

## ***Parashah 07 Tidbit***

***Genesis 28:10 – 32:3***

***VaYetze, וַיֵּצֵא, And He sent***

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***VaYetze, וַיֵּצֵא***, is from the word Yetza or Yatza, which means, to go or come out, went forth, burst forth, and therefore this Parashah should be called ***And he went out, or, And he went forth.***

Verse 10 in Hebrew reads **וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּאֵר-שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חָרָנָה**, VaYetze, and went forth, Ya'aqov, MiBer-Sheva, from Ber-Sheva, VaYalek, and went, Charanah, to Charan.

As you can see *Genesis 28:10* mentions that Ya'aqov *went out from Beersheva*. The sages say that the departure of a ***righteous man*** from any place, diminishes that place's importance, and that his departure will be keenly felt by its inhabitants. If that is indeed true, then, it means that the presence of a ***righteous man*** will also be keenly felt, wherever that ***righteous man*** goes, for the ***Righteousness*** of Elohim ***IS*** within him. If that is true, then, we should know what the definition of Righteousness IS, according to Scripture.

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25* ***And Yahweh Commanded us TO DO ALL these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, (the Fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom) for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBEY AND OBSERVE TO DO ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.***

In *verse 11* we are told that Ya'aqov tarried ***ALL*** night because the sun was set. Could it be that it was Shabat and that Ya'aqov was obedient to keep the Shabat, as the Torah of Yahweh Commands us to do?

In *verse 12* we are told that Ya'aqov had a dream, where he saw a ladder set on the earth, and that it reached to heaven. It also says, that messengers were ascending and descending on this ladder. Notice that it says ***ascending*** first. For them to ascend first, means, that the messengers of Elohim had to be here on the earth already. I believe that the messengers of Elohim surrounded Ya'aqov, the same way that they will surround ***ALL RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE*** that have made the conscious decision to lovingly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and then, willingly chose to commit to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

I hope that you can see for yourself that this actually has very huge implications. You might ask, what do you mean by that? Well, we live in a fallen world, which ***NOT ONLY HAS EVIL PEOPLE IN IT, BUT THERE IS A SPIRIT OF EVIL THAT PERMEATES OUR SOCIETIES***, whether we call it the spirit of satan, the spirit of Jezebel, or the spirit of Nebuchadnezzar, or simply an evil spirit, and it somehow influences, and or deceives many people, who do not have a surrendered

contrite obedient heart that is willing to believe, follow and obey the Ways and or the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Now, whether they know it or not, when their hearts reject the Torah, it means that they are determined to do evil, to the point that they are even willing and ready to counsel other people to do evil. Now you might ask me, how can you say these people are doing or being evil?

Would you agree that **SIN IS EVIL**? If you answered **YES** to that Question, then let me read you what it says in *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits SIN transgresses also the Torah: for SIN IS the transgression of the Torah.*

Therefore based on your answer, that Sin is indeed *evil*, and since **SIN IS defined in Scripture as, the Transgression of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, THEN, that means, that everybody who willingly rejects, discards and or refuses to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, is DOING EVIL.**

Please remember, that the Scriptures make it very clear, that Elohim has promised every loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, that willingly chooses to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, that His blessings, which are substantial, will hunt down, and overtake all of them that have chosen to believe and follow His Words of Life. Furthermore, He said, that a righteous man **WILL** be guarded by Yahweh's messengers, to the point that the messengers won't even let the righteous person stub their toe against a rock. Furthermore, Yahweh has promised the obedient surrendered believer and follower of the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, in *Deuteronomy 7:12-15*

*Therefore it shall come to pass, IF you hearken (IF you shemah, IF you hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey) these Judgments (the Words of the Father's Torah of Life), and Keep, and DO them, that Yahweh your Elohim shall keep unto you the Covenant and the Mercy which He swore unto your fathers (Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov): AND,*

*He will Love YOU*

*Bless YOU*

*Multiply YOU:*

*He will also BLESS the fruit of your womb,*

*He will BLESS the fruit of your land,*

*BLESS Your grain*

*BLESS Your wine*

*BLESS Your oil*

*BLESS The increase of your kine*

*BLESS The flocks of your sheep*

*In the land which He swore unto your fathers to give you.*

*YOU, shall be BLESSED above ALL people:*

*There shall NOT be a male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.*

*AND, YAHWEH WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOU ALL SICKNESS, AND WILL PUT NONE OF THE EVIL DISEASES (Plagues) OF EGYPT, WHICH YOU KNOW, UPON YOU, (the righteous Torah obedient person); BUT will lay them upon all them that hate YOU;*

That is **NOT** even close to all that Yahweh has promised His obedient children, for Yahweh promised so much more, and these *verses*, here in Ya'aqov's dream, which make up part of Yahweh's Torah of Life, are written here, in the Torah, **TO COMFORT THE PEOPLE WHO WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSE TO BELIEVE HIM, AND TO LET ALL OF US KNOW** that He has placed His messengers here on earth, to protect and prosper those who willingly and lovingly choose to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of Yahweh to **CAUSE THEM TO BELIEVE, FOLLOW, OBEY, AND DO** the Father's Commandments, obey the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Therefore, these messengers, have the very same testimony that Yeshua the Messiah has, and that testimony, **IS**, that **LOVE AND OBEDIENCE** to our heavenly Father and the Words of His Torah of Life, **WILL** eventually heal **ALL** things.

In *verse 13* it says that Yahweh stood above the ladder. To me that is like a general standing above his troops and directing them, directing His messengers, as to how He wants His beloved saints to be protected. Not only does He instruct His messengers (angels) on what to do, **BUT** He also speaks to Ya'aqov and makes him the same promise that He made to Abraham and Yitzchaq.

To me, that represents both, the Hebraic Scriptures, what the Christians chose to call the *Old Covenant*, and the Apostolic Scriptures, the *Renewed Covenant*. The words of the Torah and the promises contained therein, are identical in both the Hebraic Scriptures, the so called **Old Covenant** by many, and Apostolic Scriptures, **the Renewed Covenant**, the same way, that the promises made to Ya'aqov, are the very same identical promises that Yahweh made to Abraham and to Yitzchaq, and Yahweh simply renewed His commitment to Ya'aqov, to give him comfort, and to help build up his belief (faith), so that both we, and Ya'aqov, would know and believe that Yahweh **IS** our Elohim, and that **HE DOES NOT CHANGE**.

Yahweh has made it perfectly clear throughout Scripture, that he does **NOT** change, He is forever the same. Therefore the promises that He made to our fathers, Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, are the same identical promises that He makes to us. Yahweh has said, I have sworn by My Holy Name, **AND I WILL make it come to pass**. That is the kind of Elohim we serve; therefore, we have to understand that the promises that He made to our forefathers, have **NOT** changed one iota, and they will remain constant forever, because He is Yahweh who **does NOT change**.

*Matthew 5:18* For verily I say unto you, until heaven and earth pass, **NOT EVEN ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE SHALL IN ANY WAY, PASS FROM THE TORAH, TILL ALL IS FULFILLED**; in other words the Torah **IS ETERNAL AND EVERLASTING**.

*Psalms 119:89* **FOREVER O YAHWEH, Your Word (Your Torah) IS established in Heaven.**

In *verse 14* we are told, *in your seed shall ALL the families of the earth be blessed*. The word translated as **blessed**, is the Hebrew word *Nivrechu*, נִבְרָכָהוּ, which does mean blessed, and it is a sister word to the word Rekev, רֶכֶב, and one of its meanings is, a branch for grafting, or to be grafted in. These words are spoken to all the people who willingly surrender their hearts to Yahweh in loving surrendered obedience to His authority, and then, willingly choose to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, they are the ones that are **GRAFTED** into the family of Elohim, and that family my friends **IS** Yisrael.

Verse 15 should give **ALL** believers the goose bumps. The Creator of the universe has promised **US, creatures made of dust, THAT HE IS WITH US, and NOT ONLY IS HE WITH US, BUT** He also says **I WILL KEEP YOU WHEREVER YOU GO, AND I WILL BRING YOU BACK TO THIS LAND, THE PROMISED LAND.**

When you see the words, **THE HERITAGE OF YA'AQOV**, in Scripture, **THIS IS PART** of what it means to be heirs of the heritage of Ya'aqov.

Verse 15 For I Yahweh, **WILL NOT LEAVE YOU UNTIL I** (the Aleph Tav) *have done that which I have spoken to you of*, and part of Yahweh's essence, **IS**, that **HE DOES NOT CHANGE**, He **IS CONSTANT AND JUST, AND JUDGES ALL PEOPLE** by the very same standard that He judged Adam, at the very beginning of time, therefore, what He spoke through the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh, to Adam, Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov **IS STILL VERY TRUE, AND TOTALLY RELEVANT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TODAY.**

In *verse 20* we see that Ya'aqov made a vow. In essence, he answers Elohim and says **IF YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU HAVE JUST PROMISED ME, AND I DO INDEED RETURN IN PEACE TO THE HOUSE OF MY FATHER, THEN YOU SHALL BE MY ELOHIM.**

Now **IT IS** very important that we understand that saying Yahweh **IS GOING TO BE OUR ELOHIM IS NOT just an intellectual acceptance of what and who He is; IT IS MUCH. MUCH MORE THAN THAT.** When we confess that Yahweh **IS OUR ELOHIM**, it means that we have **willingly and lovingly chosen to FULLY SURRENDER our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, and that we WILL ALLOW HIS HOLY SPIRIT, TO CAUSE US to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life. THEN AND ONLY THEN** can we expect Him to fulfill His Word in our lives. **WE absolutely MUST put action to our beliefs and thoughts, OR ELSE OUR BELIEF, OUR FAITH IS DEAD.** Amein

There is one stand-alone Aleph Tav in this section of *Genesis 28*.

Verse 15 For I (Yahweh) **WILL NOT LEAVE YOU UNTIL I** (Yahweh, the **Aleph Tav**) *have done that which I (Yahweh) have spoken to you of.*

There are also another **two** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are **seven** words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number **two** in Scripture speaks of witness and unity, and the number **seven** speaks of completeness, Yahweh's complete plan of redemption onto salvation. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh **IS** witnessing to all of us, through the story of Ya'aqov, that His plan of redemption onto salvation, is offered to **ALL** people who have or will, willingly and lovingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, and, make a commitment to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He has Commanded us to do, and as Messiah showed us, by His exemplary Torah obedient Life. Amein

The Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef are attached to the word Eben, אֶת־הָאֵבֶן, Et HaEben, and the word Eben, is a composite word made up of the word, Av, which means Father, and the word, Ben, which means, Son. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is telling us

that our heavenly Father and His Son, our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of Yahweh made flesh, **ARE ONE**

The second Aleph Tav is attached to the words Shem HaMaqom, which is from the phrase:

וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא בַּיֵּת־אֵל, Vayiqra Et Shem HaMaqom HaHu Beit El, which means and He called Aleph Tav, the **name of the place**, Beit El, or Bethel.

The seven words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them hold a message for us also, and that message is:

Mera'ashotaiv, pillows, מְרִאֲשֹׁתָיו, which means, a place at the head, head rest, and it contains the word Rosh, רֹאשׁ, which means head.

Atah, אַתָּה, which means, you, and in this case it means, Ya'aqov, Yisrael.

Atnenah, אֶתְנַנְּהָ, which means, I give it, this tells us, that Yahweh gives it to Ya'aqov and to his seed.

Hazot, הַזֹּאת, is from the word Zot זֹאת which is a pronoun, that means, **this**; but, I believe it has a much more profound meaning, it is from the word Zeh, which means, **this, which, who**, but this word Zot, is spelled with the letter Zayin, ז, which has the pictographic meaning, of, a weapon, and since the other two letters are the First and Last letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, the Aleph א and the Tav, ת, and since those letters represent our Messiah, **it hints at the fact** that there is something very important that is happening here, something that is just as important, as when the world, together with the religious leaders of the day, **crucified Messiah, or put Him to the weapon**, which is what the letter Zayin ז, represents; and therefore, I believe, that every time you see this word Zot, זֹאת, spelled with these three letters in Scripture, that you should be aware, that Yahweh is warning us, to pay very close attention to what is happening here in the *verse* that we are reading, because something very important is about to happen, and in this case, it means, this Land, Ya'aqov future inheritance which of course is, the Land of Yisrael, not just the that is called Yisrael today, but the Land that Yahweh gave to Abraham, which is ten to twenty times bigger.

Mera'ashotaiv, מְרִאֲשֹׁתָיו, means, pillows.

Otah, אַתָּה, means, it

Hazot, הַזֹּאת, is repeated and in this case it is referring the stone, the Eben which is defined above.

In this event, Ya'aqov chose to rest his head on Stone pillows in order to rest. The word stone, in the Hebrew Scripture is the word Eben, אֶבֶן, which is a composite word made up of the words Av or Abba, which means Father, and the word Ben, which means, Son. Therefore, this indicates to us, that Ya'aqov was placing his head, his intellect, his understanding, his everything, in the hands of our heavenly Father and His Son, our Messiah, in order to find **REST**. What happened when Ya'aqov **CHOSE** to do that, what happened when Ya'aqov **CHOSE to RELY ON, and TRUST**, our heavenly Father and His Son, our Messiah?

Yahweh said to him when he woke up, **TO YOU**, Ya'aqov/Yisrael, I will give **ALL** this Land, **BECAUSE** you have **TRUSTED IN**, and **RELIED UPON, THE STONE**, your heavenly Father and His Son, your Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and **IT**, the **STONE**, this **EBEN** will be yours and you will live in the Land that I, Yahweh have given you, and dwell in the house of Yahweh, Beit El, Bethel, **FOREVER**.

Therefore tonight, when you are getting ready to lay your head down on **YOUR** Mera'ashotaiv, Your pillow, make a conscious commitment to Yahweh, that from this moment on, **HE, WILL BE THE MERA'ASHOTAIV, THE PILLOW** that you **REST YOUR HEAD UPON, THE PILLOW, THE MERA'ASHOTAIV** that you will rely on to give you **REST**, a **REST** from all of your trials and tribulations, a **REST** from all of you cares, **BECAUSE** you have willingly and lovingly chosen to follow Messiah's Torah obedient example and His advice to place **ALL** of your cares in His hands. Amein

*Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto Me, **ALL YOU** that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke (the Father's Torah) upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find **REST** unto your souls. 30 For My yoke (the Torah of My heavenly Father) is easy, and My burden (Obeying the Words of My Father's Torah) is **Light**. Amein*

*Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing; **BUT** in everything, by **prayer and supplication with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known unto Elohim. 7 And the **PEACE**, the Shalom, the completeness of Elohim, which passes **ALL** understanding, **SHALL** keep your hearts and minds, through Messiah, Yeshua, the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh. Amein*

*1Thessalonians 5:16-22 Rejoice always, 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this **IS THE WILL** of Yahweh Elohim in Yeshua Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **concerning YOU**. 19 Do **NOT** quench the Holy Spirit. 20 Do **NOT** despise prophesying. 21 Prove **ALL** things; hold fast that which is **Good, Tov**. 22 Abstain from **ALL** appearance of evil.*

The Hebrew word Tov, which is translated as the word, Good in English, means to function in the manner that Yahweh Elohim created all of His children to function, and that is, in total loving surrendered obedience to All the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, even every Jot and Tittle!

Now knowing all of this, I hope that the next time that you lay your head down on your pillow, your **Mera'ashotaiv**, knowing in your heart, that you have made the commitment to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that you will actually turn all of your cares, your trials and tribulations, over to Yahweh and experience the **REST** that He promises that you will have, **BECAUSE** you have willingly and lovingly chosen to follow Messiah's Torah obedient example and His advice to place **ALL** of your cares in His hands. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed.. Until we meet again; Shalom Alechem. Amein!*