



Message 11-17-18
VaYetzei-And He Went Out
Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hosea 12:13-14:10
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Introduction

Jacob wants to return home despite Laban's protests. Jacob leaves Laban's home while he is gone. When Laban discovers what has happened, he sets out after Jacob. When they encounter one another, the accusations fly? In the end, Jacob and Laban agree to separate permanently, and Jacob continues on the road home but also sends messengers to his brother Esau after encountering angels after Laban leaves.

Genesis 32:1-3

1 Now as Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him. ² Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's camp." So, he named that place Mahanaim. ³ Then Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. (NAU)

Jacob was finally going home, back to the Promised Land. He had just finished his confrontation with Laban peacefully but was unsure what lay ahead of him when he would meet his brother Esau. As he went on his way, he met angels of the Almighty. Angels are messengers for the Holy One, and we know Jacob had had an encounter with them when he had his dream of Jacob's Ladder. Perhaps this meeting was to bring a message of encouragement from the Almighty to Jacob letting him know that no matter what was going through his mind concerning his upcoming encounter with his brother, all would turn out the way the Almighty wanted it. Our forefathers had very close relationships with the Almighty and angelic beings. We see throughout the Bible where those who have come before us dreamed dreams, had visions, and physical encounters. Many of them were with the Messiah who appeared throughout history meeting with those His Father had called to a certain task.

We don't hear too much about that today, or it is out there, but we hesitate to believe it has happened because of the way it was done. We would be so blessed in being able to hear an encounter with the Almighty being shared so we can be encouraged as the latter days come upon us and the possible imminent return of Yeshua in our lifetimes. Will it happen? Only the Father knows when life will change for us, when the anti-messiah, the beast, and false prophet take front and center getting ready to turn loose on us a Satan

inspired hell on earth that will only be eclipsed by what the Father will pour out upon all mankind as the end draws near.

Joshua 5:14 And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. (ESV)

Who is the commander of the army of the Lord? Who will be at the head of His army when Messiah returns? The answer was right there in the previous sentence. Messiah is the commander of Holy One of Israel's army. He will be at its head when the Father sends His son back for the battle of Armageddon. The book of Revelation tells us all about Armageddon and Gog and Magog, the final battler when Satan is finally defeated, sin is put to an end, and we enter eternity together.

Exodus 3:5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (ESV)

As Joshua was told he was standing on holy ground, this hearkens back to Moses' encounter with the Almighty. There are places on this earth when the presence of the Father and Son have brought them closer to us than other places. Jacob recognized that the place he spent the night as he fled his brother was special because he dreamed of angels going up and down a ladder from heaven to earth while the Lord stood at the top of it. Perhaps it was actually the Messiah Yeshua because only he can be seen until the day the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven, the Father and Son take up their thrones, and become the living Temples shown to us as buildings that could never show us the who God really is in His glory with His Son forever by His side.

Hosea 13:1-3

1 When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling; he was exalted in Israel, but he incurred guilt through Baal and died. ² And now they sin more and more, and make for themselves metal images, idols skillfully made of their silver, all of them the work of craftsmen. It is said of them, "Those who offer human sacrifice kiss calves!" ³ Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that goes early away, like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor or like smoke from a window. (ESV)

Ephraim was the Northern kingdom when Israel split into two parts with Judah and Benjamin in the south and Ephraim and the other tribes in the north. The Holy One had become so angry with Solomon because of his sin in turning away from the one true God to follow the gods of his foreign wives. Solomon's story is one we should pay close attention to because it shows us that no matter what your status in life, you will have to answer for your sin, and no one will be spared the judgment of the King Messiah. We will all be judged, many for condemnation and others for reward. We may call ourselves righteous, but in truth there was only one righteous person who ever walked this earth and that was Yeshua. He not only emptied Himself of what made Him the Son of God,

but He did what Isaac was willing to do but did not have to do. Yeshua sacrificed Himself on the altar to take upon Himself the sins of the world.

Daniel 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (ESV)

This description given to us here is often equated with various civilizations from history to show us the gradual dissolution of the nations of man brought down while the Kingdom of the Holy One of Israel will stand forever.

Revelation 3:15-22

15 "I know what you are doing: you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth! ¹⁷ For you keep saying, 'I am rich, I have gotten rich, I don't need a thing!' You don't know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked! ¹⁸ My advice to you is to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eye salve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ As for me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so, exert yourselves, and turn from your sins! ²⁰ Here, I'm standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with me. ²¹ I will let him who wins the victory sit with me on my throne, just as I myself also won the victory and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities." (CJB)

Without faith in Messiah and refusing to stand on one side or the other, you are the one who has lost all you could have gained. Even if you boast in your wealth and claim you do not need anything, you have lost your way, and the door to Messiah may be closed to you forever. The choice has always been yours no matter what you might think. The Almighty knows the beginning, and He knows the end. He knows the choices we will make and how we handle the tests that come our way. Messiah stands at the door and knocks. Will you open the door when you hear His voice, or will you keep the door closed refusing to hear what He has to say? If you choose to do that, you place yourself in a situation that may turn out very bad for you and for those you meet and to those you talk. If you lead them down the wrong path, away from Messiah and His father, that road will only end in tragedy, resulting in being separated from the Holy One forever.

Torah Man says: "While our heavenly Father does not promise a comfortable journey, He does guarantee a safe landing."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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