

Opening Scripture Reading/Prayer:

Exodus 31:12-17

The Sabbath

¹² And the Lord said to Moses, ¹³ “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you . . . ¹⁶ Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. ¹⁷ It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.’”

Isaiah 56

Salvation for Foreigners

¹ Thus says the LORD:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.
² Blessed is the man who does this,
and the son of man who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,
and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”
³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people”;
and let not the eunuch say,
“Behold, I am a dry tree.”
⁴ For thus says the LORD:
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls
a monument and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.
⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”
⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Isaiah 58:13-14

¹³ “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 66:22-23

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth
that I make
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your offspring and your name remain.
²³ From new moon to new moon,
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
declares the LORD.

Ezekiel 20:20

*I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my
judgments, and do them; and keep my SABBATHS holy; and they shall
be a SIGN between me and you,
that ye may now that I am the LORD your God.*

Jesus Lord of the Sabbath

"For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Matthew 12:8

Shadows

Freedom from Human Rules

"Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths which are a shadow of what is to come but the Body of the Messiah."

Colossians 2:16-17 (KJV)

Here, he is telling us that the **Appointed Times** (Feast Days) and the Sabbath are a **shadow of things to come**. A shadow is of the same image as what it is portraying. So, doesn't this imply these will be observed in the future kingdom? And note the text says that these commands **ARE** a **shadow of things to come**, **not** "were a shadow" or "used to be a shadow" of things to come. He then says, '**let no man judge you**' (in these things: new moon; Sabbath; feasts) '*but the Body of Messiah.*' The word "is" has been added to the original text and did not appear in the Greek.

The Body of Messiah is to judge each other with regard to these things. A second witness to this can be found in the following verses:

"But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone called 'a brother,' if he is one who whores, or greedy of gain, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge, to pick out by separating, to be of opinion, to judge those who are inside? But Elohim judges those who are outside. And put away the wicked one from among you!" **1 Corinthians 5:11-13**

"not judge" - (*krinō* (2919): to distinguish (to approve what is correct and reject what is wrong - discern).

"to pick out": choose.

"opinion": decide.

"to judge": "bringing to trial" - expressing severe disapproval of (someone or something), typically in a formal statement).

Let's Remember what God told the People to do before they got delivered out of Egypt, which we are reminded to do prior to Christ's 2nd Coming:

1. I Will Provide the Way Out and All the Way Into the Promise Land

Exodus 11:2 - Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry."

2. Know the Times

Exodus 12:1-17 - The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “**This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.**”³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

. . . ⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it . . .

. . . ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast . . .

. . . ¹⁷ And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever.”

Word Study by Ryan Roberts of Key 2 Changes

Opening Reading:

Daniel 2:1-49

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

²⁰Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.

²¹ He changes times and seasons;

HE REMOVES KINGS AND SETS UP KINGS;

he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;

²² he reveals deep and hidden things;

**he knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.**

²³To you, O God of my fathers,

I give thanks and praise,
for you have given me wisdom and might,
and have now made known to me what we asked of you,
for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

Week 8 - PARASHA VAYISHLACH (And He Sent)

Genesis 32:4 (3)–36:43; Obadiah 1:1–21; Ephesians 4:1–32

“TRUST in God is Greater than all of our Praises to God”

“And Jacob *sent* [vayishlach נִשְׁלַח] messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.” Genesis 32:4[3]

Last Week:

Genesis 28:10–32:2; Hosea 12:13–14:10; John 4:1–26

In last week's Torah reading, describes Jacob's travels to and his life in Harran, his mother's homeland, to find a wife and to fee the murderous plot of his brother Esau; and his leaving his unjust father-in-law, Laban, while he was off shearing his sheep. Fearing that Laban would keep his daughters, Leah and Rachel, Jacob stole away with all he had: his sons, his two wives, and all of his livestock, heading for the mountains of Gilead.

A few Take-A-Way Points from Last Week were from the following passages:

1. Genesis 28:10 – **To fulfill our purpose in the Earth, to build “a dwelling for God in the physical world”, one must enter the Wrath of this world, acknowledge God in it, and Overcome it.**

AND JACOB WENT OUT FROM BE'ER SHEVA, AND HE WENT TO CHARAN

The story of Jacob's journey to Charan is the story of every soul's descent to the physical world.

... journeys to **Charan** (literally, “**Wrath**”): a place of lies, deceptions, struggle and hardship; a place in which material concerns consume one's days and nights, sapping one's energy, confusing one's priorities, and all but obscuring the purpose for which one has come there in the first place ...

... Had Jacob remained in the Holy Land, the life of this pious scholar who lived 3,500 years ago would have been of no significance to us today.

The soul, too, achieves its enduring significance only upon its descent into “Charan” (literally, “Wrath”). Only as a physical being, invested within a physical body and inhabiting a physical environment, can it fulfill the purpose of its creation, which is to build “a dwelling for G-d in the physical world.”

(From the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe)

2. **Genesis 28:13 – God's promise that all peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.**

¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and **in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**”

Jacob awoke from his dream filled with awe, delighting in the presence of the One True God; and for that reason, he called the place **Bethel** or **Beit-El** (House of God).

In truth, though, any place can become a “house of God” when His holy Presence invades the space.

The ancient Jewish rabbis viewed this pivotal encounter with God as **Jacob's SPIRITUAL AWAKENING**. It is here that he entered the role of spiritual forefather, moving forward in the promises given to his grandfather, Abraham — not only to receive the land, but also to bear fruit and bring blessing to generation after generation of all peoples of the earth:

“Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. **All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.**” Genesis 28:14

3. **Genesis 28:15-17 – God's promise that he will not leave you until he has done what he has promised you.**

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob **awoke from his sleep** and said, “**Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.**” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “**How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**”

What perhaps began as a **journey of obedience** to His parents now **became a journey with God Himself:**

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Genesis 28:15

After 22 years in Haran, it was likely difficult for Jacob to free himself from Laban's wicked manipulation and control, but he **did succeed**. We can imagine that he was anticipating with great joy his return to his ancestral homeland of Canaan; however, in order to do so, he had to first pass through Edom, the territory of Esau, his estranged brother.

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This Week: Genesis 32:3-36:43

Genesis 32:3

³ And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom,

AND JACOB SENT MESSENGER-ANGELS BEFORE HIM TO ESAU HIS BROTHER (32:4)
Actual angels.

(Rashi)

The Hebrew word malachim means both "messengers" and "angels" (an angel being a divine messenger). Thus, the verse "And Jacob sent malachim to Esau his brother" can be understood as a reference to human messengers as well. Hence Rashi's clarification that it means "actual angels".

Genesis 28:15

Jacob's Dream

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

Psalm 91:11-12

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Genesis 32:10-12

¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹ Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, **for I fear him**, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹² **But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'**"

Psalm 56:3, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

TRUST in God is Greater, Worth More, than all of our Praises to God.

This internalization of Faith, "TRUST" is the greatest service of and to God because it is the internalization of the knowledge that God is running the whole world.

"For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befall me." **Job 3:25**

Illustration: Planks laid out on the ground allows individuals the TRUST to not Fall, but once we put those same Planks bridging a raven, that same TRUST now becomes FEAR, and many do Fall. It is in this Lack of TRUST that our Fears become our Reality.

Story: I shared this story with someone yesterday regarding *Trust being his greatest form of worship* as he faced his ever present spiritual and physical battle, at which time he pulled an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper out from behind a Platter in his kitchen which read "TRUST GOD", as he explained he had hid this message, not throwing it away, because he knew that was what he was supposed to do, but did not want to face the Truth of this Faith being Tested.

Genesis 32:13-28

¹³ So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵ thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶ These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove." ¹⁷ He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' ¹⁸ then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.'" ¹⁹ He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the drives, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, ²⁰ and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." ²¹ So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

Jacob Wrestles with God

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, **"I will not let you go unless you bless me."** ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Jacob Becomes Israel

That night, after separating everyone and everything into two camps, Jacob stays behind. While alone, he encounters an angel with whom he wrestles until daybreak, insisting, **"I will not let you go until you bless me."** (Genesis 32:26)

Jacob refuses to settle for anything less than a full physical and spiritual inheritance, and his tenacity is commendable; even the angel takes note of it.

But the angel's response is puzzling at first. The angel asks Jacob, “**What is your name?**” He said, ‘Jacob (Yaacov יַעֲקֹב).’”
Genesis 32:27

Why did the angel ask about Jacob's name? In Hebrew, his name (Yaacov) can mean the heel of the foot (because he grasped Esau's heel when coming out of the womb); but it can also carry a connotation of deceiver or supplanted.

The "angel" knew that in order for Jacob to embark on his divine destiny, he first needed to face the truth about himself.

Stating his name was essentially admitting his character. The angel changed his name to Israel (Yisrael יִשְׂרָאֵל) because he had struggled (sarah שָׂרָה) with God and with men, and had overcome. **Genesis 32:28**

The name of Israel comes from two Hebrew words: strive (sar שָׂר) and God (El אֵל).

There is a lesson in this for everyone. **To become the overcomers we are called to be and to experience full victory in our lives, there are times when we must be tenacious in our faith and times when we must prevail in prayer.**

Torah identifies Jacob's mysterious wrestling partner only as an **ish** (man); nevertheless, it becomes obvious that he was much more than just a man. Jacob recognized this and, therefore, called the place **Peniel** (פְּנִיֵּאל), which means **Face of God**, because **He had seen God face to face (panim el panim)**.

Teaser: To this very day, the descendants of Jacob (Israel) still struggle with this Divine Man who is Yeshua HaMashiach (the Messiah).

Genesis 32:29-31

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel,^[1] saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The prophet Hosea also saw that Jacob wrestled with God:

“In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God. He strove with the angel and prevailed.”
Hosea 12:3–4

This intense encounter left Jacob with a permanent limp from a dislocated hip.

“And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Peniel, and he limped upon his thigh.” **Genesis 32:31**

The Meeting

“But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.” (Genesis 33:3–4)

Following is an example and teaching around this concept of Esau and Jacob “weeping together” and their rediscovery that they are truly Brothers:

Let's start with the story of Joseph and his brothers, beginning at the end and then we will tie this prophetic picture to the reuniting of Jacob and Esau, as it relates to the prophecies of end-time teaching of Jews and non-Jews uniting under the Torah just prior to the coming of the Messiah . . .

. . . They begged Joseph for mercy and he says even though you intended me harm, hashem (God) intended it for the good and he comforted them and it says he spoke to their hearts . . . like they had a real heart connection finally and they realized this is sincere we're truly brothers and we're completely at peace . . . and then he prophesized that hashem (God) will redeem their children from Egypt, he says God will surely remember you and bring you out of this land right to the Land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and then it segues into the story of Exodus . . . it's hard to miss what hashem (Goh) is saying . . . the Jewish people were not ready to be a people . . . you know they're not ready for the Exodus for the Covenant until they got their home in order . . . it's the number one priority . . . so this idea of not getting along with another person as a major challenge to our well-being is here in this story and you know it's interesting . . . people in Israel greet each other by saying “Shalom”, shalom means hello and shalom means goodbye, shalom means peace . . . when you greet someone you say

peace, but what you might not know is that when you want to ask someone in Israel in Hebrew “how are you doing?” . . . which literally does not mean “how are you” . . . it means, “how is your peace” or “how are you getting along with the people around you, “are you at peace”, because . . . hashem (God) knows, the Torah knows, that if you are not at peace you are not going to “Okay” . . . so that’s a really powerful lesson we see in this story . . .

. . . then going a little bit deeper . . . I think it connects to something that’s . . . traditionally, emblematically, symbolically . . . Esau has been understood in the Jewish tradition as the Roman World, the Western, the world of the church and obviously it’s not talking about the exact offspring of basically because no one knows who they are . . . but that world of Rome and the Church . . . the Jewish people always perceive them as like our brother, but a brother that’s kind of scary, it’s kind of a self-life right there’s like threatening, but still we have this kind of close shared experience . . . let’s look at chapter 33 verse 4 . . . and notice something really interesting . . . there is all of these words about Esau . . . being really active in reaching out to Jacob . . . it says he (Esau) ran . . . he hugs, he falls on his neck, he kisses him and then it says “they both cried” . . . Jacob had done a lot of actions, but they were all kind of cold and calculated . . . but there’s no emotion towards Esau . . . but then when Esau reaches out to him it’s very one-sided . . . he’s doing all of the emotional kind of contact they don’t really connect because when there’s fear it’s really hard for you to open your heart . . . it took a lot of actions on Esau’s part to open up Jacob’s heart, but then in the end it works . . . they cry together . . . *Naftali Tv Berlin, a 19th Century Torah Scholar in Eastern Europe . . . bringing an amazing prophetic vision for the future . . . 150 years ago, way before any of the amazing processes and awakenings that we’ve all been seeing in our recent times . . . this is to teach that Jacob was awakened in love for Esau . . . so that it will be in future generations that when the children of Esau come with a pure spirit (a pure heart) to recognize the children of Jacob and their place . . . the children of Jacob too will awaken and recognize the place of Esau and say you are my Brother . . . the Biblical blueprint had it all here* a lot of our non-Jewish friends come and say . . . we are reaching out to Jewish people and sometimes it is met with a little bit of fear, a little bit of suspicion . . . are you trying to change me, are you trying to missionize me . . . but then the Torah is teaching us that when people comes with a *pure heart* . . . it doesn’t always feel like it’s being met with a simultaneous sign of love, but sometimes it takes a little while . . . but **a first step towards bringing that prophetic vision alive** . . . people coming together and reaching out . . . and in a sense crying together . . . knowing when Jacob is crying, it is not like he is crying because he is sad . . . he has been through so many sad things in his life and he does not cry . . . he is crying out of this place of emotion . . . that we are brothers, I can not believe it has taken us so long to remember that . . . **we are brothers, but now we can come together and learn Torah now** . . . that we are taking first steps with pure hearts to iron out this relationship . . . we can come and try to be brothers and sisters again . . .

“Finding Our Peace – Tehila Gimpel – The Land of Israel Fellowship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TJKH8km08g>”

Genesis 35:1-15

God Blesses and Renames Jacob

35 God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there. Make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.”² So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments.”³ Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.”⁴ So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that they had, and the rings that were in their ears. Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that was near Shechem.

⁵ And as they journeyed, a terror from God fell upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. ⁶ And Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him, ⁷ and there he built an altar and called the place El-bethel,^[o] because there God had revealed himself to him when he fled from his brother. ⁸ And Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below Bethel. So he called its name Allon-bacuth.

⁹ God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰ And God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; no longer shall your name be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” So he called his name Israel. ¹¹ And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. ¹² The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” ¹³ Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him. ¹⁴ And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone. He poured

out a drink offering on it and poured oil on it. ¹⁵ So Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him Bethel.

Struggles Come to All of Us

This Reading concludes on a sad note, as Rachel dies giving birth to her second son, whose name is changed by his father from **Ben-oni** (son of my sorrow) to **Ben-yamin** (son at my right hand).

Jacob returns to his father, Isaac, who lives to an old age of 180, but Jacob never sees his mother again, since she died while he was away in Haran.

Jacob's life shows us that we may go through many trials and difficulties, but through tenacity and prayer, we can overcome.

Yeshua told us that in this life we will have many troubles, but we can be of good cheer for He has overcome the world **John 16:33**.

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Timeline of Jacob's Sojourn in Haran (referenced to Jacob's age)

- **Jacob** and Esau were born when **Isaac was 60 years old (Ge 25:26)**, approximately 15 years before the death of Abraham (Ge 21:5, Ge 25:7).
- Now, in view of **Ge 26:1**, we can infer that **Isaac went to Gerar after Abraham died**, that is, when **Jacob** was more than **15 years old**.
- **Jacob** was **40 years old** at the time of **Ge 26:34**.
- **Age 57 - Jacob leaves Canaan and comes to Haran**
- **Age 64 - Jacob marries Leah and Rachel**, begins having children
- **Age 65 - Jacob begins having children by Leah**
- **Age 76 - Jacob probably has last of children by Leah** (Dinah)
- **Isaac** and Rebecca's son **Jacob** was sent to **Padan-aram** (home of Rebecca's brother Laban) to avoid the wrath of his brother **Esau**. **Jacob came to Padan-aram** when he was $91-14 = 77$ years old.
- **Jacob** was about **91 years old** when Joseph was born. As we read in Ge 37:3, Joseph was a "son of his old age". While Benjamin was younger than Joseph, he was just a little child at the time of Ge 37:3, when Jacob regarded Joseph as a son of his old age.
- **97 – Esau again tries to kill Jacob & Jacob named Israel (Gen 32)**

* The passage in which Isaac sends **Jacob** to Padan-aram (Ge 28) takes place later. The age of **Jacob** at that time could be calculated as follows:

- Isaac lived 180 years (Ge 35:28). Thus, **Jacob** was about **120 years old when Isaac died**. Joseph was about 29 years old at that time.
- Now, Joseph was 30 years old "when he stood before Pharaoh" (Ge 41:46).
- Joseph was about $30+7+(7-5) = 39$ years old when **Jacob** was **130 years old** when he came to Egypt (Ge 47:9).
- As stated in **Ge 47:28**, **Jacob died 147 years old** and he lived **17 years in Egypt**.

<http://hiswordsarepure.com/TheLifeOfJacob.htm>
<https://sites.google.com/site/calendarstudies/genesis-28-9>

Genesis 35:16-36:43

The Deaths of Rachel and Isaac

¹⁶ Then they journeyed from Bethel. When they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel went into labor, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷ And when her labor was at its hardest, the midwife said to her, "Do not fear, for you have another son."¹⁸ And as her soul was departing (for she was dying), she called his name **Ben-oni** ("son of my grief"); but his father called him Benjamin ("son of the right"). ¹⁹ **So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).**

Genesis 31:25-32

Jacob Flees from Laban

²⁵ And Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen pitched tents in the hill country of Gilead. ²⁶ And Laban said to Jacob, . . . ³⁰ And now you have gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house, but **why did you steal my gods?** ³¹ Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that

you would take your daughters from me by force. ³² Anyone with whom you find your gods shall not live. In the presence of our kinsmen point out what I have that is yours, and take it." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

"ANYONE WITH WHOM YOU FIND YOUR GODS, LET HIM NOT LIVE" FOR JACOB KNEW NOT THAT RACHEL HAD STOLEN THEM (31:32)

It was because of these words spoken by Jacob that Rachel died in childbirth shortly thereafter.

(Midrash Rabbah)

Genesis 35:20-21

²⁰ and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day. ²¹ Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the TOWER of Eder.

Biblical Prophecy of the Future Birth of Our Messiah

Although the New Testament does not tell us where in Bethlehem Jesus was born, the Old Testament does. Micah 4:8 states:

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." Thus, the Old Testament clearly states that the Messiah would be born at the "TOWER of the flock" (Hebrew: Migdal Edar).

An Amazing Story and Biblical Prophecy that falls every year during the season of Hanukkah, which again this year falls between Sunday, November 28th at 6pm to Monday, December 6th at 6pm. The continuation of one of the Greatest Stories and Prophecies ever written in Scripture, playing out right in front of our eyes during this very special Appointed Time in God's Heart to Reveal His Redemption of Man kind from the Beginning of Time:

Genesis 3:15, "I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring, he shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel."

But before we explore this Amazing Prophecy, let's first look at the warning markers of Idolatry, the ingredients of Rachel's judgment and death, found in an usual portion of Scriptures, "The Letter to the Church at Thyatira", found in the Book of Revelation 2:18-29:

The Letter to the Church at Thyatira

The Meaning of the Name: "Perpetual sacrifice" or "continual offering"

Revelation: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze. Jesus Christ who is able to see and judge all things.

Commendation: I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

Criticism: But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works. A woman with the name of Jezebel cannot be identified with the Church in any literal sense; however, her identity can be discovered on a spiritual level by using information from the Bible concerning her. The woman is *Empress Irene* of the Eastern Roman Empire who led the Church to worship graven images. In history books the events surrounding image worship are called The Iconoclastic Controversy.

Instruction: But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them-- I place no other burden on you. 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. Keep doing what you were doing and don't become involved in this teaching.

Penalty: Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. Christ will make her a whore (to be used by the nations) and those who have relationships (agree) with her will suffer great tribulation and their children will be killed by plagues.

plagues: Beginning in the 1340's, the Black Death (Bubonic Plague) hit the continent of Europe decimating between 30 to 60% of its population, which dealt the Roman Catholic Church a devastating blow. An estimated 75 million people died in that pandemic alone. Yet there were to be more than 100 other plague epidemics, which would sweep over Europe within the next 400 years.

Promise: *He who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.* I see what you are doing and will reward you according to your deeds, do the deeds that I did because they honor the Father. If you overcome, I will give you a day on which you will rule and reign over the nations because all power and authority has been given to Me by My Father.

The Church age (787 – 1517 AD) became corrupted from within and the corruption came in three parts: **#1 worship, #2 doctrine, and #3 leadership . . . again a Picture of End-time Events and Prophecy!**

This age of the Church (The Medieval Age) is associated with **"parable of the leaven."** In the parable a woman hides leaven in three parts of a measure until all of it is changed. Before continuing with this Church "age" we need to know more about leaven. Leaven is a corrupting agent that changes the nature of the substance it is put into. In the parable, leaven was put in three portions of meal. The three portions represent the whole thing that was leavened. The Hebrew standard whole unit of dry measure is the ephah and it takes three seahs to equal one ephah. By this, Jesus is indicating that every human being consists of three parts: spirit, soul, and body. So when leaven is introduced into each of the parts, **the entire nature of the person will be changed.** But more importantly we must know what **the spiritual equivalent of leaven** is. **Jesus said it was teaching!** *And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Matthew 16:6 & 12)* Most Christians associate leaven with sin however, it depends on the leaven's (teaching's) source as to how it will affect the substance (human being); is the leaven (teaching) from God, the world or the devil?

Corruption of Worship

The changes that were made in the worship of God during this period of time were stupendous both in their nature and quantity. **Ritualism was in vogue . . . as pagan teaching, ceremonies and practices entered the Church.**

Images were placed in churches in violation of the Second Commandment under the pretense that it was enhancing the worshipper's experience.

And the simple "breaking of bread" or "communion" became a ritual all of its own, called the "Mass", officiated over by a group of people known as the clergy. The Mass centers on a priest who offers Christ as a sacrifice at each service and then supernaturally changes bread and wine into Christ's body and blood, which the congregants partake of. This repeated offering of Christ as a sacrificial victim at each Mass is a violation of Scripture. Hebrews 9:28, "so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him," and 1 Peter 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit," no wonder Jesus sent his message to the Church that was in Thyatira whose name, "Perpetual Sacrifice" or "continual offering", fits so perfectly. (nearly 2-billion Christians, of the 2.5-billion Christians identified in the Earth today practice this Corrupted form of Worship)

Corruption of Doctrine

In 1075, Pope Gregory VII issued the decree "Dictatus Papae" that contained 27 statements of powers ascribed to the Pope. Among them are: **"He himself can be judged by no one . . . the Roman Church has never erred, nor ever, by the witness of Scripture, shall err to all eternity . . . papal infallibility . . . forbade reading the Bible in the common language . . . ordered the extermination of heretics . . . only those ordained as priests may grant absolution from sin . . . cult of the saints . . . prayers for the saints".**

Corruption of Leadership

Church leadership became more and more involved with secular power as evidenced with the formation of the **Holy Roman Empire**.

Daniel 2:1-49

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream & Daniel Interprets the Dream

31 "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. 32 The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, **its feet partly of iron and partly of clay**. 34 As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 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.

. . . 41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall **be a divided kingdom**, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so **they will mix with one another in marriage**, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 **And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.** 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."

Daniel Is Promoted

. . . 47 The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

Holy Roman Empire Reborn

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NOW, THE ROMANS WERE SYMBOLIZED IN THE PROPHECY ABOUT ALL THESE WORLD EMPIRES AS THE LEGS OF IRON.

THE ROMAN ELEMENT IS KEPT AS WE MOVE FROM 300 A.D. UNTIL FINALLY 800 A.D., BECAUSE IT WAS IN 800 A.D. THAT THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE WAS BORN.

NOW, THE ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE ARE NOT THE SAME EMPIRE.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE WAS A TOTALLY SECULAR EMPIRE, BUT THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, AS ITS NAME DEPICTS, IS TO BE A UNION, AN ALLIANCE OF CHURCH AND STATE, OF POLITICS AND RELIGION.

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN 800 A.D., WHEN POPE LEO THE THIRD PLACED THE CROWN ON THE HEAD OF **CHARLEMAGNE**, ANNOUNCING THAT HE WAS NOW THE EMPEROR OF, WATCH THIS, THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

SO, WHEN THE BIBLE DEPICTS THE FEET OF IRON MINGLED WITH CLAY, THE IRON WAS THE ROMAN ELEMENT, BUT THE CLAY WAS THE RELIGIOUS ELEMENT.

THEY'RE JOINED TOGETHER AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED ON DECEMBER 25, 800 A.D. WHEN POPE LEO THE THIRD PUT THE CROWN ON THE HEAD OF **CHARLEMAGNE**.

FROM THAT TIME ON, THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE RULED THE WORLD, MOSTLY, FOR THE NEXT 1000 YEARS.

AND THE LEADERS THAT RULED THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE WERE ALWAYS A DUAL LEADERSHIP.

ALWAYS THE POLITICAL LEADER FROM EUROPE AND THE SPIRITUAL LEADER EVERY SINGLE TIME FROM ITALY.

IT WAS A COMBINATION OF THE POLITICAL LEADER AND THE SPIRITUAL LEADER, AND OF COURSE, THE SPIRITUAL LEADER WAS ALWAYS THE POPE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, OF THE VATICAN.

... A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE CEASED TO EXIST IN 1806 WITH THE LAST EMPIRE DECAYING, THE LAST ELEMENT OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

BUT IT'S NOT TRUE.

... IT ACTUALLY WAS REBORN ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009.

ONE OF THE FIVE GREATEST PROPHETIC FULFILLMENTS IN THE LAST 2000 YEARS,

IS THAT REALLY TRUE, OR AM I SIMPLY READING SOMETHING INTO THIS THAT'S NOT THERE?

WELL, THEY DECIDED THEY WOULD START PRINTING MONEY.

THE FIRST MONEY WAS PRINTED IN 1987, A COIN CALLED THE ECU, THE EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT.

AND WHEN THEY DECIDED TO PRINT THEIR FIRST MONEY AS THE EUROPEAN UNION, THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE'S PICTURE THAT WOULD REALLY CONVEY THE MEANING OF WHAT WAS GOING ON.

... THEY PUT THE PICTURE OF CHARLEMAGNE (which is also the name of the UN Building in Brussels Belgium, which also includes a statue out of the building of the Whore on top of a Beast, of the Book of Revelation, which is representative of the Church, the whore, and the Nations, the beast, and their holy union; as well as, the UN also offers the Charlemagne Award for world leaders who best represent the UN, who Bill Clinton was one of their first recipients; and including a monthly Charlemagne publication).

REMEMBER, HE WAS THE FIRST EMPEROR OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.

POPE LEO THE THIRD PLACED THE CROWN ON HIS HEAD ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 800 A.D.

WAS IT BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY PRESIDING OVER THE REBIRTH OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE?

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT.

This period of time is also referred to as the **Midnight** of the Dark Ages as its popes were full of bribery, corruption, immorality and bloodshed. In history the period from 904-963 AD is called the "Rule of the Harlots". The popes after this period sold their offices and robbed Christians. Most bishops and priests had paid for their offices, for it gave them a chance to live in luxury.

Many other popes had concubines, mistresses and illegitimate children. They sold and granted indulgences to sin, sold offices, and decreed that money would deliver souls from purgatory.

Jezebel

Perhaps no other Old Testament character has had such a profound impact upon the people of God as Jezebel. Her leadership plagued the people of Israel in her time. And Jesus in the book of Revelation even warns the Church not to tolerate her. She epitomizes evil and has become a symbol of all that is detestable from a moral standpoint.

The first mention of Jezebel is in 1 Kings 16:31 on the occasion of her marriage to King Ahab of Israel in the year 889 BC. Jezebel is not an Israelite, one of God's chosen people. She is a foreigner, a pagan and an idol worshipper. Jezebel is the daughter of Ethbaal (which means "with Baal"), king of Tyre and Sidon.

There is a spiritual clue here for us. In Ezekiel 28, God speaks against the king of Tyre. According to the text, **the King of Tyre is really Satan**, the anointed cherub. **By association, Jezebel is the daughter of Satan.** The daughter of Satan marries the leader of Israel in order to corrupt God's people. Satan's master plan is and always has been the destruction of God's people. And Satan knows that God will destroy His own people if they turn away from Him.

After becoming queen of Israel, Jezebel instituted the worship of Baal, had an altar and temple built for him and erected Asherah (ancient middle-eastern goddess, wife of the supreme god . . . as mother goddess she was widely worshiped . . . frequently paired with Baal.) . . . **She has infected the entire Church with false teaching and immorality.** The Rest of the Story – In 813 AD . . . Leo 5th again made it illegal to worship images, however in 843 AD another woman, Empress Theodora, convened the Council of Constantinople in order to secure image worship again. Image worship was approved and still stands today.

Today we will see this real TRUTH come to light when we learn of Rachel's death in child birth in fulfillment of the Scriptures . . . of which we will begin this week, and continue into next week in the message of the **"True Meaning of Hanukkah"**:

Again, the phrase **"TOWER of the flock"**, found in **Genesis 35:21**, is the Hebrew phrase **"Migdal Edar"** [(mig-dawl) ay-der] and means a **"watch TOWER of the flock"**. In ancient times this was a military tower erected to view into the valley on the edge of Bethlehem to protect the city. Several of these military towers are recorded in the Old Testament (See Judges 8:71, 9:46, 9:51; 2 Kings 9:17, 18:8; Nehemiah 3:1). The tower at Bethlehem is first mentioned in **Genesis 35:21**, **"And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar"** (**"tower of Edar"** - Migdal Edar). After Jacob left Bethel, he came to **Edar (the tower)** and there Rachel began hard labor and as she delivered Benjamin she died and was buried there in Ephrath which is Bethlehem" (**Genesis 35:19**). After burying **Rachel (a Shepherdess herself)**, Jacob moved his flocks beyond the **TOWER of Edar**. This would pinpoint the location as being near to what is present day Bethlehem. Clearly, this establishes that **Migdal Edar, "the TOWER of the flock"** was in Bethlehem in Bible times.

The oldest tradition, based upon **Genesis 35:16-20; 48:7**, points to a place one mile north of present-day Bethlehem and 4 miles from Jerusalem. We do not know what were the bounds of ancient Bethlehem when Christ was born there, but we know the area called Bethlehem was larger than it is today. The references to present day **Migdal Edar** are in reference to present day Bethlehem and not the Bethlehem of biblical times which was certainly greater. **Genesis 35:19** and **48:7** both state that Rachel was buried at **"Ephrath, which is Bethlehem."**

*"And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to **Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.**" Genesis 35:19*

*"And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the **way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.**" Genesis 48:7*

It must be noted that Ephrath or Ephrathah was the ancient name for the area that later was called Bethlehem. According to **Genesis 35:19**, after Jacob buried Rachel, he **"moved his flocks beyond the tower of Edar"** or **"Migdal Edar"**. The location of Rachel's tomb today is outside, on the outskirts of present-day Bethlehem, but clearly it was not when Jacob, buried his wife there. Clearly the area which is called Bethlehem in biblical times covered a greater area than does present day Bethlehem and the Tower of the Flock was in that city.

This watch TOWER from ancient times was used by the shepherds for protection from their enemies and wild beasts. It was also the place ewes were safely brought to give birth to the lambs. In this sheltered building/cave the priests would bring in the ewes which were about to lamb for protection. **These special lambs came from a unique flock that was designated for sacrifice at the temple in Jerusalem.**

Rabbi Short states, “According to Edersheim in *The Life And Times Of Jesus The Messiah*”, in Book 2, Chapter 6, states, “This **Migdal Edar** was not the watchtower for the ordinary flocks” that pastured on the barren sheep ground beyond Bethlehem, but it lay close to the town, on the road to Jerusalem. A passage from the **Mishnah*** (Shekelim 7:4) leads to the conclusion that “the flocks which pastured there were destined for Temple sacrifices.” In addition, **Migdal Edar** is also mentioned by the Jewish **Targums*** and is translated “*The Anointed One of the flock of Israel*”.

* **The Mishnah** was the first recording of the oral law of the Jews or its Rabbinic Judaism. The word means “repetition” which means it was memorized material. It is the major source of rabbinic teachings of Judaism. Next to the Scriptures the Mishnah is the basic textbook of Jewish life and thought, and is traditionally considered to be an integral part of the Torah revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai.

* **The Targum** is an Aramaic translation of the Hebrew Bible (Tanak) which was written during Israel's seventy-year captivity in Babylon. Aramaic is one of the Semitic languages, an important group of languages known almost from the beginning of human history and including also Arabic, Hebrew, Ethiopic, and Akkadian (ancient Babylonian and Assyrian).

Thus, Targum Yonatan, cited by Rabbi Munk, paraphrases **Genesis 35:23** and **Micah 4:8**, “*He spread his tent beyond Migdal Edar, the place where King Messiah will reveal Himself at the end of days.*” *What are we to make of all of this information from the writings of the rabbis?* First, we know that **Migdal Edar** was the watchtower that guarded the Temple flocks that were being raised to serve as sacrificial animals in the Temple. These were not just any flock and herd. **The shepherds who kept them were men who were specifically trained for this royal task.** “*They were educated in what an animal, that was to be sacrificed, had to be and it was their job to make sure that none of the animals were hurt, damaged, or blemished.*” **These lambs were apparently wrapped in “swaddling clothes” to protect them from injury and also were used to wrap the Lord Jesus.**

Thus, with the establishment of Temple worship in Jerusalem, *the fields outside of Bethlehem became the place where a special group of shepherds raised the lambs that were sacrificed in the Temple. Being themselves under special Rabbinical care, they would strictly maintain a ceremonially clean stable for a birthing place. The Tower of the Flock was used for birthing ewes, and the surrounding fields were where these shepherds grazed their flocks.* These shepherds customarily kept their flocks outdoors twenty-four hours a day every day of the year, *but brought the ewes in to deliver their lambs where they could be carefully cared for. It was to this place that Joseph took Mary. It was in this special place at “Migdal Edar” that Christ was born!* *How do we know? Micah 4:8 tells us so!:*

*And you, O **TOWER** of the flock,
hill of the daughter of Zion,
to you shall it come,
the former dominion shall come,
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.*

Prophetically, “**Migdal Edar**” is the exact place in Bethlehem for Christ to be born. **Micah was God's prophet** who was warning Israel of the coming captivity. *He used the authenticating prophecy of the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom (soon to occur when he foretold it) to serve as a reminder to Israel of God's promised Kingdom.* God wanted them to know that even though they would be taken from their land because of their disobedience that He would restore them in time. **Micah 4:7** establishes the context of the passage and clearly is a Messianic prophecy of the coming of the Millennial Kingdom when Jesus Christ will reign over Jerusalem forever. “. . . **LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even forever.**” In other words, God was assuring Israel that He would fulfill His promises to them of the Kingdom. In **Micah 4:8** the word is rendered “**tower of the flock**” (marg., “**Edar**”), and is used as a designation of Bethlehem, which figuratively represents the royal line of David as sprung from Bethlehem.

In this setting, **Micah (Micah 4:8)** uses the prophecy of the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom as a pledge to **guarantee (authenticating prophecy) of the birth of Christ at “Migdal Edar” at Bethlehem which is exactly where it took place!** **Micah prophesied that as surely as Assyrians would soon carry away Israel in the North, so the Messiah would come and establish His kingdom,** the “*first dominion, the kingdom shall come to Jerusalem.*” *The verse states that as surely as Babylon would carry away the tribe of Judah, in the South, into captivity, so the Messiah would arrive at the TOWER of the Flock.* This prophecy was one other evidence that later proved that Jesus was the Messiah, but one that Israel ignored in rejecting Him as their Messiah.

Next Week:

Week 9 - VAYEISHEV (And He Lived/And He Settled)
Genesis 37:1–40:23; Amos 2:6–3:8; Romans 8:18–39

“*God is positioning you to fulfill your destiny*” “*Jacob lived (“and he settled”) in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.*” **Genesis 37:1**