

Settling into a New Year

Letters and Numbers of Torah - Shoftim

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Deuteronomy 17:14 -

When you come to the Land, and you take possession of it, **and you settle in it**, you will say: "I will set a king over myself, like all the nations around me"

וַיִּשְׁבְּתָהּ "v'yashavtah" "and you settle"

- In this verse, the word *v'yashavtah*, 'and you settle' has an extra letter *hei*.
- The *gematria* of *hei* is five.
- The three lines in the graphic design of the letter *hei* (ה) allude to thought, speech and action.
- The sefirah of *hei* is *malchus* or "kingship".
- The Alter Rebbe says that during the month of Elul, "the King is in the field."