



**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> and upon finding a single pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Mathew 13:45**

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## **VaYetze And He Went Out**

Genesis 28:10–32:3 Hosea 12:13–14:9 John 1:43–51

Shalom and welcome to this week’s Torah Pearl. In this week’s study we will focus primarily upon Jacob’s dream of the ladder going to heaven to seek to understand some of the pearls contain within it which will encourage and assist us in our walk with YHVH.

This week’s Parsha continues from last weeks, when Jacob is sent by Isaac to go find a wife from amongst his own people, due to his brother seeking to kill him. Prior to leaving Isaac blesses Jacob as he states ***May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. <sup>4</sup> May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham.***” Gen 28:3-4.

Despite this blessing and the previous blessings from his father Jacob has ample reason to doubt that he has been chosen by YHVH. Only the day before had his father planned to give the primary blessing to his brother Esau and now his parents had sent him away to the East to flee from his brother who seeks to kill him. You can image Jacob pondering the fact that his grandfather, Abraham would not allow his father, Isaac to leave the land to find a wife, but rather sent his servant. Furthermore, when Ishmael was sent away as he would not be the child who inherits, was sent to the East (Gen 25:6). Yet Jacob was being sent away to keep him safe and for YHVH to work in his life. However, it would be very easy for HaSatan to come and deceive Jacob into thinking he was being sent away because his father sort to bless Esau, that he had been disinherited like Ishmael.

Friends, how many times in the situations we face does the enemy seek to come in a bring doubt and fear, as HaSatan seeks to discourage us and prevent us from fulfilling the calling upon our lives. Friends, has the enemy ever prevented you from doing something for YHVH because he has brought doubt, or because he has pulled and prodded at the scars we have from the past. Friends, in these days we need to ensure that we allow the Holy Spirit to clean out our wounds so that they can heal and not be a cause of further pain and upset, which will hinder us from being effective in fulfilling the commission on our lives.

We need to draw close to Yah and seek His face, learn to disregard the enemies lies as we only tune in to the voice of the master, our husband Yeshua.

Genesis 28:10- 22 YHVH confirms the covenant with Jacob

***<sup>10</sup> Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.***

***<sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."***

***<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"***

***<sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel;<sup>[a]</sup> but the name of that city had been Luz previously. <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, <sup>21</sup> so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. <sup>22</sup> And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."***

We see in the above passages how YHVH meets Jacob and comforts him through reaffirming that he is the one whom Yah will bless, as Yah reaffirms that Jacob is Isaac's successor.

In this famous passage Jacob has a dream of a stairway to heaven with the angels of YHVH ascending and descending upon it. While Jacob was witnessing this YHVH spoke to him saying ***"I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."***

Within this blessing there is a prophecy of the dispersal of the House of Israel. For when YHVH speaks of the children of Israel becoming as numerous as the sand and the stars, it is a

reference to the House of Israel. Hosea states **“Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘children of the living God.’** (Hosea 1:10)

It is in the scattering that they will bless the nations and become like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured. We also see that this is linked to the Messiah. <sup>14</sup> ***Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*** Paul informs us that this is a reference to Messiah, that in your seed all nations will be blessed (Gal. 3:16). Thus, as the House of Israel is scattered into the North, South, East and the West it will bring blessings to the nations through the seed which is Messiah. For as the seed, which is Messiah, dies to bring the House of Israel back into covenant and bring about the end of the exiles and the reunification of the tribes of Israel, Messiah also makes a way for all peoples to come into covenant with YHVH, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Elohim of Israel. Thus, all nations will be blessed through the faithfulness of YHVH to His people by the redemptive work of Messiah Yeshua the seed of Jacob. That because of this all nations will know the Elohim of Israel and can have a personal relationship with Him.

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Scholars have debated for centuries the location of this event, here we see that Jacob states ***“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”*** some scholars have argued that this is none other than the temple mount. That this is the site which Abraham had previously referred to as the Bet El (Gen. 13:14-17) which Abraham built an altar unto YHVH in this place and offered an offering to Yah. Jacob however, did not make an altar nor an offering but rather set up a cornerstone, anointed it with oil and vowed to build a house of Elohim in this place.

<sup>20</sup> ***Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,*** <sup>21</sup> ***so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God.*** <sup>22</sup> ***And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”*** (Gen. 28:20-22)

That this promise by Jacob was fulfilled by his descendants who once they returned and entered the land built a House for YHVH on this site. Thus, it is the responsibility and duty of the children of Israel to do likewise, that when they enter the land after being exiled, and are able to do so, build a House for YHVH upon the cornerstone which Jacob placed as a vow.

In the latter days a House will also be built on the temple mount yet, this one will be desecrated by the antichrist, who will sit in the Holy place and pronounce himself to be god. Today we hear the cry of Judah to build a temple for YHVH, which everything is in place to facilitate this commandment. The problem is as stated this will be desecrated by the antimessiah as it is his temple. This will not be a temple for YHVH. This can be seen in the discussions held between rabbis and Muslim clerics who also seek to see a temple on the Temple Mount for the Jewish people. As they have misinterpreted the passage which states my house shall be a house of prayer for all nations, to be a multi faith temple for all people and all faiths. That it will unite the people under one god, one religion. It is my belief that we are very close to seeing this, especially due to the formation of the one world religion in South Korea in Sept 2014.

As believers we should be aware of what is happening regarding the building of the temple, as it is a prophetic sign post, BUT we must not rejoice over it, nor should we support and give to this endeavour! Why would we want to give to the temple of the antichrist?

There will be, once Messiah returns, a temple built unto YHVH, one which is for the seed of Jacob our Messiah to teach us from, just as scripture states.

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NKJV)

***The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. <sup>3</sup> Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.***

It is this temple which should excite us, one which we should rejoice over, for this is the one our Messiah will preside over, as He teaches us the Torah, which will go forth from Zion throughout the world.

We also need to understand that our bodies are temples of YHVH also, which Paul states

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

***<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.***

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (NKJV)**

***16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."***

**Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)**

***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.***

Friends, we as the temple of the Holy Spirit must seek to live Holy lives, lives set apart unto YHVH by being obedient to His word, His Torah. For it is through our obedience to His Torah that we show Him that we love Him, and how we set ourselves apart as Holy unto YHVH.

The ladder Jacob witnessed

**John 1:47-51 (NKJV)**

***47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"***

***48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?"***

***Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."***

***49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"***

***50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter<sup>[i]</sup> you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."***

Within this account we see Yeshua using a rabbinical technique called remez. By saying a few words or phrase Yeshua would remez (recall) to the minds of the disciples the account

of Jacobs ladder within this Torah portion. When the disciples heard the phrase “*the angels of Elohim ascending and descending*” they would have instantly thought of Jacobs dream. However, Yeshua adds something as he states that the Son of Man is the ladder which they ascend and descend upon. Thus, He is revealing Himself as the one who intercedes and acts as the mediator between Israel and YHVH, their father in heaven.

### **A meeting at a well**

We once again find a meeting at a well with a future wife of Jacob, one which will see him serve 14 years for her hand in marriage. We see in this meeting that when Jacob came to the well, that it was not opened until all the sheep had come in and that it took several men to roll the stone away from the well. However, we see that Jacob manages to do this task on his own.

Genesis 29:1-3;9-12 (NKJV)

***So Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East. <sup>2</sup> And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the well's mouth. <sup>3</sup> Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth. <sup>9</sup> Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. <sup>10</sup> And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>12</sup> And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.***

It is our task as believers in Messiah and citizens of the commonwealth of Israel to make known the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the nations, so that they can drink from the waters of Torah. Yet, what we see here is that the water is not released until all the sheep come into drink. Could this be a symbol of the Torah going forth from Zion when Messiah returns, and all the tribes of Jacob are united as one. As the lost sheep will have been found and the two sheep folds will have become one? That until the sheep are united we will not understand the fullness of the Torah, until the Messiah teaches us His ways. Thus, we should seek to make disciples as we proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom, seek to follow Torah, the word of YHVH. Then when Messiah returns He will reveal the mysteries of Yah's word as the Holy Spirit works in our lives to complete the good work which Yah has started. As the circumcision of our hearts is completed and sin is done away with. That the forbidden knowledge is removed and the mysteries of YHVH are made known.

Furthermore, why was Jacob able to roll the stone away on his own when it normally took several people to do so? Was it because he had just been in the presence of YHVH and thus been strengthened, both physically and spiritually? Remember that shalom is peace, wellbeing of body, mind and spirit. Thus, when we have truly met with YHVH He ministers to

the entire person, just as we witnessed with Messiah and will also witness when Yeshua returns.

Friends, I urge you if you are in need, then seek YHVH, draw close to Him and allow Him to minister to you. The Torah informs us that if we are sick to go to the priest who will instruct us to go home and remain there for 7 days, then after this period to return to the priest. The reason for this was for the person to withdraw and seek YHVH to minister to them. For them, to cry out to YHVH and have a personal encounter with Him.

Have we forgotten how to cry out to Yah? It is crucial in these days that we cling to Yah and know His leading and direction for us. Friends, whatever YHVH has called us and purposed for us, He will provide everything we need as we step out in faith and do that which he has called us to do.

### **The names of the children of Israel**

Within the names of Israel, we see a prophetic and beautiful picture, one which I have not got time to go into fully, but I encourage you to study this further this week. Below is a brief outline which I hope will encourage you to study further.

- Judah means “Now I will praise YHVH.” ([Gen 29:35](#))
- Reuben means “Surely YHVH has looked upon my affliction.” ([Gen 29:32](#))
- Gad means “What good fortune.” ([Gen 30:11](#))
- Asher means “Happy am I.” ([Gen 30:13](#))
- Naphtali means “With great wrestlings have I wrestled.” ([Gen 30:8](#))
- Manasseh means “For Elohim [said he], ‘has made me forget all my toil.’” ([Gen 41:51](#))
- Simeon means “Because YHVH has heard that I was hated.” ([Gen 29:33](#))
- Levi means “Now this time will my husband be joined to me.” ([Gen 29:34](#))
- Issachar means “Elohim has given me my wages.” ([Gen 30:18](#))
- Zebulon means “Elohim has endowed me with a good gift, now my husband will dwell with me.” ([Gen 30:20](#))
- Joseph means “YHVH shall add to me.” ([Gen 30:24](#))
- Benjamin means “You shall have this son.” ([Gen 35:17–18](#))

**Combined the names tell the following story:** Now will I praise YHVH. Surely YHVH has looked upon my affliction. What good fortune. Happy am I. With great wrestlings have I wrestled and I have prevailed. For Elohim has made me forget all my toil because YHVH has heard that I was hated. Now this time will my husband be joined unto me. Elohim has given me my wages. Elohim has endowed me with a good gift. Now my husband will dwell with me. YHVH shall add to me. You shall have this son.

Taken from <https://hoshanarabbah.org/blog/2012/07/31/names-of-the-12-tribes/>

"This time I will praise the LORD. Because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me [first son]. How fortunate! Happy am I! For women will call me happy. With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed. God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household. Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved, He has

therefore given me this [second] son also. Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons. God has given me my wages because I gave my maid to my husband. God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six [six] sons. God has taken away my reproach. May the LORD give me another son [seventh]. The son of my sorrows has become the son [eighth] of my right hand."

Taken from <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art35.pdf>

Within this Torah Pearl we have focused primarily the dream which Jacob had at Bet El. Yet as stated prior to this he had to flee his home, as he left everything he knew and loved behind due to that his brother wanted to kill him because Jacob deceived his father. I am sure that Jacob reflected upon this during his time with Laban, and draw a parallel with deceiving his father for the blessing and Laban deceiving him in marriage. Yet, I believe that it was during this period that YHVH worked upon his life however, we also see that YHVH works with us in our imperfections. You see we often accept the lies of the enemy that we have to be perfect for YHVH to use us, yet in reality He chooses us and calls us when we are dead in our sin, to fulfil the purpose He created us for. We are not called because of our own righteousness, but because of the love Yah has for us, that He seeks to fulfil the calling upon our lives, which has this is done He will refine and shape us. Friends, do not let our own perceptions of ourselves, the hurt of the past, the imperfections we still have stop us from allow YHVH to use us. Who are we to argue with the creator, the one true Elohim. If He calls us, then He will equip and us use for His glory. Let, us seek YHVH like never before, let us draw close to Him and press forward with the task He has for us to do, as we step out in faith knowing that YHVH will answer our prayers, and provide everything we need.

May YHVH bless and keep you!

Shabbat shalom

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Midrash: In Judaism, the *midrash* is the genre of rabbinic literature which contains early interpretations and commentaries on the Written Torah and Oral Torah (spoken law and sermons), as well as non-legalistic rabbinic literature (*Aggadah*) and occasionally the Jewish religious laws (*halakha*), which usually form a running commentary on specific passages in the Hebrew Scripture (*Tanakh*)

Targum: **Targum Onkelos** (or **Onqelos**), is the official eastern (Babylonian) targum (Aramaic translation) to the Torah. However, its early origins may have been western, in Israel. Its authorship is attributed to Onkelos, a famous convert to Judaism in Tannaic times (c. 35–120 CE)

Targum Jonathan: **Targum Jonathan**, otherwise referred to as **Targum Yonasan/Yonatan**, is the official eastern (Babylonian) targum to the Nevi'im/Prophets. Its early origins, however, are western (i.e. from the Land of Israel), and the Talmudic tradition attributes its authorship to Jonathan ben Uzziel of Jerusalem in the time of King Herod

Tannaim: Tannaim were the Rabbinic sages whose views are recorded in the Mishnah, from approximately 10-220 CE. The period of the Tannaim, also referred to as the Mishnaic period, lasted about 210 years.

Talmud: The **Talmud** means "instruction, learning", "teach, study") is a central text of Rabbinic Judaism. The term "Talmud" normally refers to the collection of writings named specifically the **Babylonian Talmud** (*Talmud Bavli*), although there is also an earlier collection known as the Jerusalem Talmud (*Talmud Yerushalmi*) or Palestinian

Jubilees: The Book of Jubilees claims to present "the history of the division of the days of the Law, of the events of the years, the year-weeks, and the jubilees of the world" as revealed to Moses (in addition to the Torah or "Instruction") by angels while he was on Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights. The chronology given in Jubilees is based on multiples of seven; the jubilees are periods of 49 years, seven "year-weeks", into which all of time has been divided