

**BBH Workbook p. 175 # 2**  
**(Gen 37:8)**

וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו הַמְּלֶךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ  
אִם־מִשׁוֹל תִּמְשַׁל בָּנוּ

וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו

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וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו “And his brothers said to him...” is composed of the Qal Imperfect 3mp of אָמַר with the Waw Conversive, the preposition לְ with the 3ms pronominal suffix, and the subject אָחָיו with 3ms pronominal suffix. (Note the spelling changes that occur with the addition of the suffix.)

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הַמְּלֶךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ

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הַמְּלֶךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ “... will you indeed reign over us?” The interrogative is affixed to the Qal Infinitive Absolute of מָלַךְ followed by the Qal Imperfect 2ms of the same root מְלֹךְ for emphasis (BBH §21.6.1, p. 252). The inseparable preposition עַל with the 1cp pronominal suffix is עָלֵינוּ.

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## אם-משול תמשל בנו

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אם-משול תמשל בנו "... or will you indeed rule over us?"

Footnote 1, p. 175 (אם = "or") establishes the parallel with the previous clause. משול is the Qal Infinitive Absolute of משל followed by the Qal Imperfect 2ms of the same root. The inseparable preposition ב with the 1cp pronominal suffix is בני. Sometimes, ב or ל can indicate a direct object.

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### FINAL TRANSLATION

"And his brothers said to him, 'Will you indeed reign over us or rule us?'"