

Message 11-25-17 VaYetzei-And He Went Out Genesis 28:10-32:3 Hosea 12:13-14:10 John 1:47-51

Introduction

On his way to his uncle's house, Jacob stops for the evening to rest. He dreams of a stairway reaching from the ground to the heavens, with angels ascending and descending, and God standing at the top. God speaks to Jacob giving him the same promise He gave to his grandfather Abraham and to his father, Isaac.

Genesis 28:10-17

10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 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. 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." (ESV)

Jacob flees his brother Esau. On the advice of his parents he goes to the home of Laban, his mother's brother, much as Abraham's servant had gone to find a bride for Isaac. In this instance Jacob goes with nothing but himself unlike Elazar who brought gifts for Rebecca and her family those many years ago. On his way to Laban Jacob stops to rest in a place not specifically identified but Jacob has his dream and when he wakes up he declares that the place was the house of God and the gate of heaven. The house of God would be built on that spot many years later in the lifetime of Solomon and it would be the Temple of the Holy One of Israel – the One true God who chose to create all there is through His Son Yeshua and for His Son. If anyone has ownership of all that exists it is

the Son of God, Yeshua HaMashiach – Yeshua the Messiah. The one who created us and brought redemption to Israel. He came only to Israel but who was to say who could be a part of Israel? What were the conditions to be part of Israel? Man says one must convert and become Jewish to become part of Israel, yet the term Israel implies more than being Jewish. Israel open the door to anyone who chooses the God of Israel and enter the covenant of Israel and accepts its Messiah Yeshua.

It's not about taking a course for a year or more. It is about faith and a foundation built on the covenant of Torah. Faith in Messiah must come first. If one puts the covenant first and tries to obtain redemption through the keeping of the covenant only then they do not keep the covenant by faith in Messiah. Faith in the Messiah brings the gift of the *Ruach HaKodesh*, the Holy Spirit, who enables us to be able to keep the covenant.

Matthew 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. [Jeremiah 6:16] ³⁰ "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Mat 11:29 NAU)

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus says the LORD, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk *in it.*' (Jer 6:16 NAU)

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Meaning: long duration, antiquity, futurity

He tells us to take His yoke upon us and learn from Him. He will give us rest for our souls. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. It leads us to eternal life. We are told to seek the ancient paths, where the good way is and we should walk on this path but the problem is that many will say they will not walk in it. That means they have chosen to follow their own way instead of God's way. That seems to be man's way from the beginning when he chose to walk his own way by disobeying God in the garden. The garden was a place where God chose to meet man and walk with him but man decided he would follow his own path, not God's. The path God offers us is eternal and has always been. Faith and Torah have always existed because they are the same. It was man who decided that following the covenant only would bring salvation. It was man who decided that faith alone would suffice for salvation. Both were wrong. Both followed paths of their own making instead of following God's. I referred to Jeremiah 6:16 in a teaching for Sukkot and it is imperative that we study it and understand that what it is asking of us is to walk the ancient paths that the men and women of God walked before us. This path was based on faith in Messiah Yeshua and Torah. Faith in Yeshua is not enough. Following Torah is not enough. The purpose of Torah is two-fold. One is it can point us to Yeshua and second, when one comes to faith in Messiah Yeshua one needs to walk according to His covenant and that is Torah. The system is not difficult my friends.

Hosea 13:4-6

4 Yet I *have been* the LORD your God since the land of Egypt; and you were not to know any god except Me, for there is no **savior** besides Me. ⁵ I cared for you in the wilderness,

In the land of drought. ⁶ As *they had* their pasture, they became satisfied, and being satisfied, their heart became proud; therefore, they forgot Me. (NAU)

He walked with Israel since Egypt and Israel was to know no other God than YHVH. Even more than that they were to know Him as their savior meaning it was Yeshua who was walking with them. Messiah is everywhere in the Tanach. He walks its pages up and down and back and forth. All we must do is look for Him and we will find Him. The problem was when He brought them into the Promised Land and they settled down and life became good they forgot Him, the same way we have forgotten Him today. Now please do not tell me you know Messiah if you have turned your back on Yeshua's Torah because you no longer need to follow them because they have been done away with according to one's interpretation of the writings of the Apostle Paul, also known as the Shaliach Shaul.

If you claim that you follow the writings of Paul and you believe he frees you from the Torah then what path do you follow and what teachings do you accept? If you say what Paul taught then I say what about what Yeshua taught? Why not just slap the Messiah in the face and tell Him His covenant is not good enough, that it is no longer needed. I say that any interpretation of Paul's writings that you claim do away with the Torah I say the exact opposite. The difference is I know that Torah cannot save anyone. It can lead us to Yeshua who can give us the gift of redemption and once you receive redemption you need a set of guidelines to live by and where do you find them? In the Apostolic Scriptures written well after the Torah? The Tanach was the guidebook two thousand years ago. It was not the *New Testament* which did not exist until later. The Believers in Yeshua in that day followed the Torah. But they did it through their faith in Yeshua guided by the *Ruach HaKodesh*-the Holy Spirit.

Hosea 13:4 Only I the LORD have been your God Ever since the land of Egypt; you have never known a *true* God but Me, you have never had a **helper** other than Me. ⁵ I looked after you in the desert, in a thirsty land. ⁶ When they grazed, they were sated; when they were sated, they grew haughty; and so, they forgot Me. (TNK)

וֹמוֹשֵׁיעִ (Hos 13:4 WTT [Leningrad Hebrew Old Testament])

Isaiah 43:11 "I, even I, am the LORD, and there is no savior besides Me. (NAU)

Isaiah 43:11 None but me, the LORD; beside Me, none can grant **triumph**. (TNK)

Every one of these translations has one important thing in common. Where it says helper, savior and triumph the Hebrew word used is *Moshiach*, which when translated is Messiah or Anointed One. I find the Tanach version interesting. To me, it is a direct attempt to cover up what Hosea 13:4-6 is speaking about. Hosea is talking about the Messiah instead of helper. Isaiah is saying the same thing. In the Tanach translation it is evident that the translators knew what they were doing and just as the Church did they manipulated the text to make it say what they wanted it to say. Properly translated the verse should read "None but me, the Lord; beside Me, there is no *Moshiach or Savior*

besides Me. It does not say 'grant triumph.' Judaism does not want to acknowledge that this is talking about Yeshua. The harder they try to hide it the more exposed He becomes. It is the same with the Church when it comes to the Torah, the seventh day Sabbath and the Moedim-the Appointed Times. Friends, wake up before it is too late. Be a living light in the darkness descending over the earth. Share when you can. Pray always. Hold fast to Yeshua!

John 1:47-51

47 Yeshua saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Yeshua answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Yeshua answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (ESV)

Yeshua is telling Nathanael that just as Jacob saw heaven opened and the angels ascending and descending and the Messiah standing at the top of the ladder, He would be at the bottom with the angels coming to Him because He has now been revealed and all mankind would come to know Him whether they accept Him or not. Nathanael professed belief that was contingent on Messiah telling him He saw him under the fig tree. Nathanael answered Yeshua that He was the Son of God and the King of Israel. These statements are true but one-day Nathanael would see even greater things than that. He will see the Lord of Lords and King of Kings with His heavenly host come down to the earth and who knows if that will be when He returns or to fight the final battle to take back what is rightfully His.

Psalm 2:6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (ESV)

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you perish because His wrath is quickly kindled. How prophetic is this passage? He is King and Son of the Holy One. The nations are His and the earth is His possession given to Him by His Father. He will bring the rod of iron to bear and dares any one to say or do otherwise. Praised be the Lord and His Son Yeshua!

Psalm 32:2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. (ESV)

Psalm 73:1 A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. (ESV)

Are we truly pure in heart or is it that we can be blessed by the Lord through the Son when God chooses not to count our sins. He sees us as covered by the blood of Yeshua, whose sacrifice covers our sins so the Father sees us as being pure. Walk with Him and receive the gift He brings. I am sure that there will be those who say I am crazy, a religious fanatic. I am simply a man redeemed by my Messiah Yeshua, who came to save the lost tribes of Israel. Who was lost in Israel? All of them! What about the rest of mankind – the ones known as the nations? They can receive this gift as well because Scripture tells us that others that were not born into Israel could become part of it and that those born into Israel could be cut off until they came to faith in Messiah. So too, the grafted in branch from the nations can be cut off if they believe they are better than the natural branch. In their blindness they are removed but salvation is there for them to reach out to and grab hold of. All they must do is reach out that same as the nations can do. Blessings to the great and awesome God of Israel and to His Son – Yeshua the Messiah for all mankind.

Torah Man says: "God's part we cannot do; our part He will not do."

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