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VaYeshev-And He Settled
Genesis 37:1-40:23
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Introduction

Judah marries a Canannite woman and they have three sons. He marries his first son to Tamar and he dies. He marries his second son to her and he dies. Even though they both died for angering the Creator, Judah stalls giving Tamar his third and final son. Some years later, Judah's wife dies, and he goes to Timnah. Tamar tricks him into sleeping with her and demands his staff and ring in lieu of payment which he says he will return with. When he does send a friend to give her payment she is gone. Months later, he finds out Tamar is pregnant, and he orders her execution until she shows him his staff and ring. He realizes she is more in the right than he is. She gives birth to twins, naming one Perez (the ancestor of King David and the Messiah) and the second Zerah.

Genesis 38:26-30

25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man to whom these belong, I *am* with child." And she said, "Please determine whose these *are*-- the signet and cord, and staff." ²⁶ So Judah acknowledged *them* and said, "She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shelah my son." And he never knew her again. ²⁷ Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins *were* in her womb. ²⁸ And so it was, when she was giving birth, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took a scarlet *thread* and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." ²⁹ Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you break through? *This* breach *be* upon you!" Therefore, his name was called Perez. ³⁰ Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet *thread* on his hand. And his name was called Zerah. (NKJ)

06557 פֶּרֶץ Perets {peh'-rets}

Meaning: Perez or Pharez = "breach" 1) twin son with Zarah of Judah by Tamar and ancestor of two families of Judah, the Hezronites and Hamulites; from the Hezronites came the royal line of David and Messiah.

Once again, we see twin sons being born, after the manner of Jacob and Esau. Where Jacob was born holding on to the heel of his brother Esau, Perez's situation was a similar one. His brother, Zerah, stuck his hand out first and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it around his hand to identify the firstborn. Then Perez was born and Zerah after him

but the right of the firstborn belonged to Zerah. As the Lord often does, He upends things by blessing Perez by making him an ancestor of King David and ultimately the Messiah Yeshua. Even Jewish sources acknowledge this but only refer to a Messiah not Yeshua. Perez's name means breach and breach he did at the time of his birth. As Jacob tried to possibly become the firstborn by holding on to his brother's heel, maybe he thought that somehow, he could hold back his brother. It did not work. In the end he received the birthright and blessing of the firstborn.

Obviously, even though Perez came out first he was not the firstborn because his brother stuck out his hand first. In the end the second born was the one chosen by the Creator. Sometimes the Creator must do things His way because man, in one way or another, tends to get in the way of His plan. It was a winding road that brought Judah and Tamar together with Judah violating the Torah by having sexual relations with his daughter-in-law. It was done that way because Judah violated the Torah by not providing his last son as a husband to Tamar. Judah's last son was to fulfill the role of the kinsman redeemer because his two older brothers angered the Creator and were killed. In the end it would be Judah who would fulfill the role of the kinsman redeemer thereby making Tamar an ancestor of King David and the Messiah Yeshua. What tangled web we weave but the Creator puts its right. The kings of Israel were to come through the line of Judah and most importantly the Messiah. The Messiah was not just to come through the line of Judah but He would also be a king as prophesied. Yet He would not be a priest through the line of Aaron because Aaron was a Levite, another tribe of Israel.

It would be Judah who would step up for his brother Joseph especially when he thought Benjamin would be held as a slave during the test Joseph had arranged to see what his brothers would do. Judah would stand before Joseph, not knowing he was his long-lost brother that had been sold into slavery in Egypt by the brothers. It was Judah who would convince his brothers not to kill Joseph but to sell him to the Ishmaelites. It would be Judah who would stand before Joseph, who oversaw Egypt for Pharaoh, and plead to be taken in place of Benjamin to spare his father the heartbreak of losing his only other child by his beloved wife Rachel. Judah would finally do what was right and assume his place in the family and in the eyes of the Creator.

Amos 3:1-3

1 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying: ² "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore, I will punish you for all your iniquities." ³ Can two walk **together**, unless they are agreed? (NKJ)

03162 יַחַד yachad {yakh'-ad}

Meaning: n m 1) union, unitedness adv 2) together, altogether, all together, alike

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There are no notes for this verse.

The Creator had a grievance with Israel because it Israel that He had chosen from all the families of the earth to walk with Him. He told them how can two walk together unless they are in agreement. They had to be united walking in the way their Creator desired to be one with Him. That meant they were to walk in the way of Torah, the only covenant the Creator had made with a nation. One He had called out from among all others on the earth. But, even more than that He meant for Israel to bring forth His Messiah, His Son Yeshua, who would redeem not only Israel but those from among the nations who would choose to walk in the way of Messiah and Torah. This was the lifestyle He meant for mankind if they would choose His way. Otherwise they would be left out there on their own trying to make their own way in the world, hopelessly lost without Yeshua.

Did He make a covenant with any other nation? No, He did not! He has always been very emphatic about the fact that Israel was His one and only people. They were His possession out of all the nations that have every existed. The only new covenant He ever made was to bring to fulfillment the covenant He made with Israel at Mount Sinai.

Exodus 24:12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the Torah and the commandment, which I have written for their **instruction**." (ESV)

<03384> יָרָה *yarah* or יָרָא *yara* (434d)

Meaning: *to throw, shoot*

It is very important that we understand exactly what the Creator was telling Moses. He was giving Moses the two stone tablets with the Torah and the commandment to teach Israel. The point I am trying to make is that the Creator was telling Moses that He would shoot the Torah into the hearts of the people and anyone else who wanted to become part of Israel by accepting the one True God through His Son Yeshua and walk in the ways of His Torah.

Now, here is where we learn about what the “new” covenant is.

Deuteronomy 10:16 **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart**, and be no longer stubborn. (ESV)

Jeremiah 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my Torah within them, **and I will write it on their hearts**. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (ESV)

Ezekiel 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them. **It shall be an everlasting covenant with them**. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. (ESV)

This is what the “new” covenant is. He takes our hearts of stone and makes them into hearts of flesh where He can finally write His Torah in a place the people will keep it within them forever. How do we do this? We give ourselves over to Yeshua who forgives our

sins and reconciles us with the Father and we walk with them in covenant the way it was always meant to be.

Romans 2:5-10

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: [Psa 62:12, Prov 24:12] ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. ⁹ *There will be* tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and **peace** to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (NAU)

Too many people who say they are Believers in Messiah think that once they accept Yeshua as Messiah their sins are forgiven and that's that. I beg to differ. Are you stubborn and are you truly repentant or are you stuck in your ways believing everything a pastor, reverend, priest or even a rabbi tells you? Do you follow men because they tickle your ears with a prophetic word or two? Or do you focus on what the world is doing and wind up getting yourself lost in it? The judgement of the Creator will be to render to each person according to his deeds. You may receive tribulation and distress if you strayed from the truth. Judgment will come to the Jew first but then to the Greek, and Greek takes in the nations or Gentiles. But if you have done good you will receive the peace offered through Yeshua, once more to the Jew first and then the Greek.

Psalms 62:12 Also to You, O Lord, *belongs* mercy; for You render to each one according to his work. (NKJ)

<07999a> שְׁלֵמָה *shalem* (1022a)

Meaning: *to be complete or sound*

This peace that we read about makes us complete or whole by bringing us into an intimate relationship with the Father and the Son with the indwelling of the *Ruach HaKodesh*, the Holy Spirit. We will be united with the Godhead where the source of all peace resides.

Proverbs 24:12 If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work? (ESV)

1 Peter 4:17 For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER? [Prov 11:31] (NAU)

1 Peter 1:6 Rejoice in this, even though for a little while you may have to experience grief in various trials. ⁷ Even gold is tested for genuineness by fire. The purpose of these trials is so that your trust's genuineness, which is far more valuable than perishable gold, will

be judged worthy of praise, glory and honor at the revealing of Yeshua the Messiah. ⁸ Without having seen him, you love him. Without seeing him now, but trusting in him, you continue to be full of joy that is glorious beyond words. ⁹ And you are receiving what your trust is aiming at, namely, your deliverance. (CJB)

In the end rejoice in the trials that come your way. The Almighty is testing you to see if you are truly His or someone else's. He cleansed the earth once with water but in the end the refinement will be by fire because it burns away the uncleanness and unrighteousness. Don't you want to be judged worthy of praise, glory, and honor when Messiah comes again? You love Him even when you do not see Him, trusting in Him because He is the source of your redemption, your salvation, your deliverance.

Torah Man says: "No matter how stony the path, some forge ahead; no matter how easy the going, some lag behind."

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