

Week 7: December 7, 2024

Shabbat Message

Vayetze / *And He Went Out* / וַיֵּצֵא

[Genesis 28:10-32:3](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

Jacob's Journey

Introduction

This portion is about Jacob's journey to Padan aram his mother's place of birth. He was to go find a wife for himself from among his own people. Yehovah blessed Jacob as he went and was obedient to Yehovah. During the whole time He was deceived by Laban his father in law and was given Leah first but then He had to work for Rachel. He ended up having children in the land as well and was ready to move to the land that Yehovah told him to go back.

Genesis 28:10-15

1. Jacob started north ward on the approximately 500 mile journey to Haran. At the end of one of his first days he camped in central Canaan, and Elohim appeared to him.
2. Perhaps the ladder he dreamed of was a supernatural version of humanity's Tower of Babel (11:4) with the angels of Elohim and not sinful humans using it to commute from heaven to earth.
3. In the dream Yehovah transferred to Jacob all the essential elements of the promises given originally to Abraham and Isaac. Key features from Abrahams era include: the gift of land (12:7; 13:17) the promise of seed as numerous as the dust of the earth (13:16; and people being blessed through Jacob and his seed (12:3; 18:18). As with his father Isaac, Elohim promised. He would be with him wherever he went (26:24) and bring him back to the promise land.

Genesis 28:16-19

1. No other person in the Tanakh is recorded as anointing a sacred stone.
2. Jacob would do it twice (35:14)
3. Jacob renamed the site Beth el ("House of God"), a name that would be retained throughout Israelite history (Judge. 1:23; Neh 11:31).

Genesis 20:20-22

1. Jacob is the only patriarch to make a vow.
2. Though his words can appear selfish, the vow may simply contain a request that Elohim would carry to the implications of the of the promises made in verse 15.
3. Years later Jacob would confess that Elohim had indeed kept the terms of his promises (35:3).

Genesis 30:22-24

1. For the third time in Genesis Elohim is said to have remembered someone (8:1;19:21), an event that always indicates the onset of a beneficial act by Elohim.
2. In this case He gave Rachel her firstborn son...Joseph, whose name (Hb Yoseph) is actually a verb that expressed Rachel's prayerful hopes-"May he add" another son.
3. Yehovah would give Rachel her desire, but with bitter results (35:16-19).

Genesis 32:1-2

1. For the second time while on a journey, Jacob saw Angels of Elohim (28:12).
2. As before he named the place in this case, Mahanaim, "Two Camps".
3. probably because both people and angels were at the same location. What does this mean? Ps 91:11, Hebrew 1:14; Josh 5:14; Ps 103:21; 148; Luke 2:13.

Take Away

1. Jacob anointed a stone and named the place Beth El meaning House of EL.
2. Jacob made a vow to Yehovah and later kept his vow and Yehovah heard it.
3. Jacob was met with Angels on the way back to the promised land.

Application

1. Today I will be thankful that we have the presence of Yehovah in my life.
2. If we make a vow to Yehovah...we keep it!
3. We are to praise Yehovah that we are always in the midst of Angels!

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