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וְאַרְבָּעִים וּמְאַת שָׁנָה: סִפּר בראשית פרק מ״ז פכ״ח Yaakov lived seventeen years in the land of Egypt, so that the span of Jacob's life came to one hundred and forty-seven years. [47:28]

We may expound on the wording of Yaakov Avienu's lifetime in the Possuk in the Torah HaKedoshoh. The Possuk does not first state his years or his identity. Rather it begins with the word "Vayechi - And he lived", who? - Yaakov Avienu, were did he live? - in Mitzrayim [Egypt] - the Ervas Ho'oretz - the lust of the land.

This all cultivates, that Yaakov Avienu and his family thrived to greatness exclusively in Mitzrayim. Rising above all materialism and temptations. This itself was their growing grounds on which they exceled on and thrived to greatness in becoming worthy of being freed from Mitzrayim, to become the Am HaNivchor, the chosen people to then be rewarded with the Torah Hakedosha on Har Sinai.

This too is a lesson for us all to this very day. If one wants to attain the Kedushoh of being a member of Klall Yisroel, he must abide to the Halochos of the Torah. By adhering to Mitzvos and Ma'asim Tovim, studying Torah to adhere to it, he will rise to true life. He will follow in the footsteps of Yaakov Avienu, to live a life of "Living" to its true essence every day and in all actions.

This Shabbos the Kriyas HaTorah [Torah reading] is Parshas Vayechi - Chazak, we will complete Sefer Bereishis. Tzadikim said that the winter Parshios are covered with a great Peltz - a fur coat, we must open the coat to reveal the inner treasures.

"Chazak, means be strong - Vinischazeik - And we will be strengthened". As we complete the Sefer of Bereishis we must attain as a "Kinyon - acquisition" That Hashem [G-D] created the world and all that is in it. The first animals and Adam, the first man. He steadily controls it and breaths life into every man and creation. The ten generations to the Mabul [flood]. Noach and the Teivoh [Ark]. Avrohom Avienu was born ten generations later, he spread the Name and realization of the Rulership of Hashem in the world, and his presence in every situation. The Avos HaKedoshim Avrohom, Yitzchok and Yaakov with the Shevotim now passed through Mitzrayim, to show us the way until Moshiach comes.

If we internalize this, we too shall be enabled to experience a full redemption, just as Klall Yisroel did when they were freed from Mitzrayim, as Hashem told Moshe Rabbeinu in Parshas Shemos

בְּהוֹצִיאֲךּ אֶת הָעָם מִמִּצְרַיִם תַּעַבְדוּן אֶת הָאֱ-לֹקִים עַל הָהָר הַזֶּה: שמות פ״ג ״ב

When you take out the people from Egypt, you shall serve G-D on this mountain." [3:12].

So too, it shall be in the future, when Moshiach will come; כִּימֵי צֵאתְךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מֵצְרָיִם אַרְאֶנּוּ נְהַלָּאוֹת: ספר מיכה פרק ז פּט״ו As in the days when you left the land of Egypt, I will show you wonders. [Michoh 7:15]. Omein, Kein Yihi Rotzon. ויחי יעקב בארץ מצרים (מ״ז כ״ח)

Yaakov lived in Eretz Mitzrayim Yaakov Avienu instilled a spirit of life in the dead land of Mitzrayim.

• Reb Yisroel of Modzitz

אנכי אעשה כדברך (מ״ז ל״ו)

I will do as your words I do not know any Kavonos (holy Intentions). כדברך As your words.

• Reb Shmuel Shmaryahu of Ostrovtza

אנכי אעשה כדברך (מ״ז ל״ו)

מעודי עד היום הזה (מ״ח ט״ו)

From the beginning of my presence until the present day From my beginning until the present day

From my beginning I awaited for the present day, in it will come together the Shivtei Koh, and cling to Hashem.

Degel Machaneh Ephraim

Gather	(מייט אי) האספו
With the strength of unity (of Klall Yisroel) You will be gathered, and merit the	האספו
Redemption, that will take place	גאולה
in the end of the days.	באחרית הימים

Life end of the days.

Reb Moshe of Pshevorsk, Ohr Pnei Moshe

מ״ט ל״ג) פרש״י יעקב אבינו לא מת)

Yaakov Avienu didn't die

Yaakov Avienu is the secret to Torah, which is eternity, and is not paused forever.

Reb Yisroel Baal Shem Tov ZY"A

A Yungerman entered to the Yenukoh ZY"A and said that he wants the Rebbe should speak to him Chasidus. Answered the Yenukoh to the fellow that he should tell him, "What is Chasidus?" The Yungerman answered various subjects, saying that that is Chasidus, but it was not accepted in the eyes of the Yenukoh. Afterward, the Rebbe told him, "Chasidus iz Hartz." And if you are holding by it, we can speak.

• Divrei Yisroel - Sefer Birkas Aharon

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