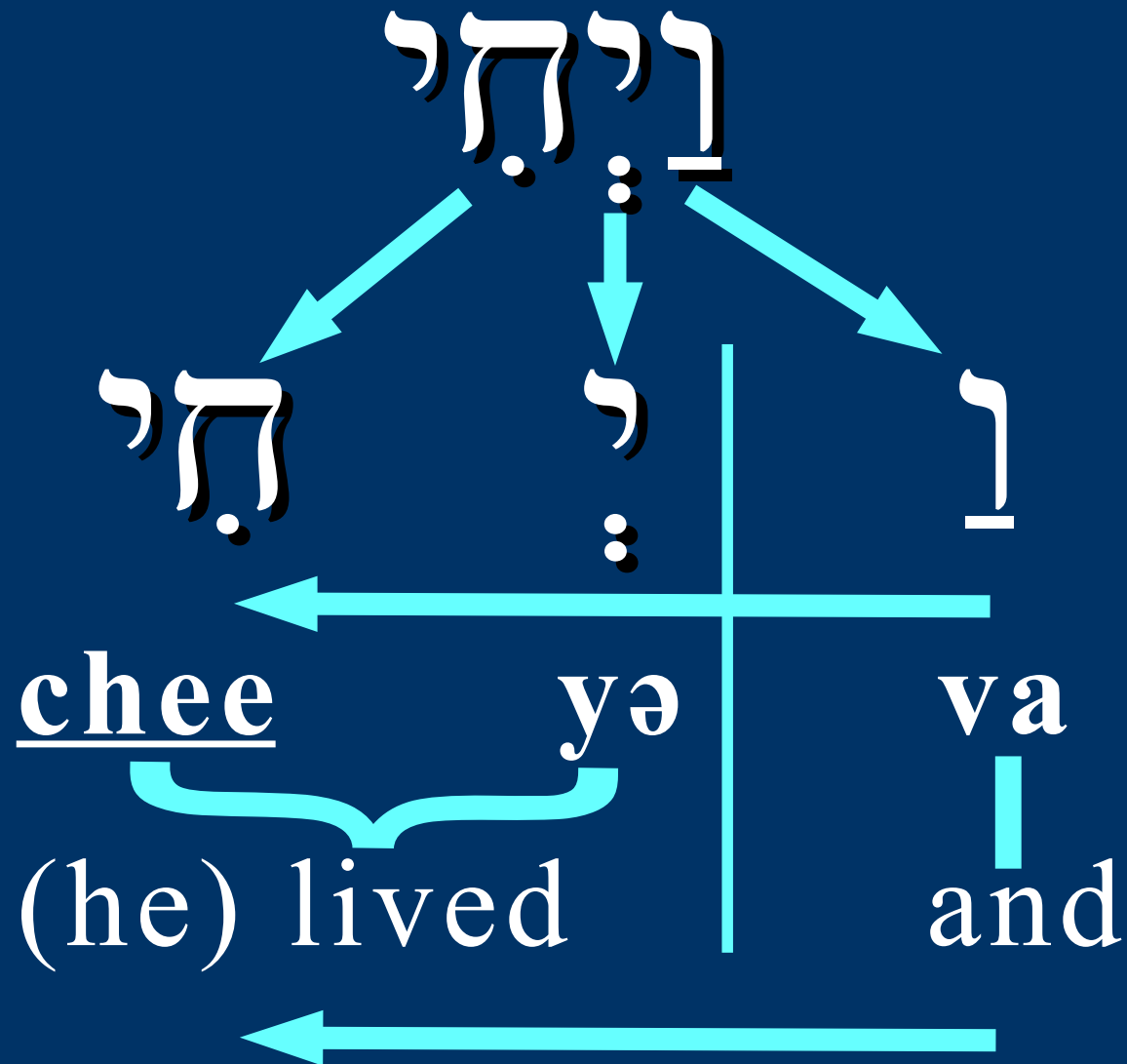
וַיַּעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ

מִצְרַיִם שָׁבַע עֶשְׂרֵה

שָׁנָה . . .

VaYechi

“and (he) lived”



Genesis 47:28:

וַיָּחֵי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם שְׁבַע עֶשְׂרֵה
שָׁנָה . . .

Do you recognize the highlighted words?
See next slides for help or to confirm.

וַיַּחַי יַעֲקֹב

Va Yəchee

Ya'aqov

וַיַּחֲוֶי
יַעֲקֹב

Va Yəchee

Ya'aqov

בְּאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם

B' **eretz**
Mitzraim

וַיְהִי יַעֲקֹב

Va Yəchee
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בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

B' eretz
Mitzraim

שִׁבְעַת עָשָׂר

sh'va esrei (17)

from sheva (7), eser (10)

It is a good idea to learn the Hebrew numbers. Note that the Hebrew word for “seven” is shortened and “teen” is formed from “ten”.

וַיְהִי יַעֲקֹב

Va Yəchee
Ya'aqov

בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

B' eretz
Mitzraim

שִׁבְעַת עֶשְׂרֵה

sh'va esrei (17)

שָׁנָה*

shanah

* Note that the Hebrew word for “year” is singular in form, but here it is plural in meaning.

וַיְחִי יַעֲקֹב

And (he) lived
Jacob

בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

in the land of
Egypt

שִׁבְעֵי עֶשְׂרֵה

seventeen

שָׁנָה *
years

years

וַיַּחֲיֵי יַעֲקֹב

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בְּ אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

?

נִשְׁבַּע עֲשָׂרָה

?

שָׁנָה *

?

Translate! Check back for help and to check.

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

**Note that the following
five slides show Hebrew
words based on this verb
root of 3 consonants:**

ח י ה

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

חַי

Life, living *chay*

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

חַי

Life, living *chay*

יֵשׁוּעַ חַי

Yeshua lives . .

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

חַי

Life, living *chay*

יֵשׁוּעַ חַי

Yeshua lives . .

חַיִּים

Life *chayim*

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

חַי

Life, living *chay*

יֵשׁוּעַ חַי

Yeshua lives . .

חַיִּים

Life *chayim*

לְחַיִּים

to Life! *lachayim*

חַיָּה

To live *chayah*

חַי

Life, living *chay*

יֵשׁוּעַ חַי

Yeshua lives . .

חַיִּים

Life *chayim*

לְחַיִּים

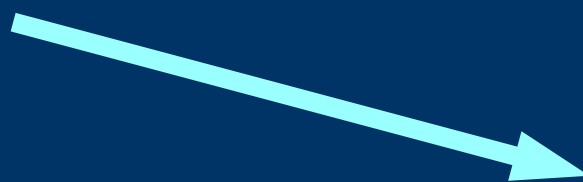
To Life! *lachayim*

חַוְּוָה

Eve *chavvah*

Looking again at the title of this
parashah, . . .

Va Yechi



וַיַּחֲיִי

וַיַּחֲיִי יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ

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שָׁנָה . . .

Genesis 47:28

... let us consider this verb form:

Va Yechi

וַיְחִי

Without the prefixed *Vav*, this would be the imperfect form (*ye-chi*), meaning “he will live”. The prefix *Vav* changes the meaning to past time, “And he lived”. Strange, but true!

יְחִי

Va Yechi

וַיְחִי

Further, this verb form does actually come from the verb **יָחַי**.

The prefix *yud* (י) shows

יָחַי

the time of the action. The final *hey* (ה) has been dropped and vowels, changed.



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Life

L'Chaim!
to life!
-Hebrew toast

לְחַיִּים!

Le'châyim!

To life!

Listen to “L'Chaim” from *Fiddler on the Roof*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NscuEBEXCo>

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל חַי

Am Yisrael Chai

The Nation of Israel lives.

עוֹד אָבִינוּ חַי

Od Avinu Chai

Our Father still lives.

Sing along:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcU6qAmAqpl>

עֵשׂוּדָה יֵשׁוּעַ מְחַיֵּה

YESHUA
IS STILL ALIVE

Summary of VaYechi

(Genesis 47:28-50:26)

- Jacob lives in Egypt (47:28-31)
- Jacob blesses Manasseh & Ephraim
(48:1-21)
- Jacob blesses his 12 Sons (49:1-28)
- Death & burial of Jacob (49:29-50:14)
- Joseph reassures his brothers (50:15-21)
- Death of Joseph (50:22-26)

VAYECHI

Genesis 48



“Israel . . . crossing his arms”, blessed Ephraim, the younger with a greater blessing than Manasseh, the older.

Genesis 48

Parashat Vayechi



וַיְבָרֶךְ

Jacob Blessing the Children of Joseph
Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn 1656

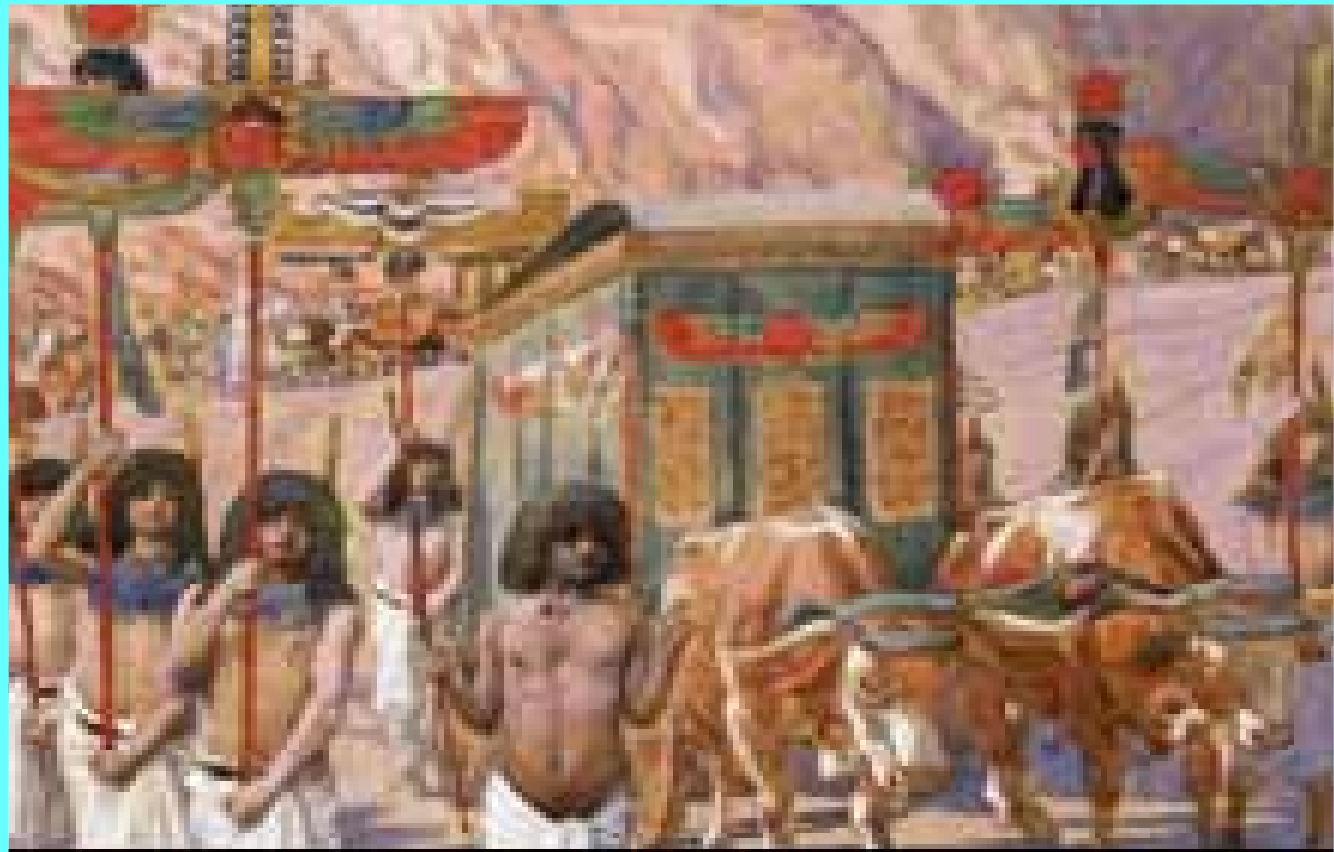
וַיְבָרֶךְ יַעֲקֹב אֶת-בָּנָיו

And Jacob blessed his sons



Joseph and his brothers carried Jacob their father to Canaan and buried him in the field Abraham had bought as a burial place. (Hebron)

Genesis 50: 1-14



← **“Jacob, our father”**

Joseph:

You intended to harm me,
but God intended it for good.
He brought me to this position
so that I could save many lives.

Genesis 50:20



Joseph:

אֱלֹהִים חָשַׁבָהּ לְטוֹבָה

for good
l'tovah

intended it
chashavah

God
Elohim

“God intended it for good”

Genesis 50:20

וַיָּמָת יוֹסֵף בֶּן-מֵאָה וָעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנַיִם



The Death of Joseph

Genesis 50:22-26

**And Joseph died, son of one hundred
and ten years. (literal)**