
Joseph and Yesod - The Channel of Sustenance

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We mentioned at the end of our last article that Joseph was Yesod, above his brother, which was why the tree-of-life proportions were reversed from what is normally presented as Leah over Rachel. So we just wanted to point out that the all-important reunion between Joseph and Jacob that completed and established the Tree-of-life on earth occurred in the **80th** paragraph of the Torah, and as the Arizal explains below, **80** is the numerical value of Yesod. Yesod is the dimension through which all the life forces (shefa) are



funneled down to our world (level). What the Torah (Bible) is doing here in these portions of Bereshit is reconstructing for us a schematic of how our world really works and the spiritual principles upon which it is based.

"Yesod" is spelled: yud-samech-vav-dalet = 10 + 60 + 6 + 4 = 80

Before we quote the Ari verbatim below, please recall that our last article was all about the **sevens(7)**.

[From the teachings of Rabbi Yitzchak Luria](#)

The seven names...are called 'seven pearls'....

Another reason [this *sefira*] is called "yesod" is the following. What is written in the **Zohar** (II:92a, in *Raya Mehemna*) about the verse, "Remember the Shabbat day" (Ex. 20:8), concerning the seven names, is well-known. They are called "seven pearls", and the Shabbat is called "*Y-ah Ado-nai*".

These seven names are associated with the seven blessings of the Shabbat Standing Prayer (see third installment of *parashat Tetzaveh*), and that the fourth blessing of the Shabbat Standing Prayer, which is the only one that refers specifically to the Shabbat, is associated with the name *Y-ah Ado-nai*.

It is also known that the Shabbat is associated with *yesod*, which is called "the Seventh". Normally, we associate the Shabbat with *malchut*, the seventh *midah*. However, in the context of *Zeir Anpin*, *malchut* is not truly a separate *sefira*, but is called "the crown of the *yesod*",

associated physically with the glans of the male reproductive organ. *Malchut* comes into its own only as the full *partzuf* of *Nukva*. Thus, the "seventh" of the *midot* within *Zeir Anpin* - and therefore, the Shabbat as well - can still be considered to be part of *yesod*.

Therefore, the numerical value of "yesod" is the same as that of the names *Y-ah Ado-nai*.

"Yesod" = 80, as above.

"*Y-ah Ado-nai*" is spelled: *yud-hei alef-dalet-nun-yud* = $(10 + 5) + (1 + 4 + 50 + 10) = 15 + 65 =$
80.

These two names correspond to the two aspects with [*yesod*]: *yesod* [itself] and its "crown".

Yesod itself is called "*Y-ah*", and its "crown" is called "*Ado-nai*".

To Be Continued with the death bed End-of-Days revelations of Jacob to his sons.