

Week 8: December 14, 2024

Shabbat Message

# Vayishlach / *And He Sent* / וַיִּשְׁלַח

[Genesis 32:4-36:43](#)

## My Way or Yah's Way

### A Renewed Name

#### Introduction

This portion is all about getting out of the world and walking in the way of Messiah by staying in the will of Yehovah and not going out into the world to seek it out. Levi and Simeon both took revenge in their own way and it ended up very bad for them in the end. The same results

happen to us every time we decide to matters in our own hands. It leads to misery and destruction. Why do we have to learn the hard way? Why do we not follow Yehovah's Ways all the time and we just take detour after detour away from Yehovah's Pathway! We love Yehovah. We want to please Him but sometimes all we do is disappoint Him! He still loves us and still wants to shower us with His Love and tenderness as a Father!

### **Genesis 35:1-5**

1. In his time of trouble Elohim called Yaakov back to Beth EL the spot where he had first met Elohim.
2. There Yaakov was to build a more formal altar to Elohim than the marker he had left there 20 years earlier.
3. Elohim's command in Genesis 35:1 represents the only time in Genesis that He orders an altar be built. The patriarch ordered his household and to all that were with him to prepare themselves for an encounter with the Living Elohim.
4. This preparation involved three things: first, getting rid of the strange gods among them. Laban's idols and possible Hivite idols acquired in the raid on Shechem (34:29) were among items Yaakov buried under the oak near Shechem.
5. Second, the people were to purify themselves, a command that normally involved washing the body and clothing. (Exod 19:10; 30:19-21; Lev. 16:26), as well as avoidance of sexual contact since seminal emissions created temporary ritual uncleanness (Lev. 15:16-18). Purification would especially have been necessary because of Dinah's

defilement and the touching of human corpses (Numbers 19:11-12).

6. Third they were to change their garments (Lev 6:10-11). Having purified themselves they experienced Elohim's protection on their journey to Beth EL. Yaakov's sons were marked for death by the Canaanites in the region, but Elohim sent a terror on the nearby inhabitants, and no one pursued the clan.

### **Genesis 35:9-15**

1. Elohim's final recorded words to Yaakov came as He spoke to him of the second time since the patriarch returned from Padah-aram.
2. In this proclamation Yehovah reveal Himself as God Almighty (Heb El Shaddai) a name Elohim revealed to Abraham in 17:1 and later know to Isaac in 28:3. He reaffirmed promises to Yaakov.
3. At the same time Elohim blessed Yaakov with words that enlarged previously given Adam, Noah, and Noah's sons (1:28; 9:1). Be fruitful and multiply was now extended to Jacob.

### **Genesis 35:10**

1. Because Yaakov obeyed Yehovah Yaakov had His name changed.
2. No long would he be called Yaakov which means deceiver or Heel but Israel. It means One who Strove with EL or it can also mean Prince of EL seeing to as the word Sar is also in the name of Israel which means Prince.

3. Yehovah made Yaakov in a renewed person and even gave Him a new name and a renewed commission.

### **Isaiah 65:11-16, Revelation 2:17**

1. All of those who forsake Yehovah and who forget His Set Apart Mountain (Symbolic of Torah) will ultimately be killed but the True Servants of Yehovah will be called by a New Name.
2. The Kingdom is only for those who are walking with the Lamb where ever He goes and Who has overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony and has not loved life unto Death.
3. It says those who overcome will be given a white stone which by the way was identity card that ancient people carried around with them with their name written on it. In this case a New Name is given to us as we are also fed with the Hidden Manna Exodus 16:32-34. Let us walk Set Apart with Yehovah and truly overcome the World, The Flesh and the Devil.

### **Take Away**

1. Yehovah brought Yaakov back to the place he started which was Beth EL. He will always bring you back to the place you started from.
2. Yaakov made His whole entire family strip themselves off of their paganism before they truly live in their land of inheritance.

3. Because of Yaakov's obedience He was renamed Yisra'el and was set apart as one of the Patriarchs of Israel.

## **Application**

1. I will leave the world behind and walk according to Torah and not forsake the Set Apart Mountain of Yehovah.
2. I will rejoice that I have been allowed to be a part of Yisra'el and even bear the Name Israelite!
3. I will put away all of my idols and things in my life that truly separate me from Yehovah and a true relationship with Him.

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