

## THOUGHT OF NACHMANIDES: VAYECHI: CONCLUDING POEM

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וְנִשְׁלֵם סֵפֶּר בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּסִפּּוּר דִּבְרֵי הָאָבוֹת,

לְהַגִּיד רָאשׁוֹנוֹת וַחֲדָשׁוֹת, בְּטֶרֶם תִּצְמַחְנָה בַּלְּכָבוֹת.

וּלְיוֹצֵר כָּל רֵאשִׁית רוֹכֵב עֲרָבוֹת, תְּהָלוֹת רַבּוֹת,

וְהוֹדָאוֹת לִרְכָבוֹת, וְלוֹ נִתְכְּנוּ עֲלִילוֹת וְסִבּּוֹת,

מְגַלֶּה עֲמֻקּוֹת וְדֵעוֹת נִשְׂנָבוֹת, וּמוֹצִיא לָאוֹר הַמַּחְשָׁבוֹת,

הַמּוֹלִיךְ אוֹתִי בְּדֶרָךְ צְדָקָה בְּתוֹךְ נְתִיבוֹת, הַגּוֹמֵל לַחַיָּכִים טוֹבוֹת:

תַּם וְנִשְׁלָם שֶׁבַח לְבוֹרֵא עוֹלָם

The Book of Genesis is now completed, with its narrative of the events of the Patriarchs

Recounting the earliest occurrences and also new ones, before they sprouted in hearts.

And to the Creator of all beginnings, He that rides the skies, many praises

and myriads of thanksgivings, by Him actions and causes are weighed.

He uncovers deep things and lofty opinions, and brings the thoughts to light.

It is He who leads me in the path of righteousness, within its paths, He bestows kindness to the undeserving.

Complete and perfected, praise to the Creator of the world.