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## DID JACOB SCOLD JOSEPH?

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Three common words for “rebuke”:

חָרַף (*cha-raph*) 41x = “to winter, to taunt or speak sharply to, to abuse, to be engaged”

יָכַח (*ya-chach*) 59x = “to judge, chastise, accuse”

יָסַר (*ya-sar*) 43x = “to instruct, rebuke”

Three common words for “rebuke”:

גָּעַר (*ga-ar*) used 14x in the Tanach.

- 2x by **man**:

- **Jacob** (to Joseph) Genesis 37:10

- **Boaz** (to his workers) Ruth 2:16

- 12x by **God**:

- Psalm 106:9 -of the Red Sea

- Nahum 1:4 -of the devourer

- Zechariah 3:2 -of Satan

- Malachi 3:11 -of the “devourer”

According to R' S.R. Hirsch, *ga'ar* means “to inhibit, or deter growth”.

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Genesis 37:12

וַיִּלְכוּ אֶחָיו לְרַעוֹת אֶת צֹאן אֲבֵיהֶם בְּשָׂכָם: