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Before Yaakov passed away,
He called to his sons and did say,
“What will happen in the end of days I will tell you,”
But from him, the Divine presence withdrew.

To reveal when Moshiach would arrive was Yaakov's intention,
But how would this information be beneficial to his children?
Seemingly the opposite is true, they would feel blue,
If they knew that for a few thousand years, Moshiach's arrival wasn't due.

There are two opinions about what did happen,
When Yaakov wanted to make this revelation.

1. From him the knowledge was also hidden.
- 2 . Yaakov just did not tell his children because the Divine presence left him.

To a chariot who follows its rider, Yaakov does compare,
His will was the will of Hashem it is clear.
Revealing and withholding are opposite approaches it is true,
But each one has an advantage for serving Hakadosh Baruch Hu.

The Yidden knew that after 400 years they would leave Mitzrayim,
But Yaakov wanted to reveal to them that it could have been the final redemption.
If to be worthy they would strive,
Even sooner, when they were still alive, the end of days could arrive!

We know that this is true,
 Because although Hashem told Avraham Avinu,
 That for 400 years the Galus would be,
 It was shortened to 210 years because of the severity of the slavery.

So much more so it is understood,
 That an increase in deeds that are good,
 Could surely lead,
 To the redemption coming with greater speed.

For the Yidden to be redeemed as soon as possible was Yaakov's intention,
 But Hashem had a different consideration.
 Although Hashem helps us and we are never alone,
 Hashem values the efforts that we initiate on our own.

In order for the Geula to last forever,
 We need inspiration from below to permanently change our nature.
 We can't rely on inspiration from above,
 Our hard work and effort Hashem does value and love!

Since Yaakov reached a state of perfection and on his own he was refined,
 He thought that his sons were on his level in his mind,
 Therefore he had the desire to share,
 That the potential for Geula was so near.

But according to the first opinion,
 Also from him the information was hidden,
 So that he could show his children how to serve Hashem without knowing,
 The date of Moshiach's coming.

According to the second opinion,
 From him the information was not hidden,
 Because he already possessed the virtue,
 Of the Avodah that his children would have to go through.

The lesson for you and me,
 Is that we must desire and ask for Moshiach to come speedily!
 All that is necessary is one turn,
 And then Moshiach we will earn!
