



“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ 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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VaYishlach And He Sent

Genesis 32:4–36:43

Obadiah 1:1–21

Hosea 11:7–12:12

Matthew 26:36–46

This week’s parsha has contained within it many prophetic signs which we will seek to examine within this weeks Torah Pearl. Yet, the prophetic nature of this parsha should not surprise us as all of Torah is prophecy. As the Torah informs us what will take place until the return of Messiah.

This week’s parsha opens with Jacob preparing to meet his brother Esau, which Jacob is in fear of his life and seeks to make preparations to meet his brother and preserve his life in the process. Today so many believers are feeling that the time of Messiah’s return is at hand and are therefore making ready for the time of Jacob’s Trouble. However, the problem is many just like Jacob are making their preparations out of fear rather than the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fact that many are being driven by fear is a prophetic fulfilment of scripture which states that YHVH will bring Terror upon Israel for turning away from Torah.

⁶⁴ Then the Lord will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods – gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known. ⁶⁵ Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. ⁶⁶ You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. ⁶⁷ In the morning you will say, ‘If only it were evening!’ and in the evening, ‘If only it were morning!’ – because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see.
Deut. 28:64-67

Thus, as we know, because we are out in the land of our inheritance we are in exile, due to sin. However, Messiah Yeshua when He returns will gather us unto Himself and take us into the Promised Land. Yet, while we are in exile and because we have transgressed His Torah, Yah will send Terror against us. This we see today in the Terrorist activities around the world, yet also with regards to the fear that has griped people. We also see that Yah sent Terror during the Exodus out of Egypt which assisted in facilitating the exodus. Therefore, Terror is both a plague which comes against people and also an instrument of deliverance. Yet, we know as believers’ perfect love cast out all fear.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

The reality is however, that many within the Body of Messiah are struck with fear, due to a miss understanding regarding Bible prophecy and the time of Jacob’s Trouble. Many are making

preparations out of fear, which if we are being led by fear then we are not trusting YHVH and thus, we doubt His ability to defend us. Let me be clear, I am all for making preparations, but these cannot be done from a position of fear but rather from the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is only as we allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, that we will be ready and prepared for what YHVH wants us to do in these days. If we prepare out of our own hearts, leading or out of fear then we are doing so out of the wisdom of men and not the wisdom of YHVH.

Psalm 111:10 ***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.***

Proverbs 9:10 ***The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.***

If we however, desist from fearing what may or may not happen but rather seek YHVH and His wisdom as we Fear ONLY YHVH, then as we do this we will draw close to Yah and make Him our habitation. Thus, we will have made YHVH our fortress and provider just as scripture states.

Psalm 34:9 ***Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.***

Psalm 115:11 ***You who fear him, trust in the LORD – he is their help and shield.*** For our Messiah encamps around those who fear Him, which is not our Messiah, the King of Israel able to protect and defend us? YES, He Is! Psalm 34:7 ***The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.***

As we do this we will be able to declare as the Psalmist did

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

Therefore, let us not be presumptuous or arrogant in our own wisdom for only a heart which is puffed up with pride seeks the wisdom of men, but rather let us humble ourselves before YHVH and seek His wisdom. For ***Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honour and life.***

Proverbs 22:4

Thus, let us come and seek Yah, ***Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*** Psalm 34:11

Psalm 25:12 ***Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.***

Psalm 33:18 ***But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,***

As we walk in obedience, through trusting in YHVH and putting our unconditional faith in Him, we will overcome the fear which comes from what we see and hear, as we only Fear Yah. However, let us also be wise and desist from listening and watching unwise reports which contain half-truths. We have to ask ourselves, does what we listen to or watch build us up or pull us down. Please note that I am not advocating putting our heads in the sand, but rather wisdom from where we feed from. There is preparation that makes us ready based upon the word of YHVH and another one which will stimulate a response out of fear. Let us seek truth, which the truth sets us free, especially from fear.

Let us also not be fixated upon the signs in the heavens as we watch the skies, for if we do this we will never do that which YHVH has created us to do. I am not saying we are not to be aware of the signs in the heavens, but we need to understand that YHVH will inform us of things to come as we seek His wisdom and as we draw close to Him. Friends, we all have a purpose which Yah created us for, which as we fulfil our part then it will interconnect with that of others, so as community we will be ready and prepared for the days ahead, as we keep our eyes on Messiah.

Whoever watches the wind will not plant;

whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 As you do not know the path of the wind,

***or how the body is formed in a mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work of God,
the Maker of all things. Ecclesiastes 11:4-5***

We need to understand that HaSatan seeks for us to be struck with fear so that we will not fulfil the purpose Yah has for our lives. Remember HaSatan is a thief who comes to kill, that he seeks to rob us of our peace and kill the purpose of YHVH in our lives.

Friends, if we believe that the time of Messiah's return is drawing close then we should be drawing close to YHVH like never before. We should be proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom to all we meet, as time is running short for salvation, instead of preparing to hunker down in our apocalyptic shelter with our tins of beans. Let us this week seek Yah and ask Him if we have missed anything He has wanted us to do because we have prepared out of fear. Ask Yah to show you if you have any fear or doubt in your life, so that you can fix it, as you allow Yah to move in the situation. Let me reiterate, I am not saying we do not prepare but rather that we must not prepare out of fear but due to the leading of the Holy Spirit. So, back to the parsha.

We see that Jacob continues to prepare to meet Esau in fear as he divides his household into two. ***⁷In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. ⁸He thought, 'If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape.'*** (Gen. 32:7-8) This act is also a prophetic foreshadow that Jacob's household will one day be split into two houses. That of the House of Judah and the House of Israel, however, under the Messiah these two sticks will become one in the hand of Messiah Yeshua, who is the voice of the Word of YHVH, the commander of heavens armies.

One has to ask, how could Jacob after seeing the angels of Heaven prior to preparing to meet Esau still try to do things in his own strength? ***Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²When Jacob saw them, he said, 'This is the camp of God!' So he named that place Mahanaim.*** (Gen. 32:1-2). It just shows us here that Yah uses us while at the same time He is shaping and moulding us, as He deals with our humanity and doubt. As the purposes and will of YHVH in our lives will be completed, for He is faithful to complete the good work He has started in us all. I do not know about you, but I thank YHVH that He continues to use us and love us even though at times we do things in our own strength.

⁹Then Jacob prayed, 'O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, "Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper," ¹⁰I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. ¹¹Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. ¹²But you have said, "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted."' Gen. 32:9-12

In Jacobs prayer we see how Jacob clings to the promise Yah has made with Him. Friends, I don't know about you, but I too cling to the promises and worlds YHVH has given me, as they help and assist me when I am going through difficult times. I remember when I had a heart attack that I declared over myself, that I would not die nor, would this leave me with any disability because YHVH had called me to proclaim His word and instruct His people, that Messiah was coming soon! I knew that the work Yah had for me was not completed and thus, the enemy could not snuff my life out. As my Elohim is above all other gods and that my life is in the hands of YHVH. That only when He calls me home, will I go. For YHVH has ordained our steps and length of days, yet the enemy seeks to kill and rob us of them.

Let us hold on to the promises YHVH has made with us, especially during the dark times, when we are walking in the valleys of our lives. As we take comfort, that it is during these times Yah is at work the most as we draw close to Him and seek Him.

We again see the prophetic statement of Jacob in his prayer, that he has become two camps. At this point in time, Jacob, Israel has become two camps or houses, which it is as we approach the Day of YHVH, the time of Jacob's Trouble that the two camps will wrestle with Messiah, just as Jacob wrestled. That as the night phase of the Day of YHVH comes, which is the time of Jacob's Trouble prior to the breaking of Day that Messiah returns and extinguishes the darkness of the tribulation. Jacob, the House of Israel and Judah will wrestle with Messiah, as Yeshua gathers them unto Himself and reveals Himself to them. For Judah they will see who the Messiah is and for Ephraim, they will understand who YHVH is and His Torah. That once the wrestling is over, the House of Israel and Judah will not walk the same way again, as they will have been transformed by the encounter with Yeshua who is YHVH. That after the encounter the House of Israel and Judah will have their names changed, as they will no longer be two camps, but will have become one in the Messiah hand. Thus, they will be Israel, the One New Man, the people of YHVH, as two become one people through and in Messiah Yeshua.

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'
²⁷ The man asked him, 'What is your name?'
'Jacob,' he answered.
²⁸ Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.'
²⁹ Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.'
But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there.
³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' Gen 32:22-30

We also see something significant in the meeting, which is also a prophetic sign. After the encounter Jacob names, the place Peniel, saying I saw God face to face and lived. Scripture informs us that YHVH will lead His people into the wilderness of the people during the time of Jacob's Trouble, during which He will meet with them face to face.

³⁵ I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you. Ezekiel 20:35

What a GREAT and AWSOME God we have, one who takes care of us, even when we doubt what He can do.

Friends, have you ever thought why we sin, why we doubt, why YHVH seeks to give us a heart transplant, to take away our heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh? It is because when Adam and Eve broke the Torah and touched and ate the fruit in the garden, which resulted in them knowing forbidden knowledge. That their hearts became stone, as the forbidden knowledge polluted theirs and all their descendants' hearts. Thus, only cure for this is that we humble ourselves before YHVH and walk in His Torah, as we submit our lives to YHVH and His word. It is this process which circumcises our heart, as the knowledge and wisdom of YHVH is written upon our hearts. This

is why the Holy Spirit has been given to lead us into all truth and facilitate the circumcision of the heart which Yah will complete this work during the millennium.

Friends, let our hearts not be governed by the wisdom of men nor by fear and doubt, but rather let us humble ourselves before YHVH and allow His truth, His love to penetrate our own desires, fears and doubts, so that we can be set free from these things, as we surrender our all to YHVH. For if we do not, how will we be overcomers during the days ahead? It is only through submitting and walking humbly before Yah that we will overcome in these days, as we acknowledge that we can do nothing and thus need YHVH to guide, strengthen, provide and protect us.

The meeting of the two brothers

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. ² He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. ³ He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. Gen. 33:1-4

Within the meeting of the two brothers we continue to see prophecy, as we know that the Torah is prophecy and reveals YHVH' plan for humanity. We see here that Jacob bows to his brother seven times, friends Israel has been bowing to the spirit of Esau for so long. Within the west we see the nations bowing to the spirit of Esau in its submission to the one world order, as the west becomes a dhimmi, through its submission and acceptance of the antichrist system.

That as we see Esau put his arms around Jacobs neck and kissed him, we see that Esau sort to kill his brother. Just as the antichrist system seeks to also kill and destroy the people of YHVH.

The Rabbi's, explain that the word kiss in Hebrew in this passage has dots which the dots are meant to be a WARNING regarding Esau's embrace of Jacob. That this is a prophetic sign and warning to Jacob, as the dots are meant to represent teeth marks. The teeth marks signify the heart attitude of Esau and his hatred towards his brother and thus represents the insincerity and betrayal within his heart. Esau's outward expression looks to be one of friendship yet, his heart is full of hatred and thoughts of killing his brother.

Today, the world system promotes all desires of the flesh as acceptable, as being good, yet what these things do is kill a person. As they assist in distancing a person from a relationship with YHVH and His purposes for them. Thus, we should continue to fervently pray for our loved ones, for the young people of our nation that Yah will protect them and save them. As we stand in the gap against the principalities and powers in the heavenly realms.

After the meeting Jacob asks his brother to go before him as he would follow later. Then Jacob went to Sukkoth and built a house.

Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Sukkoth. (Genesis 33:17)

We see that Jacob makes a place to dwell for himself and his livestock at Sukkoth prior to going to Shechem in Canaan. We also see that the children of Israel's first camp was made at Sukkoth once they had left Egypt. ***The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.*** (Exodus 12:37). We too know that

one day we will commence a journey back to the land as we tabernacle through the wilderness of the people to claim our inheritance. That just as Jacob and his family in this portion rid themselves of their idols and false gods likewise the children of Israel did prior to entering the promise land after forty years in the wilderness. So too will we do likewise, as we are led into the wilderness of the people, as YHVH meets with us face to face will we too get rid of the idols within our lives, in preparation to enter the land.

Friends, we see in this portion the faithfulness of YHVH even when Jacob acts out of fear and with doubt, as YHVH uses us and brings about His purposes despite our weakness and faults. The reason being is that it is the condition of our hearts which YHVH looks at and not the state of being. Thus, let us seek His will for our lives, as we submit to His will and purpose for us. Let us not be driven by fear of the situation or what might be, but rather let us draw close to YHVH and fear only Him, as we make Yah our only refuge.

Is it right then for us to prepare for the days ahead? YES! But our preparations must be not driven by fear but through the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit. Friends, as we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in our preparations we will prepare everything we need as community. You see, when we commence the journey we will not be going on our own, YHVH will lead us to gather together as He builds and draws His people. Therefore, if we listen to the Holy Spirit and prepare as directed then we will be ready and have everything we need as community.

Friends, within today's turbulent world it is very easy to be struck by fear, fear from war, economic collapse, an EMP from Russia or North Korea, or an alien invasion or Nibiru etc. the list can go on and on. However, the reality is the bible has informed us what will happen and what will not happen. What we need to understand is that it is Messiah, our bridegroom who opens the seals and brings the events upon the earth, which the purpose of these events is to; judge sin, bring low the false gods, unite the people of YHVH back to the land and test to see if the bride of Messiah is spotless and has not committed adultery. Therefore, if we seek Yah and draw close to Him and make Him our habitation then we will be able to walk through the valley of the shadow of death and fear no evil. Yet, let us also remember that many will lose their lives, yet that does not mean they are not saved. Some who are the bride will be led to lay their lives down to save others and make others ready. The question is, are you willing to pay this price?

When we see these things happen, we are told to look up for our salvation is at hand, however we are not to fixate on disaster but rather to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. Thus, let us examine ourselves, put away any idols we have, repent of them and any fear or doubt which we may have and then FIX our eyes on Messiah and focus upon the work He has for us all and the purpose He created you for. Let us allow the light of Messiah to shine from us in the ever increasing darkness of the world we live in, as we continue to make ready and be a witness until Messiah returns.

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