

The Torah Project

The Genesis of the Passover

Jacob's Wives & Children

1 st	Leah	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun	6 children
2 nd	Rachel	Joseph, Benjamin	2 children
3 rd	Bilhah (Rachel's handmaid)	Dan, Naphtali	2 children
4 th	Zilpah (Leah's handmaid)	Gad, Asher	2 children

JACOB'S DESCENDANTS

LEAH

RACHEL

$$32 + 14 = \underline{46}$$

(Zilpah)

(Bilhah)

$$16 + 7 = \underline{23}$$

Exodus 29:45

or "within"
"I will dwell among the Children of Israel ..."

וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
(shakan)

Exodus 26:18

"You shall make the boards for the tabernacle: **twenty** boards for the south side."

Exodus 26:20

*“...and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, **twenty** boards.”*

Exodus 26:22

*“For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make **six** boards.”*

SOUTH side	=	20 boards
NORTH side	=	20 boards
WEST side	=	6 boards
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TOTAL	=	<u>46</u>

Exodus 26:1

*“Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with **ten curtains** of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet material...”*

Exodus 26:7

*“Then you shall make curtains of goats’ hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make **eleven curtains** in all.”*

Exodus 26:14

*“You shall make **a covering** for the tent of rams’ skins dyed red and **a covering** of tachash skins above.”*

1 st Layer	= 10 panels
2 nd Layer	= 11 panels
3 rd Layer	= 1 panel
4 th Layer	= 1 panel
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TOTAL	= <u>23</u>

Where did they have planks from? Our forefather Yaakov planted them when he went down to Egypt. He said to his sons, "My sons, in the future you will be redeemed from here, and the Holy One, Blessed Is He, will tell you once you are redeemed, that you should make for him a Sanctuary [Mishkan], so prepare and plant cedars now, so that when the time comes and he tells you to make the Mishkan, the cedars will be ready for you."

☞ Midrash Tanchuma (Terumah 9)

Summary

- **Jacob's descendants:** 46 from Leah & Rachel, 23 from their handmaidens
- **The Tabernacle:** 46 structural planks, 23 tapestries as coverings
- **The human cell:** 46 chromosomes in regular cells, 23 in reproductive cells

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Exodus 26:6

“You shall make fifty clasps of gold and join the curtains to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle will be **one**.”

Exodus 26:11

“You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it will be **one**.”

אחד

(*echad*)

GENESIS – The book that takes Israel into Egypt

EXODUS – The book that brings Israel out of Egypt

Echad (אחד) – 23x in Genesis

Echad (אחד) – 23x in Exodus

46

Genesis 2:22

Adonai Elohim fashioned into a woman the side which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

וַיִּבֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַצֵּלַע אֲשֶׁר לָקַח
מִן הָאָדָם לְאִשָּׁה וַיִּבְאֶהָ אֶל הָאָדָם:

→ 46 letters

Zechariah 14:9

And Adonai will be king over all the earth; in that day Adonai will be one, and His name one.

וְהָיָה יְהוָה לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ בַּיּוֹם
הַהוּא יְהִי יְהוָה אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד:

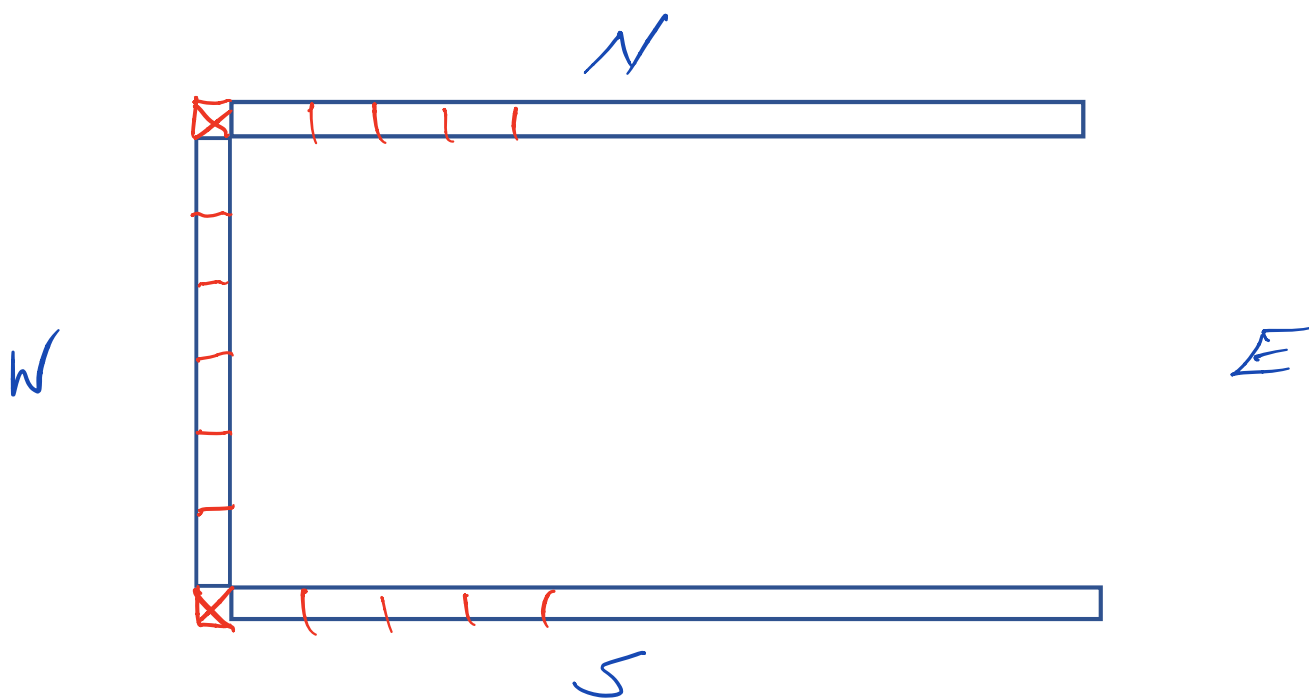
→ 46 letters

Genesis 46:12

The sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan)...

Exodus 26:23

“You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear.”



Exodus 1:1-7

Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was already in Egypt. Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

Genesis 48:16

“The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and may my name live on in them, and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and may they **proliferate like fish** in the midst of the earth.”

וידגו

The son of one who bears the name “fish” shall bring them into the Land of Israel, as it is stated, ‘Nun, his son, Joshua his son..’” (1Chron. 7:27)

☞ Genesis Rabbah 97:3

→ נון = Nun (fish)

In a different element, quietly and beyond the reach of the eyes of men, the fish live their lives. The thoughtless people on the shore have no idea of the abundant life that teems undisturbed beneath the surface. So too are Joseph’s children. “Within the land”, surrounded by - and in the midst of - the world at large, they live their lives in their own element of Torah water, the conception of that glorious life unknowable to those who breathe only air. That is the power of Joseph.

☞ R' Samson Raphael Hirsch

וארון ברית יהוה נסע לפניהם דרך שלשת ימים
 לתור להם מצוואה וענן יהוה עליהם יומם בנסעם
 מן המצוזה v. 35 → ז ויהי בנסע
 הארץ ויאמר משה קומה יהוה ויפצו איביך וינסו
 משנאיך מפניך ובצוזה יאמר טובה יהוה רבבות
 אלפי ישראל v. 36 → ז ויהי העם כמתאננים רע באנני יהוה וישמע יהוה
 ויזר אפו ותבער במ אש יהוה ותאכל בקצה

Numbers 10:35-36

Ι ησους
 Χ ριστος
 Θ εου
 Υ ιος
 Σ ωτηρ



Jesus Christ Son of God Savior

Romans 11:24-25

For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery – so that you will not be wise in your own estimation – that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.



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