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Genesis 25:19-28:9
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Toldot, תולדות, means Generations

Yitzchaq, like Abraham, was also chosen by Elohim, and he became the father of Ya'aqov, who was later called Yisrael, by the messenger of Elohim. Yitzchaq was forty years old when he took Rebekah as a wife. The number forty, in Scripture, usually means a *time of testing and trials*. We could say that Yitzchaq's life, was a time of testing, and that, the ultimate test that he faced, was when his father, Abraham, asked him to willingly place himself on the sacrificial altar, which Yitzchaq willingly did, knowing full well, in his heart and soul, that his father Abraham and Yahweh only wanted the very best for him, and that whatever the outcome would be, it would be the very best outcome possible for him. Therefore, Yitzchaq and Abraham's core beliefs were put to the ultimate test, and the end result **IS**, that it made their **BELIEF** in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, much stronger.

Therefore, I believe that the lesson that we are to learn from all of this, **IS**, that **WE**, you and I, are to look at all the difficult **TESTS** that we have and will go through, in our daily lives, the little tests, as well as the very big ones, and learn to **TRUST** Yahweh, because, He has made it perfectly clear that He loves us, and that He does **NOT** want even one person to perish. Scripture makes it very clear that our heavenly Father wants the very best, for each and everyone of us, and **IF** you can learn to actually trust and believe Him, **THEN**, when He does turn your situation around, in His timing, **YOUR** own belief in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **WILL** be increased exponentially.

Therefore, it is very important that we realize, that **IF** putting Abraham and Yitzchaq through a list of many tests, **IS** how Yahweh built up, and strengthened, Abraham and Yitzchaq's **belief**, their **faith** and their **trust** in Yahweh, what do you think He will put **YOU THROUGH**, to increase and strengthen **YOUR BELIEF, YOUR TRUST AND FAITH IN HIM?**

You can rest assured that **WE WILL ALL GO THROUGH TIMES OF TESTING**, for **IT IS** in those times of testing, that we actually learn, what we are made of, and these testing periods, either become **PERIODS OF GROWTH AND LEARNING, OR WE ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT THEM** over and over again **UNTIL** we learn the valuable lesson that Yahweh wants to teach us.

In *verse 21*, it says: Yitzchaq intreated Elohim, and his wife conceived. Yitzchaq was sixty years old when Rebekah bore him a son, which means, that he had been married to Rebekah for **twenty** years before she became pregnant. **WHY DO YOU THINK, it took TWENTY** years for Rebekah to get pregnant, and thus, begin the building of the Nation of Yisrael, **IF** Yitzchaq, was indeed the **CHOSEN VESSEL** of Yahweh to fulfill the **PROMISE** that He made to Abraham, the promise that he would be the Father of many nations? It is because, according to Yahweh, Yitzchaq, **WAS NOT**

YET READY TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE, because his **BELIEF** (faith), his **TRUST** in Yahweh, had to be built up and sustained over a long period of time, so that Yitzchaq would be fit to carry out Elohim's plan of making Abraham the father of many nations.

Now, **IF** you choose to believe what the Scriptures tell us, as I do, that Yahweh **IS OMNISCIENT**, **THEN**, you can understand how Yahweh knows the exact time when any of us, are actually ready to go to our next level, on the road to total and absolute **Belief, and Trust** in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov; for His timing is always perfect.

In *verse 22* it says that the children, the unborn children struggled together in Rivqah's womb, and that Rivqah inquired of Yahweh as to what was happening within her, and Yahweh said **TWO Nations are in your womb. TWO nations shall be separated from your bowels; and one nation shall be stronger than the other, and the elder SHALL serve the younger.**

I know that this is a prophecy of Esav or Edom coming under submission to Ya'aqov, who represents the Way and the power of Yahweh, and that every knee **WILL** bow and every tongue **WILL** confess that Messiah is Yahweh, **BUT**, I also see the separation of the Northern and Southern Kingdom here in this scenario, the breaking up of Elohim's family, His house, for a period of time.

It says that one **Nation** will be stronger than the other, and that the older brother (**nation**) **WILL** serve the younger. I see two pictures that emerge from this story for me, one is where Esav represents Yehudah and Ya'aqov represents Ephraim, and like the Parable of the Prodigal son, the elder brother stayed at home and the younger brother went off into the world. When the younger brother returned home, the father asked the older brother to accept his brother and slaughter, dress and prepare the fattened calf for him, in other words, the father wanted him to serve the younger brother; but he refused.

The second scenario that emerges from this story for me, is that Esav represents the nations of the world and Ya'aqov represents Yisrael, and for a period of time, the Edomites, the descendants of Esav, did serve Yisrael under David's and Solomon's reign, **BUT** when Yisrael **willingly walked away from believing, following and obeying the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, THEN, YAHWEH's protective Hand, was removed from the people of Yisrael**, and Esav and the Edomites, who represents the nations of the world, became rulers over Yisrael, and Yisrael was almost fully destroyed.

We have to understand and realize that **IF** Yahweh had **NOT** come to their rescue, they **WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST FOREVER**. As we look at the history of Yisrael, we can see that they have **NEVER** fully recovered to the point where the nations of the world **SERVE THEM, BUT**, in Yahweh's timing, on His prescribed day, that will all change, and **ALL** the nations of the world will indeed serve Yisrael.

In *verse 24* we see the word twins. The usual Hebrew word for twins is Te'omim, תְּאוֹמִים, and it is spelled with a Tav, Aleph, Vav, Mem, Yod, and a second Mem, but here, in *verse 24*, the word for twins, is Tomim, תּוֹמִים, and it is spelled with a Tav, Vav, Mem, and a second Mem, therefore it is missing the letters, Aleph א, and the letter Yod, י. In Scripture, the letter Aleph always represents Yahweh and the letter Yod, represents, a hand, a working hand, and in this case. it speaks of the

Right Hand of Elohim, which of course **IS** our Messiah, and the fact that these two letters are missing from the word for twins in this *verse*, is an indication to me, that our heavenly Father and His Son, were missing from the twins relationship, and furthermore, the letters Aleph and Yod spell the word **אֵי**, *Iy*, which means *woe, alas*, and by the text, we can plainly see that the friction between the brothers is caused by Esav's self centred attitude and his dislike and or disdain for Ya'aqov.

In Scripture, we are told that more numerous will be the children of the barren (unmarried woman) than the one that is married. The barren woman, **IS** a shadow picture of the northern kingdom that Yahweh divorced, it is a picture of Ephraim in the Diaspora, becoming much more numerous than Judah in the land. Today, there are approximately fifteen to sixteen million Jewish people, spread out throughout the world, and there are about one and a half billion people, that profess to be Catholics and or Christians. Those numbers might be a little bit off, but my point is, that the younger Ephraim has become the strongest, even if it is in numbers only, and the eldest represented by Judah, **IS** serving the younger or at least under the authority of the younger.

Now, like the Prodigal son, many believers, who are in the Diaspora, are turning away from the man made false doctrines of the man made religions of the world, because, like the prodigal son they too are hungry for the Real Bread (the words of the Torah of our heavenly Father) that his own father seved him when he was at home, instead of the filthy bread that the world system of the day offered him. Therefore I believe that this event, **IS** a shadow picture of the prodigal son coming to his senses and returning the Real Bread, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father. There is also, a movement, in some denominations of Christianity, where people are trying to find their Hebrew roots. I believe that **THIS** is a shadow picture of the restoration of all things where the Prodigal son willingly chooses to come back home, so that the family of our heavenly Father, can be reunited once again, and become **ONE**, it is time to be regenerated again, as one family, the family of Elohim, known as **YISRAEL**. In a sense, in thr times that we now live in, we are in state of being **regenerated or reborn**, you could say that we **are in the womb** and that there is struggling going on between the brothers, as there was in Rivka's womb, **BUT**, I believe, that this time, the new birth will unite us as **ONE FAMILY**, we Ephraim, and Judah, will once again become **ONE, ECHAD** with our Father through our groom, Yeshua our Messiah.

Now the story continues and describes the two boy's characters. *Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field, and Ya'aqov was a plain man, dwelling in tents.*

A cunning hunter, means that Esau lived by his own wits, his own understanding, and the fact that he is called a man of the field, hints or alludes to the fact of him being, an earthly man, a man of the world, who was not at all concerned with things of the Spirit. On the other hand, we are told that Ya'aqov, was a plain man, and in this context, it means, humble man, living in tents. A tent is a covering and it is also a metaphor, an allusion to Ya'aqov being under the covering of Elohim's tent or Tabernacle, where he learned Elohim's Ways. Therefore, I believe that the text is telling us that One of the boys, Esav, is interested in **SELF** as is evidenced by his self centered character, and the other, Ya'aqov, is interested in **SPIRITUAL THINGS** and in having the covering of Elohim protect him. As I said above, living in tents, is a metaphor for learning the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, for loving surrenbdred obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah, **IS** our covering, our protedtion, but only, **when it is obeyed from a loving surrendred contrite obedient**

heart. It appears by the text, that Yitzchaq had his favourite son Esav, while Rebekah favoured her son Ya'aqov.

Now as we read on, we witness a dialogue between the two brothers, that fits in with their character traits and their descriptions. It says that Ya'aqov was making a stew, when Esav came in from the **field** (*world*), and in a demanding tone, tells Ya'aqov to give him some of the red stew. This tells us, that Esav wanted his immediate needs to be fulfilled right away. Therefore, this is yet another indication, that Esav, is self centred and only cares about himself, and his immediate needs. Ya'aqov, on the other hand, is the one that meticulously prepares the stew and is willing to put in the time and effort to make the stew, and then, **wait** until everything is ready before he eats. In other words, Ya'aqov, is more concerned about doing things right, than satisfying the lusts of his flesh.

Furthermore, we see that Ya'aqov recognizes the value of the birthright, because of his **love** and **trust** in Elohim, and His Words of Life. He is not looking for things of the flesh, **BUT** he is looking for everlasting treasures, such as the birthright. Esav, on the other hand, couldn't care less about his birthright, because the lust of his flesh, **IS** what controls his life, and because of his self centred character, his flesh, **MUST** be satisfied at all costs. Esav's words are: *what profit shall this birthright do to me.* As you can see, by his attitude, there is disdain for the birthright because **HE DOES NOT SEE ANY VALUE OR BENEFIT IN IT, AT THIS TIME**, and **he AGREES to sell his birthright to Ya'aqov, for a bowl of stew, just to satisfy the lust of his flesh.**

Now, please remember that they are twins and both from the same Parents and the same house. Therefore, that is why, I believe that this is a picture of Elohim's House, and Elohim's family today, and that many of the people that profess to be of the houses of Elohim, will choose the things of the world, rather than **THE HERITAGE OF YA'AQOV**. Many will count **THE HERITAGE OF YA'AQOV**, which are the Feasts of Yahweh, His Day of rest, His Shabat, His cycles of Righteousness, His New Moons, His Dietary Laws, His demand for the total and absolute surrender of our wills to His, in humility and love, Yahweh's wonder, **AS WORTHLESS**, and choose instead to believe, follow and obey the things of the world as Esav did, **believing them to be much more PREFERABLE.**

We will find out later in Scripture, that Esav cries to his father about loosing his **birthright** to Ya'aqov. What does Esav's father say? He says, **IT IS TO LATE MY SON**. Esav should have placed more importance on his **birthright** when he had the chance, when he was young, he should have prepared for this day, as obviously, Ya'aqov did.

In *verse 33* we see how little the birthright meant to Esav, because he swore to give it to Ya'akov, just so he could get something to eat and satisfy his immediate lustful need.

Let us therefore be very careful and vigilant, for we too, as believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov have been offered **THE HERITAGE OF YA'AQOV**, and, as we can see, by today's man made religions of the world, and their man made doctrines, very many people, that confess to be of the House of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, have followed in Esav's footsteps, and **REJECTED THE HERITAGE OF YA'AQOV**, Elohim's ordained Way of worshipping Him, by willingly choosing to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, in favour of man's ways, man made doctrines as to **HOW** they are to worship Elohim.

THUS ESAV DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT. Let us strive **NOT** be like Esav, **BUT** instead, let us embrace this heritage as Ya'aqov did, and let us live by the Master's Ways, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and **NOT** by man's ways or any of their man made religious or secular doctrines, that will lead all people who choose to believe and follow them, into oblivion, for on judgement day, when they are judged by Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, He will say to them, what He said the people that he spoke with in *Matthew 7:21-23* **NOT** every one that says unto Me, Master, Master, **shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; BUT** he that does **the WILL of My Father who is in heaven.** Many will say to Me, **on judgement DAY,** Master, Master, have we **not prophesied in Your Name?** And in Your Name we **have rebuked devils?** And in Your Name we have **done many wonderful works?** And then, I Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **WILL** profess unto them, **I never KNEW you: I did NOT Yada You, I was never intimate with you, DEPART from Me, you that work Lawlessness, iniquity,** you that constantly transgress the Words of My Father's Torah of Life. Amein.

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein*