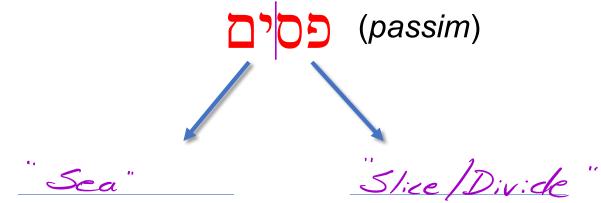
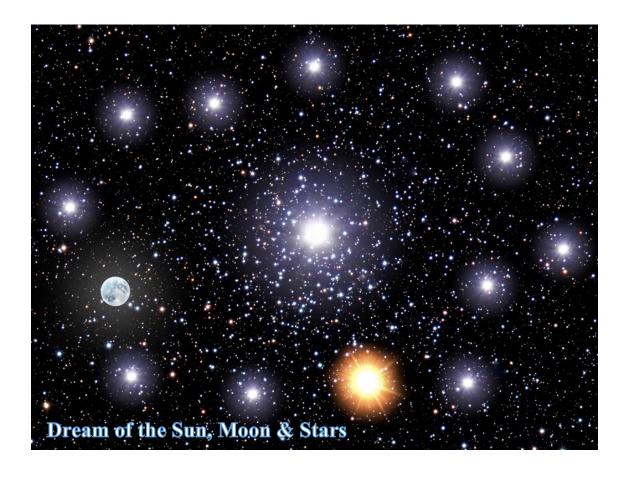
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Genesis 37b







JOSEPH'S TWO DREAMS

The Sheaves

Sun, Moon, Stars

Earthly realm (1st)

Heavenly realm (2nd)

"And he told..."

"And he recounted..."

"Hear, if you please..."

"Behold...!"

Hatred mentioned before and after

or after

Sheaves bow down to Joseph's sheaf

Sun, moon, stars bow down to

Hatred not mentioned before

Joseph

Sheaf = אַלַם (*a-lu-mah*) from אָלַם (*a-lam*) "to bind" or "to be dumb, silent". (See Isaiah 53:7)

Joseph's sheaf arose

Only the brothers involved

Brothers & parents involved

"Would you reign over us?"

"Would you dominate us?"

- Reign = מלך (ma-lach) Reflects a willing submission
- Dominate = משל (ma-shal) Submission by force

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is **silent** (אַלְמָה), *ne'alamah*) before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

"They hated him..." — due to the father's favor (v.4)

"They hated him even more" - due to Joseph's words (v.5)

"They hated him even more" – due to their own words (v.8)

כך ארצה ויקנאו בו אוזיו ואביו שבור את הדבר וייככו אוזיו כרעות אה צאן אביהם בשכם ויאבור ישראל אל יוסף הלוא אוזיך רעים בשכם ככה

"to shepherd" or "wicked" (Gen. 13:13)

MESSIANIC PARALLELS

- Shepherd
- Mediator
- Beloved of their father
- Raised with sons of "weakness"
- A son of wisdom
- Firstborn (1Chron.5:2)
- Hated without a cause (sinat chinam)
- Receives physical and spiritual rule
- Sent by his father...
- ...to a place of prior sin and disaster.