
Why 2018? Ask Jacob!

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In Torah portion, Vayetzei, Jacob weds two wives. The Arizal explains that while Jacob coupled with Rachel, it was Israel (Jacob's second appellation) who coupled with Leah, with important consequences for us today.

Every story in the Bible has a key hidden purpose, an energy to reveal and a pathway to follow beyond cloaked gateways that need opening. In one such story, Jacob received his new name (Israel) when he defeated the angel of darkness at the Jabbok River,



and it was this defeated demon who then gave Jacob a new name, which slyly insinuated his own name into Jacob's. You see, the Biblical Names are really sources and gateways to specific available cosmic energy. And like all energy, they are codified by values or numbers. Jacob has a numerical value of (**182**), which means little to us on its own, but when his name was changed to Israel, of numerical value (**541**), the value and thus the name Satan (**359**) was inserted: **182 + 359 = 541**.

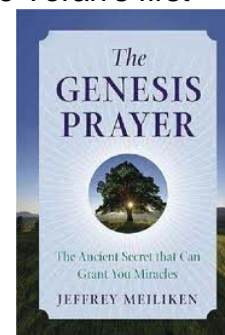
This inclusion became part of the rectification process, whereby the Israelites were charged with overcoming their own satan, their selfish desire for the self alone.

It's only through selfless thoughts and actions, a selfless love of others, that we can rectify our world in order to bring *Moshiach*. This is why the place in the Jabbok River (*MABR YBK*) where the dark angel was defeated and Jacob given his new name has the numerical value **424**, which is the same as *Moshiach Ben David*. Israel took on a great responsibility; *Moshiach Ben David* will be our reward for waging this war and for overcoming our selfless desires.

Sometimes the gates and paths are hidden within the stories; sometimes they are hidden within a single verse. Either way, if we look beyond the narrative and even beyond the words, to the letters and their energies, as Abraham instructed us 3700 years ago, we find those paths illuminated for us.



The portion, *VaYetze* starts off with the verse Genesis **28:10** "Jacob left *Beer-sheba* and headed toward Charan" "**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH.**" The first and last letters in the verse are **VH**, representing the last two letters of the Tetragrammaton (**YHVH**), kabbalistically symbolizing the union of the **7 sefirot** (dimensions) of *Zeir Anpin and Malchut*, as in the words "Heaven and Earth" within the 7 words (**28** Letters) of the Torah's very first verse. As we'll discuss shortly, it also represents Be'er Sheva, the well of seven (**7**). That this verse is chapter **28** is telling because it references the **28** letters of the Torah's first



verse and is the numerical value of the Hebrew word for power *Koach*(**CCh**), both of which are [integrally connected with the 42-Letter Name, but more about that later](#). This connection to the word *Koach* (**CCh**) is strengthened because we find it hidden within the verse itself: "**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH.**"

Zeir Anpin is the bundle of the **6** dimensions, or *sefirot*, which process the inaccessible light of the 3 upper dimensions and channel it on down to us, so it's no coincidence that this verse begins with the letter *Vav*(**V**) of numerical value **6** and that there are **6** words in the verse. Interestingly enough, within the **6**-word verse we can spell out the names of all the Patriarchs and Matriarchs: Abraham (**EBRHM**), Isaac (**YZChK**), Jacob (**YAKB**) and Israel (**YShREL**) and also Rachel (**RChL**), Leah(**LEH**), Sarah(**ShRH**) and Rivka(**RBKH**). Toward the end of the verse, we find the name Rachel (**RChL**) spelled out backwards.

"**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH.**"

Included within it is an extraneous letter *Caf* (**C**) spelling out the Hebrew word *kol* (**CL**),

"**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH.**"

meaning "everything," and which the Kabbalists tell us stands for the *sefira* of *Yesod*, the dimension personified by Joseph the righteous, which is the level just above ours, *Malchut*, personified by Rachel. This would metaphorically place Joseph (*Yesod*) within the verse at the place of Rachel's womb, which appropriately enough is the level of the feminine *Yesod*.

Also within the verse is the the name Shiloh (**ShY^LH**), spelled out over the last 3 words: "VYZE YAKB MBER **ShBA** VYLC ChRNH," which we know from the Arizal, represents



the *Moshiach* and has the numerical value of Moses, because *Moshiach* is an incarnation of Moses. He further states that Moses/*Moshiach* will be in every generation, but will only be fully manifest as the redeemer when the appointed time is reached.

From [Rav Ashlag and others we know that the appointed time is the Hebrew year 5778](#), thus it's very apropos that Joseph was born in the year 2198 HC, exactly **3580** years prior to **5778**.

Numbers just represent the energy values of the gateways they're attached to and the numerical value of *Moshiach* is **358**, so as per prophecy *Moshiach* was preordained to come **10 x 358** years after Joseph was born. In Kabbalah, **10** always represents the complete **10 sefirot** (dimensions) of the Tree-of-life, which is also why this special verse we're discussing is Genesis 28:10, the **10th** verse of chapter **28**.

Joseph born in 2198HC + 3580 years = 5778

3580 = 10 x 358 years later = Moshiach Consciousness throughout the Tree-of-life

Joseph to Moshiach Ben Joseph

There are two *Moshiachs* (Messiahs) according to the sages, two extremely high levels of consciousness: *Moshiach Ben Joseph* and *Moshiach Ben David*, derived from Joseph and King David respectively. While the midpoint of King David's life (**2889 HC**) is exactly halfway ($5778/2=2889$) from Adam to the year **5778**, Joseph was born precisely **3580** years before **5778**. The **3580** year period can be seen as the fuller gestation period for *Moshiach* consciousness to permeate all 10 *sefirot*.

King David's midpoint in his 70 year life = 2889HC

2889 HC + 2889 years = 5778 HC

King David to Moshiach Ben David

Furthermore, just as King David marked the halfway point to *Moshiach*, Joseph's birth, marked the halfway point to the Exodus from Egypt and the Revelation of the Torah at Sinai in **2448 HC**, that is, halfway from the birth of Abraham in **1948: $2448 - 2198 = 250$ years** and **$2198 - 1948 = 250$ years** yet again. And just so we're clear, the energy that brought about Abraham's birth in **1948 HC**, also brought about the birth of the state of Israel in **1948 CE**, to begin the final 70 year process and fulfill in **2018 CE**, the Covenant of Halves that G-d made with Abraham in **2018 HC**. Please note that the Torah made sure we'd understand that the Covenant was also about Halves (halfway points).

Covenant of Halves made in 2018 HC

Abraham born in 1948 HC

Abraham to Exodus = 500 years; Joseph born halfway in 2198 HC

Adam to Moshiach = 5778 years; David marks halfway point in 2889 HC

1948 CE Israel becomes a State

2018 CE = 5778; Covenant gets fulfilled, 3760 years later.

$3760 = 10 \times \text{Shalom (peace)}$

Peace throughout the Tree-of-life

Leah and Rachel

Leah coupled with Israel. Leah (*LEH*) has the numerical value or energy equivalent of **36**, as in **36 tzaddikim** necessary to sustain the world. Israel (*YShREL*), as we've shown, has the numerical value **541**. When joined together, **$36 + 541 = 577$** , as in **5778**. Or even **577** plus the **8** sons Leah gave to Israel: **5778**. We should note that 2 of those son's were born to Leah's handmaiden, which means that when Leah coupled with Jacob, **6** boys and, then parallel to *Zeir Anpin* and *Malchut*, **1** girl (Dinah) was born--once again the Torah showing us order and illustrating the energy systems for us, rather than just a delineation of names as some might interpret it.

Leah + Israel ? 8 sons

$$**36 + 541 = 577(8)**$$

Jacob's two wives had very different roles to play in establishing our world. Leah was married to Israel first and gave backbone to the **7 sefirot** and the unification of the upper and lower worlds, while Rachel's gave rise to Joseph and the *sefirot* of Yesod, finishing the process Leah began.

Rachel's role as the ultimate *malchut* will be fulfilled in these final days, those leading to **5778**.

Rachel coupled with Jacob. Rachel (*RChL*) and Jacob's (*YAKB*) numerical values respectively are 238 + 182, which add up to **420**, which is **10 x 42**. With the *kolel* it could also represent **422**, the numerical value of seventy (**70**), as in the **70** years from the birth of the nation of Israel until the promised date of *Moshiach* (the messiah) in **5778**. It is, though, certainly the **42**-Letter Name of G-d **times** the **10** *sefirot* of the Tree-of-life.

The **42**-Letter Name is derived from the Torah's first verse and is not only [G-d's first gift to us, but is also the most powerful](#). The Arizal tells us that all our prayers elevate through it, and Rav Brandwein of blessed memory further states that it is through the understanding of the **42**-letter Name that the *geulah* (final redemption) will come about.

Rachel and Jacob begot Joseph

$$238 + 182 = 420$$

420 = 42 Letter Name throughout the Tree-of-Life

Joseph + 358 throughout the Tree-of-Life = 5778

The 42 Letter Name throughout the Tree-of-Life ? Moshiach in 5778

It Began with Abraham

While the names Leah and Jacob add up to **420**, it is by a similar energy source that Moses was born **420** after Abraham. And it's no coincidence that Jacob was born **260**, or 10 times the value of the Tetragrammaton (**26**) years after Abraham too, or that Moses was the **26th** forefather in the lineage of Adam. On another note, Abraham, who was born in **1948HC** and thus aligned with the birth of the State of Israel in **1948 CE**, was thus born **3830 years** before the Moshiach event in **5778**, and this is aligned with the destruction of the Second Holy Temple in **3830 HC**.

Rachel and Jacob = 420

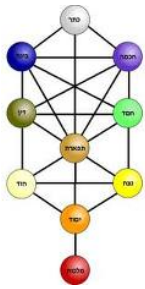
Moses was born 420 after Abraham

Jacob was born 260 years after Abraham

Abraham was born 3830 years before Moshiach in 5778

The Second Holy Temple was destroyed in 3830HC

Between them, Leah (*LEH*) and Rachel (*RChL*) are the mothers of the **12** tribes so it's most fitting that the



sum of the spelling out of their two names equals **1200**, or **12 x 100** (*keter*), the highest dimension. 100 also represents the filling in of the complete **10 sefirot** by **10** subsefirot each.

Leah and Rachel ? 12 Tribes

Leah + Rachel (spelled out) = 1200

1200 = 12 tribes throughout the Tree-of-life

All that said, how fitting is it that when we spell out and sum up the gematria values in the name Jacob (**YVD AYN KVP BYT**) we get **2018**, the Western calendar equivalent of **5778**!

Jacob = 2018 = 5778

Israel, on the other hand, when spelled out has a numerical value of 2445 plus 5 for the *kolel* equals 2450, which equals 49 jubilee years from the birth of Adam. This date 2450 coincides with the time the Israelites received the Torah and did their **42** journeys through the wilderness. The precise date was 2448, but the Torah details 2 more years of travails through the desert. As for the missing 38 years of the well known sentence of 40 years in the wilderness, we'll soon deal with the commutation of that sentence in a separate article.

Both the Arizal and the Zohar in their discussions of this Torah portion emphasize the **50**-year period called the jubilee year, which incorporates **7 x 7** sabbatical years, thus the name Israel equaling **49 x 50** or 2450 is quite significant. Now, they both further make the point that the Torah explicitly states that Jacob hated Leah and loved Rachel. Their point was more about the juxtaposition of Leah above Rachel, $\frac{2}{3}$ (**.666**) of the way up the back of Jacob, representing *Zeir Anpin*, and drawing her light from *Da'at*, but that's more advanced, complicated, and a whole other chapter. Nevertheless, it's important to note that from **2448** (the 49th jubilee year) to **5778**, there are exactly **66.6 jubilee years: 2448 + 3330 (or 66.6 x 50) = 5778**.

Israel (spelled out) ? 2448

Exodus and Torah Reception at Sinai in 2448 HC

Jubilee year = 50 years

2448 + 66.6 jubilee years = 5778.

Jacob hating Leah was reversed when the Torah tells us that Leah's sons hated Joseph, but this wasn't the end of that *tikkun*, not by a long shot. It takes many reincarnations to work

hatred out from a soul. Imagine what it is going to take to wipe it out of our collective soul! This hatred, unfortunately, helped thwart the first opportunity to achieve the tree-of-life consciousness in **2448**; the final one in **5778** *must* be guided by love.

Back to the Verse

"**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH.**"

The verse begins with the letter *vav* (**V**) of numerical value **6**, as do **60%** of the verses in the Torah and is followed by the letter *Yud* (**Y**), as do many verses in the Torah. Since **VY** spelled out (**VYV-YVD**) has the numerical value of **42**, all those (**VY**) Torah verses are imbued with the extraordinary power to elevate, a primary attribute of the **42**-Letter Name. Again, it's gateways and energetic connections; like the circuits in your cell phone, they work whether you see or understand them, or not.

This hidden (**VY**) circuitry imparts an underlying technology to the verses, making them relevant to us today beyond their narrative content. But this verse in particular begins with *Vayetze* (**VYZE**), which has the numerical value **107**, as in the integers from 1 - **107** that sum to **5778**. It's the same connection that we find at the beginning of the [10 Commandments](#). Then the very next word is Jacob (**YAKB**), which when spelled out, Jacob has the numerical value of **2018**, which is **5778** in the Hebrew calendar. And then Jacob is immediately followed by **MB**, as in the *Shem MB*, the **42**-letter Name, the understanding of which, is supposed to bring about the final redemption at the appointed time.

First 10 Letters:

Vayetze, Jacob, MB

Vayetze = 107 ? 5778; Jacob ? 2018; MB ? 42 Letter Name

While the **6** initials of the verse "**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC**" add up to 363 (with the *kolel* of 1), which significantly is the numerical value of *H'Moshiach* (the messiah), Rav Brandwein of blessed memory explained that it's the final letters of a Torah phrase that point to the future, and the sum of the **6** final letters (**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH**) in this verse, representing the **6** millennium, add up to **778**, as in the year **5778 (2018 CE)**.

6 Initials = 363 = H'Moshiach (The Messiah)

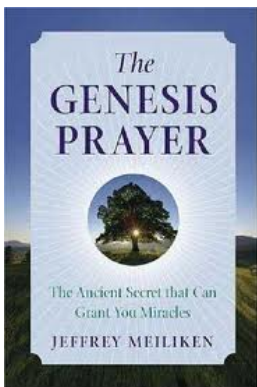
6 Final Letters = 778 ? 5778

What's in a Name?

Of those six final letters, the first three ("**VYZE YAKB MBER**") are **EBR**, as in **EBRHM** (Abraham), and as in the Torah's first 3 letters (**BRE**). They also spell *Ber*, well, as in the well at *Be'er Sheba*. *Be'er Sheva* is mentioned **10** times in the Torah, indicating its connection to the tree-of-life through the **10 sefirot** (dimensions). Note too that the Hebrew letters (*Bet-Resh-Alef*) **BRE** are also contained within the first two right hand triplets of the

יֵתֶן	אֶבֶן
שֵׁטָן	קֶרַע
יִכְשׁ	זָנָד
זָתָה	בִּטָר
טָנַע	זֶקֶב
פֶּזֶק	יִגָּל
צִית	שֶׁקוּ

42- Letter Name matrix. The other 3 Hebrew letters *Koof-Ayin* and *Gimmel* (**KAG**) of those two triplets add up to **173**, the small gematria value of the full **42**-Letter Name. The Torah's first word is *Bereshit* (**BREShYT**), or **BRE - ShYT**. And utilizing the first 4 triplets of the **42**-Letter Name matrix we can symmetrically spell out both **EBR** and **ShYT**, sitting like angle irons or bookends facing one another. They easily permute to **BRE - ShYT**, and wedged right between them is *Ayin-Gimmel* (**AG**) one on top of the other. *Ayin-Gimmel* (**AG**) has the energy and numerical value **73**, which is that of the *sefira* of *Chochma* (Wisdom). It too represents the Torah's first verse, as the total gematria value of that verse is equal to the sum of all the integers from 1 to **73**.



And if you think this alignment is just coincidental, please note that while the *Ana B'koach*'s first line (first 2 triplets **EBG YTZ**) add up to **506**, which is the numerical value of "unconditional love," and also the complete value of "*Moshiach Ben David*," there are exactly **506** occurrences of the 14 individual triplets of the *Ana B'koach* within the Torah. So while the CPU of the **42**-Letter Name is found in the Torah's first verse, it's wiring extends throughout the entire Torah. And why is this important? Because it is through the understanding of the 42-Letter Name that we'll be able to bring about *Moshiach* consciousness and the final redemption.

Be'er Sheva

While the tree-of-life is based on **10** dimensions, much like our base-**10** mathematics, many of our cycles of time and rhythms in our physical world are constructed of cycles of **7**, representing the lower **7 sefirot**. It's for this reason the Torah's first verse is 7 words long and **4 x 7** or **28**

letters long, a connection to Ecclesiastes **28** times.

And so, Joseph was not only born **358 x 10** years before *Moshiach*, but **7 x 314** years after Adam, in **2198** HC. There's **Nothing Random** about **7 x 314**, or **314** being recognizable as Pi, the mathematical constant that gives shape to physicality, but the energy behind **314** also gives rise to the archangel Metatron, whose name has the numerical value **314**.

But while the name Joseph has a value of **156** or **6 x 26**, the numerical value of the Tetragrammaton (*YHVH*), reflecting his connection to Zeir Anpin (**6**), it is Jacob's name whose value (**182**) is a full **7 x 26**. And so it's fitting that this portion began with Jacob at *Be'er Sheva*, "the Well of **7**." As a well, *Be'er Sheva*, a vessel, is the female aspect of *Yesod*, whereas Jacob, *Zeir Anpin* personified, is of the male aspect.

Be'er Sheva will play a significant roll in the upwelling of *Moshiach* consciousness within



the next 4 years and we'll get into that in the 4th and concluding part of our series on the **year 5774 and its meaning**. Know this though, *Be'er Sheva*, the well of **7** levels is also the **Shem MB, also known as the Ana B'koach or the 42-Letter Name**. The 42-Letter Name, as we saw above, is built on a matrix of **7** levels that are aligned with and serve to help unify *Zeir Anpin* and *Malchut*. Each level expands through the **6** extremities (branched out directions) that are represented by the **6** letters per line.

The Rav once explained to me that when we fantasize we create bubbles in our reality and as they collapse, they can trip us up. If we dig mental wells in our world by fantasizing, making unfulfilled promises and wistful desires, they will be filled up by negative entities and no good will come of that. This is why we fill our kiddish cups to overflowing, leaving no room for negativity. Nevertheless, if we immediately start filling our wells with positive actions and use the *Ana B'koach* as a spiritual fountain of *ma'im nukva*, (feminine waters) created by our spiritual intentions and actions, we'll draw down the positive spiritual light from above that will fill our wells abundantly.

Back to the Verse

As we said earlier, the spelled out combination of the letters *Vav* and *Yud* equals **42**, and thus the **6** words are represented by the letter (*Vav*) of numerical value **6** and the **10th** verse, represented by the letter *Yud* (**10**), forming the combination **VY** are another connection to the energy of the 42-Letter Name and this verse (Genesis 28:10).

The **5th** word in this, the **10th** verse of chapter **28** is (**VYLC**), which like the first word in



the verse, starts with (**VY**). This word has the significant numerical energy level of **546**, the same value as the sum of the 10 initials of the **10 sefirot**, the tree-of-life. Moreover, as Rabbi Chaim Vital of blessed memory points out, the **5** letters of Israel (541) when the *kolel* for the **5** letters is included is also **546**. Furthermore, **546** is the number of times the name Israel appears in the Torah without any prefixes. Besides taking the energy of this verse to a whole new level, it also serves to illustrate how the Torah is integrally wired to bring us, Israel, into the tree-of-life reality, and also how much love and technology can be found in a single verse, indeed, in a single word of Torah.

Therefore, within this very special verse, we find the name Israel concealed. And since that same 5th word (**VYLC**) contains the word **CL** (all), it actually represents *Kol Israel* (All Israel), which are the last two words of the entire Torah. This makes sense, as the Torah is circular in nature with the last verse connected to the first and we even read it that way,

Above the Well

As we said, Jacob (**YVD AYN KVP BYT**) spelled out gives us exactly **2018**; nevertheless, the central letters of Jacob's name spell out **VYVY**, which is even more interesting because the verse "**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH**" also contains **VY - VY** twice. Given the energy of **VY** spelled out being that of **42**, finding it twice in this verse is special;



nevertheless, this verse "**VYZE YAKB MBER ShBA VYLC ChRNH**" also contains two **AB** (*Ayin-Bet* or **72**), representing the energy of the **72 Names**. Collectively, this means that with the **MB (42)** in the third word of the verse, this simple 6 word verse pulses with and reverberates back and forth between the **42-Letter Name**, then the **72 Names**, then the **42-Letter Name**, then the **72 Names** again, and finally the **42-Letter Name** yet again.

As will be explained below by R' Chaim Vital, the **42**-Letter Name has its root in the letter *Yud* (**10**), and moreover that given that the **216** letters in the **72** Names are $6 \times 6 \times 6 = 216$, they have their roots in the letter *Vav* (**6**). Thus the sequence of **42 - 72 - 42 - 72 - 42** illustrated above can be seen on the root level as **Y-V-Y-V-Y**, the significance of which we're about to tackle. Furthermore, **VYVY** has the numerical value of **32**, symbolizing the **32** Paths of the Tree-of-life and it also has the numerical spelled-out value of 84, *PD*, redemption, but the 28, as in Chapter 28 verse 10, may indicate something more profound, as **28** is also the numerical value of *Yichud* (unification), as in unification of the Names.

The second thing we notice about **VYVY** is that compared to the Tetragrammaton (**YHVH**), the famous ineffable Name associated with *Zeir Anpin*, there is no feminine aspect, no repository vessel to receive the flow of energy, neither the upper *He* (**H**) of *Binah*, nor the lower *He* (**H**) of *Malchut* in **VYVY**.

The value **32** also connects to the **32 Elohim** in Creation (Genesis), but these are within the letter *He* (**H**) of Understanding (within **YHVH**) and it's absent in **VYVY**. Since according to the kabbalists, all that exists is rooted in the letter *He* (**H**), then what we're dealing with in the sequence **VYVY** must be spiritual in nature, not physical.

Grounding the verse above is Be'er Sheva, the well, the **7th** well, *malchut*, the place of feminine waters, but in this verse Jacob was told to leave there, which tells us he was going on a spiritual journey. Be'er Sheva represents the missing letter (**H**) as does the final letter in the verse, *He* (**H**) itself.

The appellation **VYVY** is big secret. To form the **primordial Alef**, whose components are **Y-V-V-Y** the first **VY** would need to be reversed, which is exactly what needs to be done to restore the normal order of things. *Vav* represents Man and *Yud* represents G-d in the aspect of *Chochma* (wisdom). The process that is *Zeir Anpin* is the way we process existence: we intellectualize it, then rationalize it, then emotionalize it and only then do we determine whether G-d has a

presence in our lives. The natural order, and the order that needs to be restored to merit *Moshiach* consciousness, is for us to put G-d first, acknowledging His existence with awe and fear and then contemplating our place within that existence. That is what the patriarchs did, that is why Jacob left Be'er Sheva for Haran, and that is how we restore the **VY** to the proper order (**YV**).

Now, here is a far deeper understanding. In his book *New Writings*, Rabbi Chaim Vital of



blessed memory goes beyond the normal understanding and explains that the tree-of-life is composed of both the **32** Paths of Wisdom and the **10** *sefirot* (dimensions), aligning it with the energy of the number **42** and the **42**-Letter Name, more so than the more commonly understood, number **32**.

The primordial *alef* is comprised of the upper and lower *Yuds*(**Y**) split diagonally by the straight letter *Vav*(**V**), which the Arizal separates into 2 letter *Vavs*(**VV**) since the letter *vav* can be spelled that way. In a higher aspect, that of *Chochma*, it should be spelled with a *Yud*(**Y**) in the middle of the 2 *Vavs* (**VYV**). If we do that we'd be adding the **10** *sefirot* to the **32** Paths of Wisdom, raising the value of the primordial *Alef* to **42**.

This is no small matter

"There are **10** lights in Wisdom. With the **32** roads and its paths that guard her, it makes **42** (**MB**)...corresponding to the **42** Letters of the Name....They guard the **32** roads of Wisdom we mentioned...Behold, from these **32** roads spread all the behaviors of the world from the highest point to the lowest one. They include all existence..."

-Rabbi Chaim Vital



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Alef: Y-V-Y-V-Y

The Arizal often counted the *Yuds* as 100's instead of 10's as they included their 10 *sub-sefirot* each, thus the numerical value of Y-V-Y-V-Y becomes **312**, as in the measurement of the outer courtyard of [the Future Holy Temple](#). So the *Alef* becomes the schematic for the Future Holy Temple--B"H to be built shortly--whose innermost alter measures **32** cubits, and whose inner courtyard measures **100** cubits (*Yud* expanded) and whose outer courtyard measures **312** (*Alef* complex) cubits. Regarding the Alter of **32** cubits, the inner *Yud* (between the *vavs*) can be thought of as **32** because as R' Chaim Vital explains the **32** paths of Wisdom are rooted in the lower tittle of *Yud*.

It just dawned on me that $32 + 100 + 312 = 444$, as in [the 13 leaps of 444 years that equal 5778](#), and as [Rav Ashlag explained to me, 444/22 building blocks = 20.18](#). So why Jacob and **2018**?

In order for us to achieve *Moshiach* consciousness when the window of opportunity opens in **2018**, Jacob, representing *Zeir Anpin* must be fully rectified, that means all **70 sefirot** of *Zeir Anpin* must be fully rectified from the beginning to the bottom of the well when the final **70** years are up in **2018**. Our entire existence in this world has been all about rectifying the *sefirot* through our actions, *mitzvot*, thoughts and speech. According to the Arizal, Leah represents the thoughts and Rachel, speech.

This article started out as an observation during the Torah reading and became a journey of revelation, but it should end for all of us in a new dawn in 2018 (5778). We must all do our part in rectifying through love the final hidden holy sparks. Tu B'shvat is upon us--the perfect opportunity to connect to the Tree-of-life reality.

Ezra