

LESSONS

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מִי	who?
מָה	what?
אִישׁ	human, man, each
נֶעַר	youth, boy, lad
אָח	brother
קָטָן	small
גָּדוֹל	big

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יָד	hand
עֵין	eye
אִשָּׁה	woman

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בַּיִת	house, household
שָׂדֶה	field
אָב	father
אֵינֶנּוּ	is not
אֵיפֹה	where?
פָּרָה	cow
טוֹב	good
רוֹעֵה	shepherd
יָפֵה	handsome (יָפָה [f] beautiful)

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אֶרֶץ	land
כְּנָעַן	Canaan
צֹאן	sheep (small cattle—sheep, goats)
אֵלֶּה	these

בֵּן son

הוּא he

הֵם they (mp)

READINGS

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אָחָיו	his brothers
לֹא	no, not
יָשַׁב	he sat, stayed, dwelled
הִגִּידוּ	הִגִּיד (Hif) he told, they told
אָבִיו	his father
עָשָׂה	עָשָׂה he did, made; they did, made
דְּבַר	word, matter, thing
רָע	bad
עַל	on, about, on account of
הָיָה	הָיָה he was; they were
רוֹעֵה	(ptc) shepherding
עִם	with

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לוֹ	to him
כְּתֹנֶת פָּסִים	ornamented tunic
שָׂנְאוּ	they hated
כִּי	because
לָמָּה	why?
זָקֵן	aged, old
אָהַב	אָהַב he loved; they loved
כָּל	all, every
בָּנָיו	his sons
בֶּן זָקֵנִים	son of old age

מִן	from		
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קָם	he got up		
הִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	he prostrated himself (Hith of חוה or שחוה)		
סִפֵּר	he related		
אָמַר	he said		
מָלַךְ	he ruled		
חָלַם	he dreamed		
חֲלוֹם	dream		
הִנֵּה	behold!		
מֵאֵלֶם	(Piel ptc) binding (used only with אֶלְמָה <i>sheaf</i>)		
אֶלְמָה	sheaf		
עָלֵינוּ	over us		
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לָךְ	to you		
אֲשֶׁר	that, which, who		
נִבֹּא	we will come		
אִמְךָ	your mother		
אֶחָיֶךָ	your brothers		
אֶרֶצָה	to the ground		
שָׁמַר	he watched, guarded		
עוֹד	still, yet		
שֶׁמֶשׁ	sun		
יָרֵחַ	moon		
כּוֹכַב	star		
לִי	to me		
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		קוּם	get up (impv)
		רָאָה	he saw
		רִאֵה	see (impv)
		לְרִאוֹת	to see (inf-const)
		שְׁלוֹם	well-being, peace
		כְּאֲשֶׁר	when, as
		בָּא	he came
		שָׁם	there
		בִּקֵּשׁ	(Piel) he sought
		אָנָּה	to where?
		עֵמֶק	valley
		יוֹם	day
		הִלָּךְ	he went
		לֵךְ	go (impv)
		אֶל	to
		הֲלֹא	is not?, are not?
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		בֹּעַל	owner, master
		לָקַח	he took
		בוֹר	pit, cistern
		מָצָא	he found
		שָׁאַל	he asked
		הִגִּיד	he told (Hif) (from נגד)
		שָׁמַע	he heard
		הִשְׁלִיךְ	he threw (Hif) (from שלך)
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		אַל תְּהִי	let (it) not be
		בּוֹ	in, on him

עָלָה	he brought up	הַמְשָׁקִים	butlers, cupbearers (sing מְשַׁקֵּה)
תָּוֶךְ	in the midst of inside of	הָאֹפִים	bakers (sing אֹפֶה)
שָׁב	he returned, came/went back	מֶלֶךְ	king
אָכַל	he ate	מִצְרִי	Egyptian
אֲרֻחָה	caravan	שָׂר	chief, officer
מִצְרַיִם	Egypt	פַּרְעֹה	Pharaoh
מָכַר	he sold	עֶבֶד	servant, slave

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אִם	if, or
חַיָּה	animal
הִתְאַבֵּל	(Hit) he mourned (from אָבַל)
רַב	many, much
בָּנוֹתָיו	his daughters
נָחַם	to comfort
שָׁעִיר	goat
שָׁחַט	he slaughtered
הֵבִיא	(Hif) he brought (from בָּוֵא)
נָתַן	he gave, put
דָּם	blood
אָז	then
הִכִּיר	(Hif) he recognized (from נִצַּר)

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אִשְׁתּוֹ	his wife
אָסוּר (אָסַר)	(pass ptc) prisoner, imprisoned (אָסַר imprison, fetter)
בֵּית אֲסוּרִים	jail
מָקוֹם	place
אַחַר	after
חָטָא	he sinned

הָיָה לִּי-	he became
חָרָה אַף	anger was kindled
עַל הַדָּבָר-	on account of, because of

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אֵין (אֵין־const)	not, no (negating noun sentences)
פָּתַר	interpreted
שׁוּב	return (hif.impf יָשׁוּב)
גַּם	also, too
מוֹת	death
אֵיךְ	how?
לַיְלָה	night
יָדַע	know
פְּתָרוֹן	interpretation
בֹּקֶר	morning
כִּי	that
פָּנִים	face
הַיּוֹם	today

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אַחֲרַי	after
קָרוֹב	near
חָכָם	wise (one)

זָכַר	he remembered
מְרַגֵּל	spy
אֵלֵיכֶם	to you
אֲדוֹן	lord, master
עֶבֶד	servant
שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר	twelve
אֵת	(sign of a direct object), with
יִבְחָנוּ	(Nif.impf בָּחַן) that will be tested
יָבוֹא	(juss) let him come
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מֵאַחֲרֵם	away from ythem (מֵאֲחֵם + מֵן)
אָסַר	he bound
מָלֵא	(piel) he filled
שָׂק	sack
לְהָשִׁיב	(Hif.inf-c) to return
כֶּסֶף	silver
לָתֵת	(inf-c נָתַן) to give
דֶּרֶךְ	way, road
נָשָׂא	he lifted, carried, carried off
חֲמֹר	donkey
אָשָׁם אֲשָׁמִים	guilty
רָאִינוּ	(pf.1cp) we saw
צָרָה	distress
נֶפֶשׁ	life, being, person, soul
הִתְחַנֵּן אֵל	(Hith חָנַן) he pleaded with
עַל כֵּן	on account of this, therefore
יָלֵד	child
מְלִיץ	interpreter
בֵּינֵיהֶם	between them (i.e., between him

	and them)
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הָיִינוּ	we were/are (הִיָּה)
אֲדַע	(Q.impf.1cs יָדַע) I will know
קָחוּ	(Q.impv.p לָקַח) take
תִּקְחוּ	(Qal.impf לָקַח) you will take
פָּתַח	he opened
פֶּה	mouth
יָרָא	he feared, was afraid
יֵרֵד	(Q.impf יָרַד) he will go down
קֹרֹת	(Q.ptc.fp קָרָה) things that befell, happenings
קָשׁוֹת	(f.pl) hard things, harshly (קָשָׁה)
יִתְּנֵם אֵת ... כְּ ...	regard ... as ...
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עָרַב	he was responsible for, pledge
אִם כֵּן	if (it must be) thus
עָשָׂה	he did
מִנְחָה	present, gift, tribute
רַחֲמִים	compassion
שָׂכַל	to become childless
וַיְהִי	and it was, and it came to pass (conv-impf of הָיָה)
כִּלְהֵי	to finish, complete
וַיֹּאמֶר	and he said
רָאָה	to see
שִׁלַּח	(Piel) to release, let go
יָרַד	to go down
שָׁאַל	to ask
קָוַם	to get up

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פָּתַח	opening, doorway
בִּי אֲדוֹנָי	please my lord
שָׂם	he put (שָׂם)
מִטְמוֹן	hidden treasure, windfall
וַיָּבֵא	(Hif.conv-impf) and he brought
מַיִם	water
וַיִּכְיֶנּוּ	(Hif.conv-impf) and they prepared
הָבֵא	(Hif.impv) bring
אָכַל	to eat
צַהֲרַיִם	noon
מוֹבֵא	(Hof.ptc) brought
וַיִּרְאוּ	(Q.conv-impf) and they saw (רָאוּ)
וַיִּירְאוּ	(Q.conv-impf) and they were afraid (יָרָא)
תְּחִלָּה	beginning
וַיִּגְשׁוּ	(Q.conv-impf) they came near, approached (גָּשָׁה)

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מָהֵר	(Piel) he hurried
חֲדָר	apartment, bedroom
לְבַד	alone
לְבַדּוֹ	by himself
לְבַדָּם	by themselves
וַיֵּצֵא	(Q.conv-impf) he came out
וַיִּשְׁתּוּ	(Q.conv-impf) they drank
שָׁכַר	to become drunk
וַיָּשָׁב	(Q.conv-impf) he returned

הִכְיִינוּ	(Hif) they prepared (כָּוֵן)
נָשָׂא אֶת עֵינָיו	he raised his eyes; he looked about
בָּכָה	he wept
נִכְמַר	(Nif) grew hot
נִכְמְרוּ רַחֲמָיו	his feelings were stirred

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הִשִּׁיג	(Hif) he overtook (נִשְׁגָּה)
וַיַּעַשׂ	and he did, made
עָשָׂה	he did, made
גָּנַב	he stole
נִחַשׁ	(Piel) he divined
חֲלִילָה	(adv) far be it
יִמָּצֵא	(Nif) it will be found (מָצָא)
צִוָּה	(Piel) he commanded, ordered
וַיִּצַו	(Piel) he commanded, ordered
יָכַל	he is able
נָשָׂא	he carried
גִּבְיַע	(wine) cup, goblet
אוֹר	light, become light

שְׁלְחוּ	(Pual) they were sent off
רָדַף	he pursued

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נָפַל	he fell
מַעֲשֵׂה	deed, work
כְּמוֹנִי	like me
צָדַק	he/it is right
נִצְטַדֵּק	(Hith) we will justify ourselves
עוֹן	iniquity

הִנָּנוּ	behold, we are	לָרַדַּת	(inf-c (ירד) to go down
הוֹרִיד	(Hif.pf) he brought/took down (ירד)	שְׁנַיִם	two
וַיֹּרִיד	(Hif.conv-impf) and he brought/took down (ירד)	רָאִיתִי	(pf.1cs (ראה) I have seen, saw
אַמְתָּחַת	saddlebag	עַד	until, up to now
חָפַשׁ	(Piel) he searched	23	
הִחֵל	(Hif) he began (חלל)	אַל יָחַר בְּעֵינֵיכֶם	don't let it vex you (burn in your eyes)
כָּלָה	(Piel) he finished	מַחְיָה	sustenance
קָרַע	he tore	שְׁנַתַּיִם	two years
שִׁמְלָה	clothes, garment	קָרֵב	midst
		חֲמִשׁ	(f) five
22		לְהַחְיֹת	(Hif.inf-c) to keep alive
הִנֵּה	to here, now	כֹּה	thus
שֵׁבֶה	gray hair	רָדָה	(impv) come down
יָגוֹן	grief	גֹּשֶׁן	Goshen
שְׂאוּל	Sheol, grave, underworld	כָּלְכַל	he sustained
עָרַב	he pledged, responsible for	כְּבוֹד	honor
עַתָּה	now	צְנַאֵר	neck
יֵשֶׁב	(juss) let him stay, (ישב [impf] he will stay) (ישב)	נָשַׁק	(Piel) he kissed
תַּחַת	under, instead of	לְהַחְאַפֵּק	(Hith.inf-c) to restrain himself
יַעַל	(juss) let him go up (יעלה [impf] he will go up)	קָרָא	he called, cried out
וַיִּגַּשׁ	(conv-impf) he came near, approached (גש)	הוֹצִיאֹו	(Hif.impv.p) take out, clear out
חָרָה	to kindle (anger)	מֵעָלַי	from (attending) upon me
נֹתַר	(Nif.pf) he remained, was left (יחר)	הִתְוַדַּע	(Hith (ידע) he made himself known
וַיִּנָּתַר	(Nif.conv-impf) he remained, was left (יחר)	נִבְהַל	(Nif) he was terrified
הוֹרִידוּ	(Hif.impv.p) bring him down (ירד)	24	
עָלָה	he went up	מוֹשֵׁל	(ptc) ruler, ruling
		וַיִּפֹּג	it grew numb, failed (פוג)
		לֵב	heart

Vocabulary lists for Moshe Greenberg, *Introduction to Hebrew* (Prentice-Hall, 1965).

הֶאֱמִין	(Hif אמן) he believed
לְשֹׂאת	(inf-c נשא) to carry
חָיָה	live, revive
רַב	enough
בְּטָרָם	before
קוֹל	sound, voice, report
נִשְׁמָע	(Nif שמע) was heard
וַיֵּטֵב	(conv-impf) it was good, pleasing
עֲגָלָה	cart, wagon
טַף	little ones
טוֹב	the best of
עַל פִּי	at the command of, instruction of (lit. at the mouth of)
צִדָּה	provisions