

## Vayetze 2023

VaYetze/"And He Went Out", Genesis 28:10-32:3, provides the details of the building of the house of Israel! Jacob's journey can be viewed one of two ways – as running out of fear from Esau, exiled and disgraced as a deceiver or sent out on a journey designed to prepare him and mold him into the man who would take on the mantle of Israel! The house of Jacob today once again is in the exact same position! The Northern kingdom of Israel (the 10 tribes) were taken into exile by Assyria (**2 Kings 17:23** – “Until Yahweh removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.”), which forms a unique word play and pattern as there are many connections to where Jacob is being sent (the city of Haran) to the ancient power of Assyria as well as Babylon (Judah's captivity)!

This then raises several questions! If Jacob's journey is the pattern for his scattered house today – is our state of exile for a greater purpose, once again designed to transform us into Israel? What does it mean to be Israel? What are the lessons that are to be learned while in this place of exile that seem to be incapable of being understood outside of this journey? It becomes very evident that what on the outside may look like disgrace and exile, is in fact a season of preparation!

Some other key points to remember:

- Jacob only receives his name change to Israel upon his exodus out of the house of Laban/land of Haran.
- Abraham & Sarah also have an exodus from this same location, which later results in their own name changes as well (from Abram & Sarai).
- Of the 3 patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob), it is interesting to note that Isaac is the only one who never undergoes this journey, and is the only one who doesn't receive a name change (status change).
- Jacob's instructions differ drastically from the instructions Abraham gives for Isaac – Isaac is not to be brought to this place (**Gen. 24**), yet Jacob is specifically sent and charged with this journey (**Gen. 28**).
- Jacob while still in the womb is recognized and prophesied as the chosen heir of the house and covenant (**Gen. 25:23**), yet Isaac fails to heed this while Rebekah does. Interesting to note that Rebekah herself makes this journey from Haran, obviously spent time in the house of Laban, and has better discernment regarding the covenant responsibilities!

An interesting side note – Isaac in his old age is referred to as having dim eyes (**Gen. 27:71**) **Dim**: Strong's #3543 kahah כָּהָה to grow weak, dim, faint, to falter, or be darkened; also to chide or restrain; in this verse it is conjugated as vatikheyina וַתִּכְהֶינָּהּ = 491, the same value as the Hebrew phrase luchat 'eben לַחַת לְעֵבֶן tablets of stone.

This phrase immediately connects us to the covenant and Torah written on tablets of stone.

Tablets: Strong's #3871 luach לוח board, slab, tablet, or plank; the 2 letter root לח indicates green, fresh, new as well as vigor, strength, or the spark of life

Stone: Strong's #68 'eben אבן stone; contains the 2 letter root בן son

Isaac was blind (weak, dim, or faltered) concerning the covenant that was being written/engraved into his sons! Continuing to looker closer here, tablets/luach has a numerical value of 44 – the same value as bablay בבלִי Babylonian (confusion by mixing) as well as beyovel ביבל – in the Jubilee! One covenant that would sell Isaac's house into Babylon and confusion (Esau), and the other covenant that would promise and bring forth the yobel/jubilee (Jacob)! Jacob was the son who would bring strength, life, and restoration to the house!

\*Esau is instrumental in Jacob being driven into Babylon (Haran – the house of Laban), and it is Esau (Edom/Rome) today that once again attempts to keep Jacob confused and enslaved to Babylon, separated from his rightful inheritance and responsibilities of his birthright as Esau usurps the inheritance and controls every facet of the current world system. Yet Esau then and today misses one key point – he may think with the scattering of Jacob's house that he has succeeded, yet it's through this very exile that Jacob becomes Israel – the strong one of Elohim who walks in authority and power, and a yovel is on the horizon!

**Genesis 25:28** – “And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.”

Eat: Strong's #6310 peh פה mouth & Venison: Strong's #6718 tsayid ציד hunting, game; from the root meaning to lie in wait for, to capture, or to lay snares; a more accurate translation of this phrase is that Isaac was ensnared by the words of Esau!

It's significant to note that the Hebrew phrase “loved” here in regards to “Isaac loved Esau” is conjugated as Vaye'ehav וַיֵּאָהֶב and is written with the exact same letters that spell “and enmity” ve'eyvah וַאֲיָבָה found in **Genesis 3:15** – “And I will put enmity/ve'eyvah between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” It seems to connect the dots that Isaac being ensnared by the words of Esau is a repeat of Adam being ensnared by the words of the nachash!

\*It is also an interesting parallel that just as Esau was favored by Isaac, seen as the rightful heir to his house over Jacob, today Esau is favored by the nations and seen as the heir of the house of Isaac as he masquerades as Jacob and courts the favor of the nations, while true Jacob remains in exile! Esau (Edom/Rome) throughout history has declared that he owns the entire planet, all the souls in the world, all the land, condemning the masses to perpetual servitude (the Papal Bull 'Unam Sanctum' in 1302, the Papal Bull Romanus Pontifex in 1455, the papal bull Aeterni Regis in 1481). And all nations bow before him!

Esau is referred to as a hunter/tsayid תַּיִד one who lies in wait for in order to ensnare; yet these same letters rearranged form tsaddi יָדִי inferring righteousness! It becomes the picture of polar opposites, Esau the hunter and Jacob the one walking in righteousness! This juxtaposition requires us to understand what is true righteousness? A lesson that Jacob himself must learn and implement, contrasted to Isaac who is deceived and snared by the false righteousness presented by Esau!

\*Do you think perhaps Jacob's time in exile is what prepares him for this? Perhaps the exile of his house today is serving the same purpose – you're being taught to walk in true righteousness that will in turn usher in the yovel of your inheritance and promise along with your status change!

Righteousness: Strong's #6666 tsedeqah הַקְּדָשׁ justice, righteousness; the 2 letter tsad טָ means side, as in right or left. The original concept of tsedeqah/righteousness meant to go straight, and not waver to one side or the other! True justice or righteousness then points towards an unwavering, immovable faith and trust in Yahweh and the standard He establishes in His Torah!

This is what is prophesied over Jacob that will set him apart from his brother Esau! **Genesis 25:23** – "...and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

Stronger: Strong's #553 'amets אִמְצָא to be strong, alert, courageous, or brave; figuratively used of an alert, strong, and active mind; to be of a fixed mind! Breaking this word down, אִצָּ (#518) if, when, oath contexts, conditional clauses; this is attached to the letter שׁ = righteousness, from an ancient perspective it means to go straight, to be unwavering

\*This prophetic declaration spoken not only over Jacob, but his entire house/generations, reveals that he will be stronger than Esau if/when he is walking in righteousness! From this place, Jacob is 'amets, one with a fixed mind, straight and unwavering in his faith and trust in Yahweh, and as such the stronger nation compared to Esau!

When Jacob walks in righteousness, he is the chosen heir of Yahweh! Looking further, the root tsadaq טָדַק can also infer to be put right, to justify, to declare right, to prove oneself innocent; in fact Yahweh challenges His people to show they are right in their claims – **Isaiah 43:26** – "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified/tsadaq."

\*Jacob doesn't have to prove to Esau that he is the rightful heir; he is challenged to prove to Yahweh that his claim is right! How do we do this? By walking in righteousness, therefore enabling Yahweh to fulfill the promise He gave that Jacob would be stronger and the heir! Your Yovel is not dependent upon Esau, it is a decree released from Heaven when Yahweh sees that Jacob has proven his claim and it results in a status change – Jacob becomes Israel!

**Psalms 37:29** – "The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever."

Inherit: Strong's #3423 yarash יָרַשׁ to seize, dispossess, to take possession of, to be an heir by dispossessing/disinheriting the counterfeit! This same root rearranged forms the root of the name Israel – yashar! When Jacob walks in righteousness he is Israel – the recognized heir of Elohim capable of dispossessing those who would attempt to usurp this authority and his inheritance!

\*Interesting to note that the word tsedeqah/righteousness is first seen in connection with Jacob in **Gen. 30:33** regarding his disputes with Laban! “So shall my righteousness/tsedeqah answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face...” – Jacob learns to walk in righteousness and to have a set fixed mind, unwavering regarding his faith and trust in Yahweh when he's in the midst of his exile and bondage to Laban!

Yet if Esau is masquerading as Jacob, this then infers that Esau must also have his own version of “righteousness”, correct?

**Proverbs 14:12** – “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.”

Right: Strong's #3477 yashar יָשָׁר straight, upright, correct; it's the root stem of the name Israel/Yisra'el יִשְׂרָאֵל. There is a way that seems upright, that seems to be the path to becoming Israel, yet it leads to death! This same root stem yashar can also mean equity! International law today is based on the concept of equity. To quote an article written for the *Journal of International Economic Law* – “A study of the function of equity in international law is at once important and intriguing as the rule of equity does not have any clear definition.”

It's also interesting to note that modern international law is the direct descendant of the Law of Nations developed by Rome (Edom – Esau)! The standard that governs the nations, the world powers, is the righteousness of Esau – a way that seems right (equitable), yet has no clear set definition and leads to death! Juxtaposed to this path is true righteousness, equity, and uprightness that is unwavering and fixed based on the Word of Yahweh alone and is to be epitomized in Israel! Seeming to infer the reason why Jacob is not named Israel immediately, it is only upon learning to walk on this path that he is called Israel! His exile to Haran/the house of Laban was for this very purpose!

Could this be the lesson Jacob, and his house today, must learn while in exile if we are to once again access our inheritance and be re-gathered and transformed into Israel?

**Genesis 28:10**

Haran: Strong's #2771 Charan חָרָן mountaineer; from the root charar (#2787) חָרַר to burn or kindle, or to be freeborn, the opposite of being a slave (only one who is freeborn has an inheritance, not one who is a slave); interesting connection seeing as Jacob while here enters bondage/service to Laban. This name can also be defined as meaning “The Road or the Way”, and the Akkadian root ‘Haranu’ translates as

intersecting roads or crossroads! Haran is the crossroads, a place of decision regarding your freedom and inheritance!

Laban: Strong's #3837 Laban לָבָן white; from the root meaning to be white or to make bricks (2 times bricks are mentioned as being made – 1) for the tower of Babel – Gen. 11:3 2) Bricks for Pharaoh in Egypt – Exod. 5:7; both scenarios deal with the people enslaved to a world system over which Esau/Edom/Rome becomes the heir of.)

Breaking apart Laban's name – ל = to goad, prod, prick or sting, is the picture of a shepherds staff which prods cattle to perform some action; this is connected to the בן root (Ben) meaning son, yet it has a numerical value of 52, the same value as behemah בְּהֵמָה cattle, beast, from the root meaning one who is mute.

\*Laban's role is the one who will goad and prod the cattle to keep them in line, building bricks for the beast system. Yet in this goading and prodding it is this very opposition that will also reveal and separate the ben/the sons!

Jacob is strategically sent here to be transformed and rise up as the son and heir of Yahweh! Looking further at Laban, the same letters rearranged form nabal (#5034) נָבָל to be senseless, foolish, to sink or drop down, languish, wither, fail, or to lose one's strength – it's dealing with the condition of one's mind! It is in this condition that the majority of the masses find themselves in having served in Laban's house. From this root stems nebelah (#5038) נֶבֶלָה corpse, carcass, a body devoid of life!

Laban is directly connected to nebelah – a corpse! Esau/Edom's Babylonian beast system today still operates the exact same way it did from its inception – you are considered a walking nebelah/a corpse, kept in Laban's house to build bricks for his empire, from this births the word corporation who have no soul and therefore are bound to Babylon's statutes, regulations, and codes – abdicating their role as living sons and daughters heirs of Elohim! Remember the papal bulls? Every nation on this earth operates under this system

\*Rev. 18:3 – “For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication (Babylon), and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.”

What is Jacob to do? What are we to do?? Remember this “exile” is a mirror of the house today! Our time in Laban, the dead one's house, has caused us to be defiled! You can't access your yovel/inheritance if you're not living and freeborn – slaves have no inheritance! Having contact with a nebelah (corpse) renders not only an individual as unclean, but it defiles the land as well – Jeremiah 16:18 – “And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses/nebelah of their detestable and abominable things.”

Notice this verse in its context – **Jeremiah 16:16** – “Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.” – its about the return of Israel from the nations where we’ve been scattered! Yet in our re-gathering, Yahweh first addresses the condition we’ve been found in – a nebelah (a corpse), it is in this condition of a nebelah that we have allowed the land to be defiled!

Defiled: Strong’s #2490 chalal לָלַחַם to profane, defile, pollute, desecrate; to perforate or pierce through, to lay open in order to give access to; Esau and the powers that be understand this spiritual principle – when you unknowingly became a nebelah/a corpse, this laid open/became the access point they needed to chalal – to profane and desecrate your inheritance. For your inheritance to be restored Israel, you must first be restored! Jeremiah is prophesying not only of the re-gathering of Israel from the nations they have been scattered to, but the resurrection of Israel as well from the nebelah/the corpse status Babylon has placed upon them (Ezekiel 37 – dry bones?)!

While in Laban’s house, Jacob had to learn some vital lessons of what it meant to be the heir of the Covenant, who his source was, and that it was not by his own might or power that he would prevail, but by standing upon the word and promises of Yahweh that he would see his restoration! **Gen. 30:33** – “So shall my righteousness/tsedeqah answer for me in time to come...” – my unwavering faith, neither turning to the right or the left regarding the word Yahweh has spoken will cause Him to be put in remembrance and will prove my claim!

Jacob’s righteousness speaks for him when he finally separates from Laban.

**Genesis 31:44-47**

Jegarsahadutha: Strong’s #3026 yegar sahaduta יְגַר־שְׁהָדוּתָא witness heap; the root yegar is a cognate of #3025 yagor יָגַר to fear, or to dread and is from the root stem yagah (#3014) יָגַח to repel or thrust away, specifically used to indicate the removal of a dead body from blocking the road (the way – Haran?); the next part of this name sahaduta contains the root ha’dut הַדוּת the law/edict

\*Could it be that this name regarding the covenant cut here reveals that Laban (the corpse/the dead ones) dread and fear yet honor this covenant boundary line – when Jacob repels/thrusts away the dead body that was blocking the way – literally his compromised status that hindered him from accessing his inheritance and becoming Israel! This is the law established – Laban must let him go and do no harm when Jacob removes his grave clothes!

Galeed: Strong’s #1567 Gal’ed גַּלְעָד witness heap; from the root galal (#1556) גָּלַל to roll away, it can indicate to roll stones/’eben; the cognates of this root stem can indicate either redemption or an awakening – the sons were rolled into position for their redemption and awakened is what Jacob declares!

\*It's from this same root that we get the name Golgotha/Golgolet the place where heads were counted for the genealogical record. I believe Jacob was looking forward to the redemptive work of Messiah at Golgotha knowing that his house could be resurrected, redeemed, and restored to their inheritance that was lost from Adam because of the Son of Righteousness who would answer from that place!

As a side note, Edom today bases one branch of their rule (the Crown of England) upon the Stone of Scone/destiny, where their puppet kings are anointed and crowned upon the same stone supposedly that Jacob laid his head upon in this very Torah portion and dreams of the ladder...but could it be that this stone's story is only part of their attempt to masquerade as Jacob, but instead this stone's true history traces to this heap of Laban instead – a covenant cut with Jacob regarding boundary lines that would not be crossed...their entire rule and kingdom is based on Jacob staying in the house of Laban, compromised and in grave clothes.

Yet Laban, Babylon, Nimrod, Esau/Edom, the powers that be have absolutely NO say so or authority regarding the Yovel of Israel! Notice the hunters are sent after the fishers – the hunters are Esau/Edom and Nimrod. They are hunting Jacob, thinking this will be their ultimate victory, yet they have no idea they are instead being used as a tool in the hand of Yahweh to provoke Jacob into rising up as Israel, and will be left astounded as Israel sees the Yovel of his house and inheritance!

**Obadiah 1:17, 18** – “But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for Yahweh hath spoken *it*.”

Your jubilee is on the horizon!