

# The Torah Project

Genesis 37b

פסים (passim)

"Sea"

"Slice/Divide"



**Dream of the Sheaves**



**Dream of the Sun, Moon & Stars**

# JOSEPH'S TWO DREAMS

## The Sheaves

## Sun, Moon, Stars

Earthly realm (1<sup>st</sup>)

Heavenly realm (2<sup>nd</sup>)

“And he told...”

“And he recounted...”

Hear, if you please...”

Behold...!”

Hatred mentioned before *and* after

Hatred *not* mentioned before or after

Sheaves bow down to Joseph's sheaf

Sun, moon, stars bow down to Joseph

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

Joseph's sheaf arose

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Only the brothers involved

Brothers & parents involved

“Would you **reign** over us?”

“Would you **dominate** us?”

- **Reign** = מָלַךְ (ma-lach) Reflects a willing submission
- **Dominate** = מָשַׁל (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** (נאלמה, *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)

לך ארצה ויקנאו בו אוזיו ואביו שימר את הדבר  
ויכלו אוזיו לרעות את צאן אביהם בשכם ויאמר  
ישׂראל אל יוסף הלוא אוזיך רעים בשכם לכה

“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.