



Natzarim Yahshua Family Fellowship

Weekly Teen Torah

*Parasha: Vayishlach
"He Sent"*

Genesis/B'reisheet 32:3-36:43

Training our youth to be sons and daughters of the commandments.

"If you love me, keep my commandments." Yeshua (John 14:15)

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

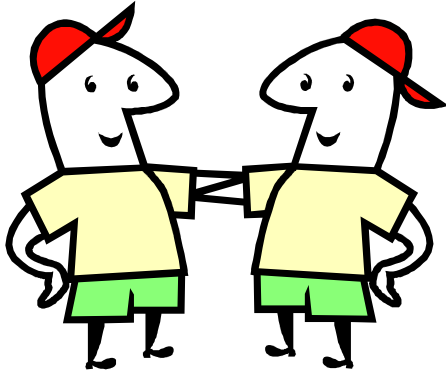
VAYISHLACH: HE SENT

Jacob sent messengers to his brother Esau so they could let him know what Jacob had been doing with Laban. He hoped that he would find favor with Esau. When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men. Jacob feared that Esau was coming to attack him. Jacob prayed. He took a present for Esau of over 550 animals. The servants divided the animals into groups and went ahead to Esau. They gave Esau one group of animals at a time to win favor for Jacob. Jacob took his wives, servants, and children and sent them across a stream. Jacob was alone and a man wrestled with him until morning. When he saw that Jacob was prevailing over him, he touched his hip socket. When it was morning, Jacob would not let him go until the man blessed him. He asked Jacob's name. Then he said that Jacob would no longer be called Jacob but Israel would be his new name. There the man blessed him. Jacob limped away. Jacob saw Esau coming with 400 men. He divided his family and put some in front of others. Rachel and Joseph were in the back. He went in front of them. He bowed to the ground seven times toward his brother. Esau hugged and kissed him. They cried. Jacob found favor with Esau. From there, Esau journeyed on to Seir and Jacob went slowly to Succoth. He made himself a house and made booths for his livestock then went on to Canaan. Leah's daughter, Dinah, went to see the women of the land. She was taken by a prince of the land and defiled. He asked for Dinah as a wife. The sons of Jacob insisted that every male in Shechem be circumcised. The men of the city agreed. On the third day, when they were sore, Simeon and Levi killed all the males of the city by the sword. They took Dinah out of Shechem's house and went away. Jacob told his sons that if the Canaanites and the Perezites gathered together, they could destroy his family. Yahweh told Jacob to go to Bethel and dwell there. Jacob ordered all the idols to be removed. Everyone changed their garments. When Jacob and his household journeyed toward Bethel, all the cities around them feared and did not pursue them. Yahweh appeared to Jacob and blessed him. He told him his name would now be Israel. They journeyed toward Ephrath (Bethlehem) and Rachel labored hard. As she was dying, she called him Ben-oni but his father called him Benjamin. He buried Rachel in Bethlehem. Jacob came to his father at Mamre (Hebron). Isaac died there at 180 years old. Esau and Jacob buried him. Esau had many sons and descendants.



COMPARING RIGHTEOUSNESS: 101

I once heard a story about two brothers, who were as corrupt as they get. One of the brothers died and the other brother went to the preacher in charge of the funeral service, and threatened him saying, "You better say my brother was a saint!" The preacher knew how bad the brothers were and he didn't want to lie, but he also feared for his life. At the funeral the preacher got up and said, "This man, who lay here today, was a thief, a cheat, a liar, a drunk, and a killer, but compared to his brother, he was a saint." Anyone can look good if they compare themselves to someone else. In this week's Torah portion, an evil man in the city, named Shechem, defiled Jacob's daughter, Dinah, yet in B'reisheet 34:19, Shechem was called "more honorable than all the house of his father."



Really? Someone who would do such an awful thing was more honorable than someone else in his family? Would you want the kind of "honor" that compares yourself with others? You might think that you don't do that, but have you ever done something wrong and then when you are reprimanded try to turn the attention on someone else? You can always find someone to compare yourself to who might have a lower standard, but if you're going to try measuring your righteousness against someone else's, why not try comparing yourself to Messiah? When you measure yourself against true perfection, you might find out that you aren't all that after all.

Parsha Questions

Who did Jacob send his messengers to? (B'reisheet 32:3)
What did Jacob tell his messengers to say to Esau? (B'reisheet 32:4)
Where had Jacob been staying? (B'reisheet 32:5)
Why was Jacob afraid? (B'reisheet 32:6-7)
What did Jacob fear could happen? (B'reisheet 32:8)
What did Yahweh tell Jacob would happen? (B'reisheet 32:9)
What did Jacob feel that he was not worthy of? (B'reisheet 32:10)
Why did Jacob intend to give Esau so many gifts? (B'reisheet 32:20)
Who did Jacob wrestle with and what did He do to Jacob? (B'reisheet 32:24-25)
What did Esau say about Jacob's gifts? (B'reisheet 33:9)
What is the name of the place where Jacob made booths for his cattle? (B'reisheet 33:17)
Who were the parents of Dinah? (B'reisheet 34:1)
Who defiled Dinah? (B'reisheet 34:2)
What did Hamor and Shechem do in an attempt to try and rectify the situation? (B'reisheet 34:8-12)
What did the sons of Jacob tell Hamor and Shechem would have to be done in order to rectify the situation? (B'reisheet 34:13-17)
Who did Simeon and Levi slay? (B'reisheet 34:25)
Was Jacob happy with what Simeon and Levi had done? (B'reisheet 34:30)
What did Jacob tell his household to do? (B'reisheet 35:2)
What did Rebekah name her son? (B'reisheet 35:18)
What did Ben-oni's father call him? (B'reisheet 35:18)

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HEB: BENONI
ENG: SON OF MY SORROW

HEB: BEN'YAMIN
ENG: SON OF MY RIGHT HAND

HEB: Y'ISRAEL
ENG: HE STRIVES WITH EL

HEB: SUCCOTH
ENG: BOOTHS

HEB: PENIEL
ENG: FACE OF EL

HEB: EL ELOHE-ISRAEL
ENG: EL, THE ELOHIM OF ISRAEL



STOP & STUDY THE WORD!

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as Elohim hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

2Corinthians 10:12-14 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not boast of things without [our] measure, but according to the measure of the rule which Elohim hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond [our measure], as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in [preaching] the gospel of Messiah:

Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Elohim...

TORAH CHALLENGE



LEAH

NAPHTALI

ZEBULUN

SIMEON

DAN

JOSEPH

JUDAH

LEVI

BENJAMIN

ASHER

ISSACHAR

REUBEN

GAD

RACHAEL

ZILPAH

BILHAH

HEBREW LANGUAGE

DID YOU KNOW...

VAYISHLACH in Hebrew means "HE SENT" and is written in Hebrew below.

וישלח

WRITE IT!

VAYISHLACH: in Hebrew, it is spelled: VAV . YOD . SHIN . LAMED . CHET

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ALEPH-BET REVIEW

א ב ג ד ה
ו ז ח ט י
כ ל מ נ ס
ע פ צ ק ר
ש ת

Read the aleph-bet chart from right to left:

aleph, bet/vet, gimmel, dalet, hey

vav, tzion, chet, tet, yod

khaf/kaf, lamed, mem, nun, samech

ayin, pey/fey, tzadi, kof, resh

sheen/sin, tav

