

Midrash V'Yetzeh ("And He Went Out")
Genesis 28:10 – 32:2

Jacob's Dream

Genesis 28:10-15

"And he lighted upon a certain place..." **בְּמָקוֹם** ba'makom "in the place"

Same word used: "Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off."

Genesis 22:4

Linking these two occurrences to Mt Moriah – Today's Temple Mount

"And he took one of the stones from that place and put it at his head..."

Stones from what?? The altar that Abraham built to sacrifice the ram substituted for Isaac!

Alternate: "arranged around his head" Why around?? Perhaps protection (from Esau's heel)!

Suggests that the stones from the place protect Jacob & his heads (12 Tribes)

Yeshua is The Stone:

The Foundation Stone

Isaiah 28:16

The Stone the Builders Rejected

Psalms 118:22

The Stumbling Stone

Isaiah 8:14

The Cornerstone in Zion

I Peter 2:6-8

Yeshua's own words...

Matthew 21:42,44

He Died to Unite the 12 Tribes as One

John 11:45-52

Jacob's Ladder: from Earth to Heaven with God at the top - Just like at Mt Sinai

סֻלָּם sulam "Ladder" or "Stairway"

"...the land on which you lie I will give to you and our descendants."

No wonder the Temple Mt is the most hotly contested real estate in the world!

"Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad..."

פָּרָץ paratz - Same word by Micah of Jacob in the Last Days

Micah 2:12-13

Yeshua also speaks of this

Matthew 11:11-12

Jacob at Bethel

Genesis 28:16-22

"Surely the LORD is in this place..." **הַמָּקוֹם** ha'makom

"This is...the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

Ladder reached to Heaven

Tradition: This is the Portal thru which men's prayers reach Heaven

Jacob & Rachel

Genesis 29:1-14

"Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept."

Compare to "Lifted up his eyes" verses

What did Jacob "see" that caused him to weep? Possibly...

1. They would not be buried together
2. He came empty-handed & couldn't "afford" Rachel
Unlike Eliezer coming for Rebekah
He was fleeing Esau & left with nothing
He feared he would lose Rachel before he got her
3. Esau would kill them all (a hint at next week's Portion!)

"Lifted up voice and cried" - "Something Precious Slipping Through Your Fingers."

Same words used: Hagar & Ishmael

Genesis 21:16

Esau's "Deceit"

Genesis 27:38

A Different Pattern of the Younger Over the Elder:

Jacob replaced the Elder (Esau) with the Younger (himself)

Laban replaced the Younger (Rachel) with the Elder (Leah)

Jacob Marries Leah & Rachel

Genesis 29:15-30

God taught Jacob the Rights of the Firstborn!

"What a man sows, he also shall reap"

Galatians 6:7

1 Week (of Years) for Leah & 1 more Week (of years) for Rachel

The Sons of Jacob

See the Chart in the Power Point Slides

Gen 29:31 - 30:24

Jacob's Bargain with Laban

Genesis 30:25-42

Laban was blessed when *Eliezer* "bargained" for Rebekah

Genesis 24:53

And has now been blessed by his association with Jacob

Jacob's Plan: All Speckled, Spotted or Brown Sheep

All Speckled or Spotted Goats

Laban's Plan: Take all the above into his flocks & put 3 days separation from Jacob!

The Holy Spirit revealed His plan to Jacob:

Peel the bark off various branches – exposing the "white" so they appear striped & speckled & place them in the watering troughs so the animals will see them

Jacob Flees from Laban

Gen 31:1 – 32:2

"images" - *teraphim* - figurines of pagan gods

Nuzi Tablets: 4,000 clay tablets discovered East of Haran in 1925; date back to 1,500 BC

Described *teraphim* as evidence of property ownership

(Rachel stole them so Jacob had a claim on Laban's land when he died)

Boundary stones are the legal markers established by *teraphim*

That's why Laban insisted on stones to insure his sons' inheritance.

Confirmed Sisterhood Status: a favored wife could be elevated to "Sister" (Higher)

Sheds light on Abram's half-lie about *Sarai*

...and Isaac's full-lie about Rebekah!

Also confirmed the surrogate motherhood by maidservants

God appeared to Laban in a dream: "*Speak neither good nor bad of Jacob.*"

Compare to *Balaam*, possibly a descendant of Laban

Numbers 22

This explains why Laban was so upset that "somebody" stole his *teraphim*.

Bad enough that his flocks were "stolen", but now his land, too!

Jacob served Laban 20 years: 7 years for Rachel – who turned out to be Leah

7 years for Rachel – again!

6 years for his flocks

Jacob's Covenant with Laban:

Stones to mark the boundaries of Laban's land for his sons (superseding the *teraphim* which Laban never found)

Rachel's Curse: "*The one with whom you find your gods shall not live.*"

Verse 32

Rachel died shortly after this after Benjamin's birth

Think of the *Nefilim* as *teraphim*

They marked Canaan's boundaries for *HaSatan*

Jeger-Sahadutha = "Heap of Witness" in Chaldean

Galeed = "Heap of Witness" in Hebrew

Mitzpah = Beacon, or Watchtower

This is a contract made out of distrust of each other

Haftarah:

Hosea 11:7-12:14

Ephraim's Encouragement: Jacob's Encounter with God

Brit Chadashah:

1 Peter 2:6-10

Jacob's Rock is "The Chief Cornerstone"