

VAYEITZEI

GM Here's a new GM for Vayeitzei which, at the moment, will not be in the book. That could change. We'll see.

The second pasuk in Vayeitzei finds Yaakov arriving at, or encountering the Place, sleeping there because night has come. B'reishit 28:11 -

וַיִּפְגַּע בַּמָּקוֹם וַיָּלֶן שָׁם כִּי־בָא
הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאַבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיָּשֶׂם
מְרַאֲשֹׁתָיו וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמָּקוֹם הַהוּא׃

And he arrived at the place and lodged there because the sun had set, and he took some of the stones of the place and placed [them] at his head, and he lay down in that place.

The Gemara teaches us that our Maariv (a.k.a. Arvit) prayer was instituted by Yaakov Avinu. It links the word VAYIFGA to P'GI'A also having the connotation of Prayer. And, exactly where it was that Yaakov spent the night is discussed by M'forshim. The plain understanding is that it was Beit El, formerly called Luz. Some say it was Har HaMoriaya, the site of the Akeida and the site of the future Beit HaMikdash. Some say that it was in Beit El but that Har HaMoriya miraculously went to Yaakov at Beit El. Some say that the foot of the ladder in his dream was on Har HaMoriya and the head of the ladder was above Beit El.

However you understand it, the pasuk is telling us that Yaakov had a spiritual experience.

The gimatriya of this pasuk is 3745. I found a match to the AT-BASH gimatriya of a pasuk, which got me excited because it gave me a contrast to Yaakov's brother Eisav. B'reishit 27:40 in To-l'dot -

וְעַל־חַרְבְּךָ תִחְיֶה וְאֶת־אָחִיךָ תַּעֲבֹד
וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר תָּרִיד
וּפָרַקְתָּ עֻלּוֹ מֵעַל צַוָּארֶךָ׃

And you shall live by your sword, and you shall serve your brother, and it will be, when you grieve, that you will break his yoke off your neck.

Yaakov encounters G-d. Yaakov prays. Yaakov has a spiritual dream.

Eisav shall live be his sword.

The contrast fits with a regular gimatriya and an AT-BASH gimatriya matching.