

Sources for Vayehi Podcast

Genesis/בראשית 47: 29-31

<p>29. And when the time approached for Israel to die, he summoned his son Joseph and said to him, “Do me this favor, place your hand under my thigh as a pledge of your steadfast loyalty: please do not bury me in Egypt. 30. When I lie down with my fathers, take me up from Egypt and bury me in their burial-place.” He replied, “I will do as you have spoken.” 31. And he said, “Swear to me.” And he swore to him. Then Israel bowed at the head of the bed.</p>	<p>כט. וַיִּקְרְבוּ יְמֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְמוֹת, וַיִּקְרָא לְבָנוֹ לְיוֹסֵף וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אִם-נָא מִצָּאתַי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיךָ, שִׂים-נָא יָדְךָ תַּחַת יָרְכִי; וְעָשִׂיתָ עִמָּדֵי חֶסֶד וְאַמֶּת, אֶל-נָא תִקְבְּרֵנִי בְּמִצְרַיִם. לֹא וְשָׁכַבְתִּי, עִם-אֲבֹתַי, וְנִשְׂאתַנִּי מִמִּצְרַיִם, וְקִבַּרְתָּנִי בְּקִבְרֹתָם; וַיֹּאמֶר, אָנֹכִי אֶעֱשֶׂה כְּדַבְּרְךָ. לא וַיֹּאמֶר, הֲשָׁבַעָה לִּי--וַיִּשָּׁבַע, לוֹ; וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַל-רֹאשׁ הַמֶּטֶה.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 48: 14

<p>14. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim’s head, though he was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh’s head—thus crossing his hands—although Manasseh was the first-born.</p>	<p>יד. וַיִּשְׁלַח יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-יָמִינוֹ וַיִּשֶׁת עַל-רֹאשׁ אֶפְרַיִם, וְהוּא הַצָּעִיר, וְאֶת-שְׂמָאלוֹ, עַל-רֹאשׁ מְנַשֶּׁה: שֶׁכַּל, אֶת-יָדָיו כִּי מְנַשֶּׁה הַבְּכוֹר.</p>
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Ibn Ezra (12th century Spain) to Gen. 48: 14

<p>Crossed his hands – as if the hands did exactly according to Jacob’s ‘sechel’ – his thinking.</p>	<p>שֶׁכַּל אֶת-יָדָיו - כֵּאִילוֹ יָדָיו הִשְׁכִּילוּ מֵהָ שֶׁהוּא רוֹצֵה לַעֲשׂוֹת</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 48: 18

<p>18. “Not so, Father,” Joseph said to his father, “for the other is the first-born; place your right hand on his head.”</p>	<p>יח. וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל-אָבִיו, לֹא-בֶן אָבִי: כִּי-זֶה הַבְּכֹר, שִׁים יְמִינְךָ עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 48: 19

<p>19. But his father objected, saying, “I know, my son, I know. He too shall become a people, and he too shall be great. Yet his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall be plentiful enough for nations.”</p>	<p>יט. וַיִּמָּאֵן אָבִיו, וַיֹּאמֶר יָדַעְתִּי בְנִי יָדַעְתִּי--גַם-הוּא יִהְיֶה-לְעָם, וְגַם-הוּא יִגְדֹל; וְאוֹלָם, אָחִיו הַקָּטָן יִגְדֹל מִמֶּנּוּ, וְזָרְעוֹ, יִהְיֶה מְלֵא-הַגּוֹיִם.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 48: 20

<p>20. So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you shall Israel invoke blessings, saying: God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.”</p>	<p>כ. וַיְבָרֶכֶם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, לֵאמֹר, בָּרֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר, יִשְׁמַךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 45: 8

<p>8. So, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt.</p>	<p>ח. וַעֲתָה, לֹא-אַתֶּם שְׁלַחְתֶּם אֹתִי הֲנֵה, כִּי, הָאֱלֹהִים; וַיִּשְׁימֵנִי לְאָב לְפַרְעֹה, וּלְאֲדוֹן לְכָל-בֵּיתוֹ, וּמַשְׁלָל, בְּכָל-אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 50: 15

<p>15. When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us</p>	<p>טו. וַיִּרְאוּ אַחֵי-יוֹסֵף, כִּי-מֵת אָבִיהֶם, וַיֹּאמְרוּ, לוֹ יִשְׁטַמְנוּ יוֹסֵף; וְהָשִׁב יָשִׁיב, לָנוּ, אֵת כָּל-הַרָעָה, אֲשֶׁר גָּמְלָנוּ אֹתוֹ.</p>
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<p>and pays us back for all the wrong that we did him!”</p>	
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Genesis/בראשית 50: 16-17

<p>16. So they sent this message to Joseph, “Before his death your father left this instruction: 17. So shall you say to Joseph, ‘Forgive, I urge you, the offense and guilt of your brothers who treated you so harshly.’ Therefore, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father.”</p>	<p>טז. וַיִּצְווּ, אֶל-יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר: אָבִיךָ צִוָּה, לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ לֵאמֹר. יִזְכֹּר-תֵּאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף, אֲנָא שָׂא נָא פְּשַׁע אֶחָיִךְ וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי-רָעָה גָּמְלוּךָ, וְעַתָּה שָׂא נָא, לְפָשַׁע עַבְדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ.</p>
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Rashi (11th century France) to Genesis/בראשית 50: 16

<p>Your father instructed -They altered the facts for the sake of peace, for Jacob had given no such command because Joseph was not suspect in his eyes.</p>	<p>אָבִיךָ צִוָּה – שָׁנוּ בְּדַבָּר מִפְּנֵי הַשְּׁלוֹם. כִּי לֹא צִוָּה יַעֲקֹב כֵּן. שֶׁלֹּא נִחְשַׁד יוֹסֵף בְּעֵינָיו.</p>
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Genesis/בראשית 50: 19-21

<p>19. Joseph said to them, “Have no fear! Am I a substitute for God? 20. Besides, although you intended me harm, God intended it for good, so as to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. 21. And so, fear not. I will sustain you and your children.” Thus he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.</p>	<p>יט. וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף, אֵל-תִּירְאוּ: כִּי הֲתַחַת אֱלֹהִים, אֲנִי. כִּי וְאַתֶּם, חָשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה; אֱלֹהִים, חָשְׁבָה לְטוֹבָה, לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה כַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה, לְהַחֲלִית עִם-רַב. כֹּא וְעַתָּה, אֵל-תִּירְאוּ--אֲנִי אֶכְלָפֵל אֶתְכֶם, וְאֶת-טַפְּכֶם; וַיְנַחֵם אוֹתָם, וַיַּדְּבֵר עִלְיָם.</p>
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