

Eikev 2026

Eikev/"On the Heel Of" עֵקֶב, Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25, takes place in the midst of the final speech of Mosheh to the children of Israel – specifically the generation that will enter the Promised Land! They are admonished to wrestle with the mitzvot, to keep them and guard them, lest they themselves be removed as their access to the inheritance and the blessings depends upon their obedience to the Torah. Do you realize your current wilderness is designed to prepare you for His promises? These words echo through the years and speak just as surely to you and I today. In fact, this message I believe is specifically recorded and meant for our generation more so than any other including those who stood to hear it directly from the mouth of Moses! The opening statement 'eikev infers the end, the latter part! Who is Moses addressing? Those at the end, the final generation who will face this same challenge of accessing and possessing an inheritance and a promise that previous generations have been exiled from and access denied!

Deuteronomy 7:12-15

The play on words with the name of Jacob/Ya'akov עֵקֶב cannot be ignored regarding this title 'eikev – keep this in mind!

If: Strong's #6118 'eqev עֵקֶב consequence, because, the end, the latter part of anything; can also infer wages, reward (as the end result of labor). It comes from the root 'aqev (#6119) עֵקֶב heel, rear, footprint, hinder part, or footstep; the עֵקֶב root infers something that is elevated, like a mound (picture the heel!), an arched vault or heap – an apt description of the circular Tabernacle itself that is patterned after the heavens!

*Continuing to look here, this same root stem can also infer something that has been marked or pierced – because the ancients used to impress some mark or stigma on what was their own, for a token of distinction and claim of possession (such as branding animals), this root therefore also carries the idea of to mark, distinguish, define; marks of distinction (*Parkhurst*)!

What is the Hebrew revealing? At the end, the house of Jacob will be identified by their walk (footsteps), that follow the Tabernacle/heavenly pattern! The Tabernacle and Mazzaroth functioned as the calendar of Yahweh as well as His compass – revealing timing and direction! And because this Ya'akov directs his steps accordingly, he is given a mark of distinction, a sign that indicates whose possession he is, that he belongs to the King!

In fact, the root עֵקֶב means to confine, straiten, or compress; indicates a battlement round the roof of house to confine people from falling off – a boundary line of protection! Is this revealing the purpose of the calendar of Yahweh that if Jacob will direct his steps accordingly he then remains within the boundary line that affords him protection and marks/seals him?

This term 'eikev is first seen in **Genesis 22:17, 18** – “That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because/eikev thou hast obeyed my voice.”

*In context this statement is made to Abraham upon his willingness to offer up Isaac, and Yahweh reveals Himself as Yahweh Yireh (Jehovah Jireh) יהוה יראה often translated as Yahweh our Provider, yet it literally translates to Yahweh the one who sees ahead! Once again remember that 'eikev can infer the end days, the latter part!

Could it be that Yahweh is revealing in this title Yireh that not only is He the Elohim who sees ahead (what we can't see or understand), but that His foresight is extending all the way to the final end generation of Abraham's seed? And if so, then this blessing and promise that is being declared is directly linked as well to that end generation! Do you think then perhaps when Jacob is named it also is invoking this promise and putting Yahweh in remembrance as the enemy from the womb is attempting to cut him off?

“and in multiplying I will multiply” אַרְבֶּה וְהָרַבֶּה - veharbah 'arbeh, at first glance just conjugations of the root rabah רָבָה – to multiply, become great or numerous; yet this same phrase is first seen in **Gen. 3:16** – “Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply (harbah 'arbeh) thy sorrow and thy conception...” this statement is directly connected to the war that has just been declared between the 2 seed lines – seed of the serpent, seed of the woman (a war which manifests in the very womb of Rebekah)!

The root harbah הָרַבָּה is formed from 2 root stems - הָר (har) mountain and the בָּה stem inferring “in her”, and reveals the ב (house, Bride) in the midst of the root word הָרָה pregnant/pregnancy! It seems to be revealing the intent of Yahweh to bring His people at a future date to the mountain – Mt. Sinai – for them to once again receive HIS Word/Seed, to bring forth the fruit of His Name and be formed into His image! Yet simultaneously the enemy understands this intent and attempts to pervert this blueprint as the watchers as well choose to descend upon a mountain (Mt. Hermon) to propagate the serpents seed line!

*Set times at a mountain – both for the purpose of receiving seed, both for the purpose of establishing kingdom dominion. **Isaiah 14:13** – “For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Elohim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation (mo'ed), in the sides of the north:”

This seems to be further emphasized in the term 'arbeh – forming #697 אַרְבֶּה locusts, swarm; the 8th plague in Egypt; yet Revelation 9 makes it quite clear that these were no ordinary insects! They are powerful spiritual entities that come out of the pit and are given power over all of man who is not sealed by Yahweh! Could this be the true significance of the words of Mosheh? If you shema', if you walk in covenant, there is a place of refuge and protection afforded to you in the midst of the coming devastation – direct your steps, Jacob!

*The promise to Abraham was not only for an increase of his lineage, but Yahweh was specifically revealing the events of the end! The same message revealed to Eve/Ishah upon the fall. His covenant has the ability to preserve your house, it

enables the one who chooses to walk in it to have authority over the gateways, so the devastation that comes with the unleashing of these beings will not come nigh your dwelling place – if you’ve positioned yourself within the protective boundary lines He’s provided!

In fact, the same root stem is seen in Strong’s #2724 charbah חַרְבָּה dry land, dry ground; seen both in Gen. 7 regarding the flood waters cutting off the serpents seed line (Nephilim) and in Exodus 14 when Israel crossed the Red Sea on dry (charbah) land causing the sons of Yahweh to be born, as Egypt’s lineage is cut off, and again in Joshua 3-4 when Israel crosses the Jordan River on dry (charbah) ground! The headwaters of the Jordan flow from the foothills of Mt. Hermon and represented the seed of the fallen ones descending – when those waters are cut off it’s a powerful message to the enemy and the Nephilim in the Promised Land of Yahweh’s intent to eradicate them!

It’s also interesting to note when looking at this root word harbah חַרְבָּה, the same letters rearranged form the term habar (#1895) חֲבַר astrologer, one who worships the stars, or better yet the fallen gods of those stars, the root concept is to cut or cut off, to divide the heavens! Egypt, the Canaanite nations, Babylon all rejected the covenant message written in the heavens, deposited in Israel, and were guilty of attempting to cut off that prophetic declaration – and in turn divide or scatter the house of Jacob! Now the very fallen beings that they chose to pledge themselves to and worship instead are now crossing the boundary lines and arriving to collect what has been promised! Yet in the face of that, Yahweh reminds Abraham of what He wrote in the heavens – the redemption message written in the stars that reveals His Seed – Israel!

***Revelation 9:4** – “And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.”

Pay attention that the first reference of ‘eikev here in Gen. 22 links this term with obeying the voice of Yahweh! Because/’eikev he (Abraham) obeyed my voice!

Obeyed: Strong’s #8085 shama’ שָׁמַע to hear, listen, obey; same wording is used in **Deuteronomy 7:12** – “Wherefore it shall come to pass if (‘eikev) you hearken (shema’)...”

*Your ability to hear and then be obedient – to shema’ seems to be directly connected to accessing this place of refuge, and in turn the ability to walk in authority, causing the message written in the stars of the heaven to be implemented in our lives!

In light of the significance of being able to hear, it brings up **Amos 8:11,12** – “Behold the days come, saith Yahweh Elohim, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing (shema’) the words of Yahweh. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the North even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Yahweh, and shall not find it.”

*I thought it quite interesting that Amos highlights the search of those who have failed to hear as being the North and the East! Not South and West?

North: Strong's #6828 tsaphon צָפוֹן north, northward; from the root tsaphan צָפַן to hide, treasure, store up, to conceal

East: Strong's #4217 mizrach מִזְרָח place of the sunrise, east; notice that it has the same root stem as Mazzaroth מִזְרָה; comes from the root #2224 zarach זָרַח to rise, come forth, break out, rise, shine; first seen in **Gen. 32:31** in regard to Jacob – “And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.”

*Jacob's walk – his footsteps were transformed as he became Yashar'el/Israel – the one who was prophesied in the heavens, the heir of Yahweh's promise! Amos reveals those who are unable/refuse to hear, seeking what has been secreted or hid in the stars – the regathering of the house of Israel who alone has insight regarding the course of his house and access to a place of refuge in the face of the coming devastation! Are you hearing?

The generation Moses is speaking to here is a partial fulfillment of this promise – the seed of Abraham multiplied and in position to take possession of the gates, ultimately pointing towards the Messiah Himself who would take possession and authority over the usurped gates of the enemy, and finally to this 'eikev – the heel, the last generation charged with making those same enemies His footstool as He (the Messiah) sits at the right hand!

*Collectively we're to be the heel of the Body of Messiah that will crush the head of the serpent, and yet this same heel is the most susceptible to being bruised by that same enemy (Genesis 3:15).

This season is called Jacob's Trouble by the prophet Jeremiah (likened unto a woman in labor in chapter **30:7** – “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.”)

Trouble: Strong's #6869 tsarah טָרָה straights, distress, trouble; rival or vexer wife, a female adversary (Babylonian harlot? Perhaps both vying to bring forth the seed they've been entrusted with?); from this same root stem comes the word tsaua'r טָאַר neck; in all ancient cultures to put one's foot on the neck of their enemies represented victory and a conquered foe, the ultimate transfer of power, and a total subjugation. The season of Jacob' trouble entails 2 entities vying to be presented – the true Bride of Messiah and the vexer or rival of the Babylonian harlot! Yet Jacob (the heel) must subjugate and conquer that foe, placing his heel on the neck.

Why the emphasis on the heel? The serpent seeks to bruise the heel...the 'aqev! The feet show up again and again in very symbolic ways. The inheritance is mapped out by the soles of the feet – **Deut. 11:24** – “Every place where on the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours...” Throughout the scriptures as well it becomes evident that the feet become euphemistic of the private parts of the man – the place of his seed, and this is even confirmed when you look at the science of foot reflexology as the heel specifically corresponds to this body part. Why bruise the heel? It's the SEED! The serpent has one goal – cut off the seed of Yahweh, remove the firstborn or heir of His Name, destroy the one who has the claim to the birthright.

*Does this perhaps shed new meaning on **Daniel 2:41** the iron mixed with clay feet (the fallen ones and their technology attempting to mingle with man – the seed of Yahweh)!

Yet when the soles of the feet of the priest who bore the Ark (the Presence) touched the waters of the Jordan, the waters (the seed of the enemy) was cut off! (Joshua 3-4)

Let's continue to dig here. It's no accident that the first reference of the term neck is found in connection with Jacob! **Genesis 27:16** – “And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:” – Rebekah covers Jacob with these skins ensuring he receives the blessing. From this event that Jacob's name becomes forever connected with the idea of a usurper or supplanter due to Esau's exclamation. Yet of the 2 parents (Rebekah and Isaac) the Scriptures clearly depict Rebekah as being more spiritually mature and obedient regarding the will of Yahweh, unlike Isaac who depicts a more carnal mindset favoring Esau over the chosen covenant heir of Jacob.

Skins: Strong's #5785 'or עֹר skin or hide, this is only the 2nd use of this term the 1st being when Yahweh covers Adam with coats of skin! A covering provided for a season of exile ahead! Here it is conjugated as 'orot עֹרֹת which are the same letters that form עֲתָר (#6279) to pray, entreat, or supplicate – the very prayers Isaac first voiced on behalf of Rebekah when barren! Rebekah's barrenness was an assault on the promise given to Abraham, an attempt to cut off the one who would possess the gates!

*Now Rebekah covers Jacob not just with “skins of a goat”, but with prayers intended to keep the promise from being cut off! As Jacob prepares for a season of exile, he is garmented with prayers to carry him through!

This same root 'atar is found in **Zephaniah 3:10** – “From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants ('atar), even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.” – the promised restoration of the pure language in order for the true worshippers to return! As Jacob prepares for a season of exile he is reminded of the understanding and knowledge that should direct his steps and preserve his house so that he will return one day!

When breaking this term 'atar apart ע = to see, understand, but also is the picture of a spring or well! Building on this, the עֵר root forms the word meaning time, a fit or proper time, an opportunity (from the root 'ad עַד same root as mo'ed). Could it be revealing that there is a proper fit time for the well to flow, an opportunity for it to be released (the well of the promises and the blessings) and it is directly connected to the timing of the mo'edim?

Building on this, the תַּר = forms the root stem of words such as ta'ar (תָּאַר) to be drawn, trace out, outlining, or can infer form or appearance; it also the root stem of tor (תֹּר) to seek, search out, explore, spy out, can also infer a standard that's been set. It would seem that Jacob is instructed to see and understand the outline of the plan of Yahweh that's been drawn out as he prepares to endure the journey and hardships ahead of him! Because Jacob, and this generation – the eikev – must deal with the enemies to possess the gates! And yet there's something about the timing of Yahweh – His calendar, the mo'edim – that

contains within it insight that will preserve you and I – set times where we have access to see the form/appearance of Yahweh Yireh – the One who sees ahead!

Let's look a little closer at the phrase Jacob's trouble! Remember the term trouble is tsarah meaning vexer, rival or distress. Once again it is no accident that it is first seen in **Genesis 35:3** – (vs. 2) "Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress (tsarah), and was with me in the way which I went."

For context, this is taking place on the heels of the incident with Dinah, and the rampage of Simeon and Levi at Shechem (the inheritance of Joseph)! And this is Jacob's response or solution to what has just taken place. Let's break this down further!

Shechem: #7927 שֶׁכֶם back or shoulder, infers to bear the burden of rulership; it is the first location where Abraham enters the Promised Land upon leaving Babylon (**Gen. 12:6**) and one of the first locations Jacob heads to as well upon leaving this same location from Laban (**Gen. 33:18**), it is also the setting of the Covenant cutting ceremony that Joshua officiates between Israel and Yahweh upon entering the land (**Joshua 24**)! This location seems to be quite important...perhaps the key to the land?

*Gematria = 360, the number of days of the covenant calendar of Yahweh! The very means and instructions Jacob is given regarding how he will survive in exile – set moments (appointments) when Yahweh Yireh promises to be accessed! Israel is to remain within this circuit as part of their covenant obligations therefore accessing a protected habitation from the devastation that the fallen ones intend to unleash!

Yet something has opened the door in the house of Jacob to allow destruction into this sanctuary, and it has compromised his position of authority! And so, he prepares to return to Bethel – where he first saw the ladder (Gen. 28) and had an encounter that changed his very DNA!

Ladder מִלְאָךְ has a numerical value of 130, the same as Sinai סִינַי! Could they have been in the same vicinity? This location of Bethel is traditionally associated with Mt. Moriah as well where Abraham has his encounter! All the above locations share the characteristic of being a gateway that was known to be accessed by Yahweh Yireh! Jacob is returning to restore the DNA of his house that has been compromised and allowed other gods entrance that has led to destruction.

Could this be revealing the purpose of the coming season of Jacob's trouble? Yahweh is revealing the gateways that give us access to Him – the restoration of His divine appointments and calendar that provide insight and a place of refuge, yet simultaneously just like Jacob we must deal with the compromises that we've allowed, the other gods that have set up camp that hinder our ability to walk in authority.

These strange gods can be traced back to Rachel who stole Laban's images upon leaving this vicinity of Babylon – the teraphim תְּרָפִים Remember, the teraphim function as a symbol of the inheritance of Laban's house. They are a marker for authority and property rights within a family!

These images/teraphim תְּרָפִים are closely associated with the ability to speak within rabbinical literature as well as in the book of Jasher & Zechariah! Whoever listens to their words, they are their master!

*These idols are directly connected with firstborn birthright and inheritance – specifically the cutting off of another's birthright and status, so that theirs can "live"!

Connecting the dots – remember that Jacob's trouble deals with the vexer/rival wife – Babylon! She wars to produce her seed, her inheritance and see the seed of Yahweh cut off. Abraham, Jacob, and now this final generation has been brought to Shechem – the boundary line of Yahweh's 360-day calendar appointments, to be restored and declared as the heirs of His house. Yet the lesson of Jacob is that we must deal with the hidden compromises in our house and bloodline, a DNA change is required! And when he entered and dwelled here it began to expose those very issues that had been hidden.

Notice the 3 main characters: Simeon (from Shema' – the ability to hear), Levi (from Lev – the condition of the heart), and Dinah (the ability to judge/rule and walk in discernment)...the compromise in these areas affected the position of Jacob's house and had to be addressed.

*When you're keeping a compromised calendar and appointments, you can keep all that junk. But when you're about to access the Presence of the Holy One, it will require you to place yourself on the altar and allow the dross to be burnt up. It will bring to the forefront things that have laid hidden for generations in the bloodline in order to cause it to be broken off because this is about being transformed into mature sons and daughters capable of handling the birthright!

A force to be reckoned with that has been prophesied and declared from the very beginning – the heel carefully molded and shaped, tested and proven through the wilderness journeys and their exile, to become a vessel fit for the Presence and authority of the Most High, prepared for one purpose - to crush the head and stand boldly in opposition to the vexer and the serpents seed declaring boldly the faithfulness of Yahweh to His covenant promises!