

Midrash *V'Yishlach* ("And He Sent")
Genesis 32:3(4) – 36:43

Jacob's Vow to God: If You will be with me Genesis 28:20-21
and give me protection & provision
and return me to my father's house in peace
...then You shall be my God

In this week's Portion, God fulfills (finally) His part of that vow Genesis 31:13

Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau Genesis 32:3-21

Machanah = host or camp

Machanaim = camps (two camps)

מַלְאָכִים *malachim*

KJV translates as "angels (111x); "messengers" (98x) & "ambassadors (4x)

Reminder of Jacob's previous encounter with angels Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob's 3-Prong Plan:1) Pray to Elohim for Protection Genesis 32:9-12
2) Give Gifts to Turn Esau's Anger to Good Will Genesis 32:13-21
3) As Last Resort: Stand & Fight Genesis 33:1-3

Jacob divided into 2 groups: Possessions & Family

Group #1: Servants & Animals

Jacob Wrestles with "a Man" and Becomes Israel Genesis 32:22-32

The sun was setting when Jacob left Canaan Genesis 28:11

... and it was rising when he returned Genesis 32:31

Did he wrestle with a Man or יְהוָה???? Hosea 12:3-4

יִשְׂרָאֵל Israel = "God Prevails" or "Prince of God"

Jacob's encounter with God caused him to limp the rest of his life Hebrews 11:21

Our Encounter with God Should Also Forever Change Our Walk!

Jacob & Esau Meet Genesis 33:1-20

Group #2: Wives & sons in order of importance (expendability!)

1) *Bilhah, Zilpah* & their children

2) Leah & her children

3) Rachel & Joseph are last אַחֲרָיָךְ *acharon* ... compare with Psalm 102:16-18

Will Joseph be the last to encounter Esau in the End of the Age???

Israel divided like North. & South. Kingdoms I Kings 11:29-32&12:16-17, 22-24 & II Chron 11:13-16

When are these 2 Kingdoms Restored to One? Ezekiel 37:16-19

After Edom (Esau) is Ultimately Defeated Obadiah & Psalm 83

How has "Land for Peace" Worked Out for Israel so far??

The Moral Here: Trust God First - Not Our Fleshly Plans!!

Jacob: "Please, take my blessing that is brought to you..."

Is Jacob trying to return Esau's "stolen" blessing???

Their "Peace Covenant" was built in their distrust!

Esau returned to Canaan by way of *Seir*; Jacob went to *Shechem*

Purchased land from *Hamar*

The Defiling of Dinah Genesis 34:1-31

To Jacob, *Shechem's* offer was the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant!

Give him **Land**

Make him a **Great Nation** - Many Descendants (People)
- Government
- Economy (Possessions)

Make his **Name Great**Oooops!

Jacob rebuked Simeon & Levi for giving him a bad name
not for the gross sin they committed

He feared the wrath of the Canaanites – but they feared him more!

**He thought Simeon & Levi ruined “his opportunity” to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant
God’s Plan: Fulfillment of Covenant would not come by inter-marrying with the pagans**

Because if this action, Simeon & Levi forfeit their father’s inheritance!

Genesis 49:5-7

But Levi is (temporarily) reconciled thru his actions after the Golden Calf

Exodus 32:25-26

Jacob Returns to Bethel

Genesis 35:1-15

Two themes in this chapter:

Completion: Jacob returned to the Promised Land with wealth & descendants

Correction: Pagan idols destroyed, Jacob’s oath fulfilled, and Reuben’s sin dealt with

Had Jacob obeyed God & returned to Beer Sheba (31:13) would Dinah had been defiled in *Shechem*??

Here Rebekah’s nurse died & was buried at *Allon Bachot* (“Oak of Weepings” - plural)

...suggesting that perhaps Rachel had also died and was buried there

Burial of idols & earrings

Were these idols also the deed to Land of *Shechem*???

...if so, then they were buried to be recovered later to redeem land..... ...See Jeremiah 32:14-16

Same place where Abram entered The Land

Genesis 12:6

Washing of body & clothes

Psalm 24:3-4

Same as at Sinai

Exodus 19:10-11

Same as in End Time

Ezekiel 36:24-25

Here God confirms his Covenant with Jacob

.... but with the addition that his offspring would include kings

The Birth of Benjamin

Genesis 35:16-18

Ben-Oni = Son of my Sorrow

Ben-Yamin = Son of my Right Hand

The Death of Rachel

Genesis 35:19-20

Rachel stole Laban’s *teraphim*; Jacob pronounced death on whoever took them!

Genesis 31:32

She is buried at *Ramat Rachel* – separated from Jacob

Genesis 29:11

Also prophetic of the End of the Age

See

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Reuben’s Sin sleeping with Rachel’s handmaid Bilhah

Genesis 35:21-26

Why Rachel’s maid?? To “reinforce” his birthright

Genesis 30:14-16

How did that work out for Reuben?

I Chron 5:1 & Gen 49:3-4

The Death of Isaac

Genesis 35:27–29

Isaac was 180 years old when he died

Approx.139 years old when Jacob “stole” the blessing on Isaac’s “deathbed”

The Descendants of Esau

Genesis 36:1-43

Prophecies of Edom’s Destruction: Ezekiel 25:12-14 Isaiah 34:10-15

Ezekiel 35:1-15 Obadiah 1-21

Jeremiah 49:7-22 Psalm 83:6

Edom Dispersed in 5th Century BC, but is rising again to “break Jacob’s yoke from his neck”

Genesis 27:40

.....and then will ultimately be destroyed

Psalm 83

Haftarah:

Obadiah 1-21

The Destruction of Edom

Brit Chadashah:

Revelation 7:1-17

God Protects His Servants Again: The Sealing of the 144,000